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### THE MESSIAH

**1 John 2:2 – And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

**Hebrews 9:25-28 – Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So the Messiah was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**

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# EDITORIAL

## Breaking News for Spring 2018

The Passover Season will soon be upon us. This ancient Festival commemorates one of the greatest events of all times, especially for those people that sin against our heavenly Father Yahweh. Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned, and come short of the excellence of Elohim. With that thought in mind, we all should be observing the Memorial of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread that follows. Yahweh gave instructions to ancient Israel to keep (guard) these set apart (holy) days, Leviticus 23:1-44. Verse 44 – And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of Yahweh. Deuteronomy 16:1 – Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover unto Yahweh thy Elohim... Numbers 28:16 – And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of Yahweh.

Exodus 12:1,2 – And Yahweh spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Then in verses 3-14 they are instructed to take a lamb without blemish, a male of the first year; to keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month, kill it between the evenings, take the blood and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. Verses 12-14 – For I (Yahweh) will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will slay all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods (idols) of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am Yahweh. And the blood shall be to you for a token (Strong's #226-signal, beacon, evidence) upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a Memorial (Strong's #2142-memorable thing, day or writing; to mark, to be recognized, to remember) and you shall keep it a feast to Yahweh throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.

Exodus 12:28-31 – And the children of Israel went away, and did as Yahweh had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. And it came to pass, that at midnight Yahweh struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve Yahweh, as ye have said.

Yahweh commanded the children of Israel to remember this Memorial Passover night and day (the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month). The children of Israel had been in Egypt over 400 years, starting with Joseph and his family, and continuing on to being mistreated and enslaved by the Egyptians. The children of Israel cried out to Yahweh; Yahweh heard and sent them a deliverer, Moses, and Aaron to lead them out of Egypt to keep a Feast in the wilderness. Exodus 13:14 – And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? That thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand, Yahweh brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage.

This is the reason for the Passover observation, a lesson for Israel; Moses was provided as a deliverer for them, but a Deliverer greater than Moses was to be provided for all Israel (Deut. 18:15); to lead a scattered Israel out of Babylon; and He, Yahshua would be that Lamb (perfect, without sin) the perfect sacrifice (offering) for all mankind. John recognizing Yahshua and bearing record of this in John 1, verses 29 and 36, said – Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which taketh away the sin of the world. And looking upon Yahshua as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of Elohim. Approximately 1500 years passed until the fulfillment of this prophecy occurred with the death/sacrifice/offering of Yahshua. Isaiah had this to say about Yahweh in Isaiah 46:9,10 – Remember the former things of old: for I am El, and there is none else; I am Elohim, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure (Strong’s 2656-a valuable thing).

There are those today who would discount the importance of keeping/observing Yahweh’s commands. The outcome, however, of obeying Yahweh’s commands are blessings. Most, if not all, creation would rather have blessings instead of cursings. (See Deuteronomy, chapters 27 and 28 for the blessings and cursings.) Deuteronomy 28:1-6 – And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of Yahweh thy Elohim, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that Yahweh thy Elohim will set thee on high above all nations of the earth. ... Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. ...Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Let us make our plans to obey Yahweh by keeping/observing only His set apart days.

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

## **YAHSHUA’S MEMORIAL (PASSOVER)**

**April 1, 2018**

**Celebrate March 31, 2018 after sunset**

**Numbers 28:16 - And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of Yahweh.**

## **34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL UNITY CONFERENCE**

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All brethren of good will are invited to attend.

# PASSOVER STUDIES

## Leviticus 23:5

There are a number of Scriptures which show clearly that Passover observance should be on (not after) the 14<sup>th</sup> of Abib. Even so, only one Scripture is needed to establish forever the date for Passover observance. That Scripture is Leviticus 23:5. Exodus 12 gives a historical account of what happened in Egypt, but Leviticus 23 lists all the festivals of Yahweh for the express purpose of giving the exact Calendar DATES for the proper observance of these festivals.

“The appointed feasts of Yahweh which you shall proclaim as holy [set apart] convocations, my appointed feasts, are these...” (Lev. 23:2 RSV).

This is The Law. Leviticus 23 is THE LAW of Yahweh Most High. Again, the calendar date for each and every festival of the Most High is clearly listed in Leviticus 23. This includes the calendar date for Passover.

“IN the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month at even is Yahweh’s Passover.” (Num. 28:16 reads almost the same).

What is meant by “Yahweh’s Passover?” It is a reference to a great event which occurred in Egypt: Yahweh passed over the houses of Israel, and by that means, saved the people of Israel; sunset to midnight being the crucial hours. Abib 14<sup>th</sup> is the calendar date in which Yahweh passed over the houses of Israel – at midnight – in the 14<sup>th</sup>. To state it in today’s English language, Leviticus 23:5 could read as follows:

“The 14<sup>th</sup> of Abib is the anniversary of Yahweh’s passing over” the houses of Israel in Egypt.

Since the lambs were killed before Yahweh passed over the houses;  
Since the blood was placed on the door posts before Yahweh passed over the houses;  
Since the lambs were cooked before Yahweh passed over the houses;  
Since the lambs were being eaten at the time Yahweh passed over the houses;  
And since the 14<sup>th</sup> is the date on which Yahweh passed over the houses of Israel, then

...

Abib 14<sup>th</sup> was the calendar date on which . . .

The lambs were killed.  
The blood sprinkled.  
The lambs cooked.  
The lambs eaten.

Therefore, the whole service of Passover (killing, cooking, eating) was done on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Abib.

The 15<sup>th</sup> of Abib is no part of the Passover. Instead, the 15<sup>th</sup> of Abib is the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Lev. 23:6), a separate and distinct festival celebrating the date on which Israel **began their journey** from Egypt (Num. 33:3,4).

### THE PASSOVER DATE: CHANGED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE EXILE – 70 C.E.

“The critical theory regarding the relationship between Passover and Unleavened Bread is as follows: Originally, both parts were separate feasts. . . Subsequently the two were historicized (by being connected with the Exodus) and coalesced, . . .”

(Coalesced means “to come together into one”). (From the Historical Wordbook of the Old Testament, Editors: R. Laird Harris; Gleason L. Archer, Jr.; & Bruce K. Waltke; Moody Press, Chicago, 1980, Vol. 2; page 729; Emphasis added.)

“The feast of Passover consists of **two parts**: The Passover Ceremony, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. **Originally**, both parts **existed separately**; but at the beginning of the exile they were combined.” (From the Encyclopedia Judaica, Vol. 13, Article: Passover, page 169).

## WHEN WAS THE EXILE?

“Some 400 years after it was erected, King Solomon’s Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians. A second [temple] was erected in its place, transformed into yet another wondrous edifice by King Herod, only to be burned to the ground . . . by the Romans in the year of 70 C.E. It has not been rebuilt. The exile of most of the Jews from their land **began with the Roman conquest** and ended only . . . in our times.” (From the Israel Information Center, Jerusalem, Israel, P.O. Box 13010, June 1978; a tourist brochure.) ...

Submitted by Voy Wilks (deceased)

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## YAHSHUA, THE OBEDIENT ONE

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come; it is written about me in the scroll. To do your will, O my Yahweh, is my desire; your law is within my heart." Psalm 40:7,8

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a stake. Philippians 2:8

... The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather it is the Father, living in me, who is doing His work. John 14:10b

Obedience is very important. Yahshua set the example for us. We should say with Him, "To do your will is my desire. Your law is within my heart." Yahshua was completely obedient to His Father, Yahweh - in actions, words and thoughts.

Now, we know that all children should be obedient. You and I want our earthly children to obey us. Our Heavenly Father wants us, His children, to do the same. His Son, Yahshua, showed us it can be done.

The area of obedience is essential, but how we obey is too! It should be done cheerfully and without grumbling. You remember what happens to grumblers - another trip around Mt. Sinai in the desert. We all have many opportunities, via our obedience, to show the world Yahshua, the Obedient one, living in us.

Submitted by Suzy Norman (deceased)

# PASSOVER

## 10 Witnesses in Yahweh's Word

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

Numbers 28:16 – And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of Yahweh.

Joshua 5:10 – And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

2 Kings 23:21 – And the king [Josiah] commanded all the people, saying, Keep the Passover unto Yahweh your Elohim, as it is written in the book of this covenant.

2 Chronicles 30:1 – And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover unto Yahweh Elohim of Israel. Verses 2,3 – For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month. For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

Ezra 6:19 – And the children of the captivity kept the Passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

Ezekiel 45:21 – In the first month in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

Matthew 26:17,18 – Now before the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Yahshua, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples. (WoY 1<sup>st</sup> Edition)

Luke 22:13-20 – And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the Passover. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of Elohim. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of Elohim shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

1 Corinthians 5:7,8 – Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even the Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

# EASTER, A TRADITION OF MAN

by Robert Wells (deceased)

What about Easter? How did this pagan, fertility festival enter the Christian calendar? Most certainly there is no mention of Easter eggs in the Scriptures; no mention of bunny rabbits. Where did they come from? Is it wrong to celebrate Easter? The facts will surprise you; but here are a few quotations about Easter from Alexander Hislop's famous book, The Two Babylons, published by S. W. Partridge & Co., 4 Soho Sq., London. (ISBN 0 7136 0470 0).

- "Then look at Easter. What means the term Easter itself? It is not a Christian name. It bears its Chaldean origin on its forehead. Easter is nothing else than Astarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the queen of heaven, whose name, as pronounced by the people of Nineveh, was evidently identical with that now in common use in this country. That name, as found by Layard on the Assyrian monuments, is Ishtar. The worship of Bel and Astarte was very early introduced into Britain, along with the Druids, 'the priests of the groves'." (page 103).

- "To conciliate the Pagans to nominal Christianity, Rome, pursuing its usual policy, took measures to get the Christian and Pagan festivals amalgamated, and, by a complicated but skillful adjustment of the calendar, it was found no difficult matter, in general, to get Paganism and Christianity - now far sunk in idolatry - in this as in so many other things, to shake hands." (page 105).

- "The hot cross buns of Good Friday, and the dyed eggs of Easter Sunday, figured in the Chaldean rites just as they do now. The 'buns,' known too by that identical name, were used in the worship of the queen of heaven, the goddess Easter, as early as the days of Cecrops, the founder of Athens - that is, 1500 years before the Christian era... The prophet Jeremiah [Jer. 7:18] takes notice of this kind of offering when he says, 'The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven.' ... Astarte;" (page 108).

- "In ancient times eggs were used in the religious rites of the Egyptians and the Greeks, and were hung up for mystic purposes in their temples. From Egypt these sacred eggs can be distinctly traced to the banks of the Euphrates. The classic poets are full of the fable of the mystic egg of the Babylonians; and thus its tale is told by Hyginus, the Egyptian, the learned keeper of the Palatine library at Rome, in the time of Augustus, who was skilled in all the wisdom of his native country: 'An egg of wondrous size is said to have fallen from heaven into the river Euphrates. The fishes rolled it to the bank, where the doves having settled upon it, and hatched it, out came Venus, who afterwards was called the Syrian Goddess' - that is, Astarte. Hence the egg became one of the symbols of Astarte or Easter;" (page 109).

Hislop continues on page 127 with this sobering comment:

- "The guilt of idolatry is by many regarded as comparatively slight and insignificant guilt. But not so does the [Elohim] of heaven regard it. Which is the commandment of all the ten that is fenced about with the most solemn and awful



sanctions? It is the second: 'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I [Yahweh] thy [Elohim] am a jealous [Elohim], visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.' These words were spoken by [Yahweh's] own lips, they were written by [Yahweh's] own finger on the tables of stone: not for the instruction of the seed of Abraham only, but of all the tribes and generations of mankind. No other commandment has such a threatening attached to it as this. Now, if [Yahweh] has threatened to visit the sin of idolatry above all other sins, and if we find the heavy judgements of [Yahweh] pressing upon us as a nation, while this very sin is crying to heaven against us, ought it not to be a matter of earnest inquiry, if among all our other national sins, which are both many and great, this may not form 'the very head and front of our offending'?" (page 127).

Easter is a pagan tradition which has crept into the Christian calendar. It is not endorsed in the set apart Scriptures. It is a pagan practice, through and through. It was adopted by a spiritually blind ecclesiastical hierarchy which had absolutely no idea of the sinfulness of its actions. Celebrating this pagan festival is nothing but baptized idolatry; and as such is abhorrent to Almighty Yahweh and His Son.

To be sure, there is nothing wrong with a human tradition - if it does not clash with a command of Almighty Yahweh. But if a tradition conflicts with a commandment of Yahweh, as most Christian festivals do, then once they are recognized for what they are, their continued acceptance will neutralize one's worship, make it vain, pointless and futile. They can even jeopardize one's salvation. This frightening fact is clearly taught by the Master himself -

Mark 7:7-9, "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of Elohim, ye hold the tradition of men ... And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of Elohim, that ye may keep your own tradition."

Matthew 15:9, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

The Christian church is guilty of placing the traditions of men above the commandments of Yahweh. The celebrating of Easter is a human tradition. This festival was not authorized by the Almighty. It is a spiritual weed in the Garden of Salvation. Celebrating it in preference to Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread is no more than self-deluding idolatry. These facts may stun or even anger some who read them. But they must be told, because replacing a commandment of Yahweh with a human tradition is a very serious sin. At the coming Judgement would you forgive me for not telling you the truth?

Matthew 15:12-14, "Then came his disciples and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

# PROPER PRAYER

By: Brother Chris A.M.O.Y.

Prayer should be an integral part of the life of any believer. The problem is, over the years, pagan and unscriptural practices have crept into this important form of worship. There are also some people who just never learned how to pray. Following is a guide on how to pray for all who are interested in keeping their worship biblical.

The first thing to remember about prayer is that it absolutely must be from the heart. If your prayer comes from your heart, it won't be in vain (Luke 18:9-14), it won't be angry or argumentative (1 Timothy 2:8), and it will not have any bad intentions behind it (Jacob 4:3). While the scriptures given here make good guidelines for proper and respectful prayer, as long as you pray from deep within your heart with love for Yahweh, you are doing fine.

Since the words for prayer will be coming from your heart, they won't be something you've memorized and then repeat over and over (Matthew 6:7). Each prayer should be, at least in some aspects, unique and spontaneous. The best example of a prayer in the Bible is given by our Messiah in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. Let's break it down bit by bit: "Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be your name," (Matthew 6:9B) here we see a reminder that prayer is to Yahweh, as well as a reminder to keep Yahweh's name holy, meaning we not only respect it, but also use it, else we are not really "keeping" it at all; "Your kingdom come," (Matthew 6:10A) here we are reminded to be looking forward to the day when Yahweh's kingdom will be established here on earth; "Your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth," (Matthew 6:10B) this is a reminder that whenever we ask for something we should ask that we receive it only if it is His will, not ours (Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36); "Give us this day our daily bread," (Matthew 6:11) this can mean both our physical food and our spiritual food (i.e. learning new things from the scriptures); "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors," (Matthew 6:12) this is a reminder to confess our sins (1 John 1:9), ask forgiveness for them, and to both forgive our enemies (Matthew 6:14,15, 18:23-35) and pray for them (Matthew 5:44); "And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil *one*," (Matthew 6:13) this is a reminder that we depend on Yahweh to help us resist temptation and overcome evil. Remember, Yahshua's prayer was only meant to be an example and guideline, not something to be repeated word for word. Also, you may want to include in your prayer a thank you to Yahweh for all of his blessings (Philippians 4:6). Another thing not included in the Messiah's prayer (likely because it didn't apply to Him) is that while we pray to the Father, we need to do it through the Son (Romans 1:8, 5:1 & 11, 7:25, et al). After all, Yahshua said in John 14:6B no one comes to the Father, "but by me." One more thing to keep in mind when it comes to what words to say is Yahshua's words in John 14:14 "If you shall ask anything in my name, that will I do." To give an example of those last two principles, here is a sample prayer: "Heavenly Father Yahweh, I come to you in prayer through your Son to ask that my enemies be blessed with greater knowledge of you. I ask this in the name of Yahshua the Messiah. Praise Yahweh, amen." Since Yahweh may bring hardship on non-believers to drive them to Him, we should be careful not to ask for them to be relieved from difficulties, as that may go against Yahweh's will. The best way to pray for

the non-believer is to ask Yahweh to bless them and bring them to Him. This is the only thing that we know is Yahweh's will to give to them (2 Peter 3:9).

When it comes to how often to pray, there are two ways to look at it, Psalm 55:17 and Daniel 6:10 give the example of praying three times a day, at morning, noon and evening. That is a good example for how often you should engage in formal prayer. Informal prayer, in which you are just talking to Yahweh inside your head, is something you should do "without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17B, see also Colossians 4:2).

Where to pray also has two different answers, depending on the circumstances. Usually, you should find someplace you can have complete privacy (Matthew 6:5,6, 26:36, Mark 1:35, Acts 10:9). The one exception is that it is acceptable to pray as a group when you are gathered with your congregation (1 Kings 8:22, Acts 4:24, et al). Don't forget that your close family members, if they are fellow believers in the Way, count as a type of congregation too.

Now let's take a look at the physical aspect of prayer. Pushing your palms together to pray is something you see in Yoga, Martial Arts and Buddhism, but not in the Bible, therefore, it should be avoided. The forthcoming things in this paragraph are good ideas on how to show respect in prayer, but it is important to remember that the only thing that is a must for prayer is that it comes from the heart. Remember, the worship of Yahweh is not to be a burden or yoke of bondage. The Bible describes the physical aspect of praying as having your hands lifted up toward heaven (1 Kings 8:54, Nehemiah 8:6, Job 11:13, Psalm 63:4, 1 Timothy 2:8, et al) and spread apart rather than clasped together (Exodus 9:33, 1 Kings 8:22, 2 Chronicles 6:13, Psalms 88:9, 143:6, et al), your head hanging down (Nehemiah 8:6), kneeling (1 Kings 8:54, 2 Chronicles 6:13, Daniel 6:10).

One last thing to note about prayer is that it is a worse than useless exercise if it comes from a person who doesn't follow Yahweh's Torah law. According to Proverbs 28:9 "He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination" (see also 1 John 3:22).

May you find a closer relationship with Yahweh each day through proper prayer. Praise Yahweh.

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## ACCEPTANCE

(Continued from Page 13)

HalleluYah! So let's never allow our zeal for righteousness cause us to diminish the fact that we are saved by His righteousness and not our own. And let's never allow our faith in His grace to take the edge off our zeal for righteousness. Let's embrace both!

The favor of our Master Yahshua be with all who love Him in sincerity,

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# **EVENING, EVEN, SUNSET, DAY AND NIGHT**

Genesis 1:5 – And Elohim called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. Verse 8 – ...And the evening and the morning were the second day. Verse 13 – And the evening and the morning were the third day. Verse 19 – And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. Verse 23 – And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. Verse 31 – And Elohim saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Leviticus 22:6,7 – The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even.... And when the sun is down, he shall be clean....

Leviticus 23:32 – 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.

Deuteronomy 16:6 – But at the place which Yahweh thy Elohim shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the Passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 23:11 – But it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash himself with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp again.

Nehemiah 13:15-19 – ...which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.... and sold on the Sabbath unto the children of Judah... What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the Sabbath day? ... Verse 19 – And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath:

Psalms 104:19 – He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down.

Mark 1:21 – And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. Verse 32 – And at even, when the sun did set ....

Luke 4:31 – And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the Sabbath days. Verse 40 – Now when the sun was setting....

Ephesians 4:26 – Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

# ACCEPTANCE

Too often, I hear of believers who are really struggling with the fundamentals of the glad tidings, or good news of Yahshua.

I will acknowledge that it seems to be more prevalent among those who believe like I do, that we should be a people who observe the law of Yahweh AND put our faith in the Messiah Yahshua. Finding more commandments to obey, and then performing them may give some people a temporary assurance that they are finally accepted by Him. But then later they still wonder if they are performing well enough to be accepted.

Please understand: We don't need to attain a certain level of righteousness before we are accepted by HIM. We are already accepted the very moment we repent (turn away from what we know is wrong) and receive the Messiah for the forgiveness of sin.

THEN, in an environment of acceptance and love, He leads us through a process of discipleship that involves changing our habits from the old ways to new and more upright ways.

As long as we are cooperating with this process by genuinely pursuing righteous living and putting Yahweh first in our lives, we don't have to wonder whether we are accepted. He SAYS WE ARE!

**1 John 1:8,9** - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If He is faithful and just to cleanse us from ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, it means that we are without sin and therefore every bit as righteous as Yahshua Himself! Who would dare say He isn't accepted?

There's a reason they call it amazing grace.

Yes, our journey of discipleship may result in us observing His holy days, eating clean and other things that are part of living as Messiah did. But acceptance comes first!

He's not scowling from His high throne and waiting for us to finally crawl out of the piles of condemnation and perform well enough before He accepts us. He knows that we need an environment of love and acceptance to really grow. If you are struggling with this, I encourage you to accept this truth just as you have accepted the other truths He has revealed. Come to Yahshua!

**Matthew 11:28-30** - "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

He's not standing behind you, waving His Shepherd's Rod and Staff to scare you into going where you should. He's standing in front of you, calling you to follow His gentle leadership. And then yes, out of love for Him... follow! Follow Him to the end of your days because you love Him, and you know there is no safer place to go, and you know there is no one else who will understand you like He understands you, and there is no other voice will lead you into eternal life.

**Ephesians 1:3-6** - Blessed be the Mighty One and Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Messiah, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Yahshua Messiah to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

# 2018 CALENDAR CALCULATIONS

Local time for Jerusalem, Israel

Source of Reference – [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com)

“New Moon is generally not visible until at least 15 minutes after sunset.” Robert Victor

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Conjunction January 17 – 4:17 a.m.

Sunset January 17 – 4:59 p.m. (4:17 a.m. to 4:59 p.m. = moon is 12 hrs. 42 min. old)

Moonset January 17 – 5:25 p.m. (4:59 p.m. to 5:25 p.m. = moon is up 26 min.)

Sunset January 18 – 5:00 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. 1 min. = moon is 36 hrs. 43 min. old)

Moonset January 18 – 6:18 p.m. (5:00 p.m. to 6:18 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 18 min.)

**\*January 19, 2018 (1/19/18) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction February 15 – 11:05 p.m.

Sunset February 15 – 5:25 p.m. (5:25 p.m. to 11:05 p.m. = Conj. is 5 hrs. 40 min. after sunset)

Sunset February 16 – 5:26 p.m. (11:05 p.m. February 15 to 5:26 p.m. February 16 = moon is 18 hrs. 21 min. old)

Moonset February 16 – 6:02 p.m. (5:26 p.m. to 6:02 p.m. = moon is up 36 min.)

Sunset February 17 – 5:27 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. 1 min. = moon is 42 hrs. 22 min. old)

Moonset February 17 – 6:58 p.m. (5:27 p.m. to 6:58 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 31 min.)

**\*February 18, 2018 (2/18/18) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction March 17 – 3:11 p.m.

Sunset March 17 – 5:48 p.m. (3:11 p.m. to 5:48 p.m. = moon is 2 hrs. 37 min. old)

Sunset March 18 – 5:49 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. 1 min. = moon is 26 hrs. 38 min. old)

Moonset March 18 – 6:46 p.m. (5:49 p.m. to 6:46 p.m. = moon is up 57 min.)

**\*March 19, 2018 (3/19/18) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction April 16 – 4:57 a.m.

Sunset April 16 – 7:08 p.m. (4:57 a.m. to 7:08 p.m. = moon is 14 hrs. 11 min.)

Sunset April 17 – 7:09 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. 1 min. = moon is 38 hrs. 12 min. old)

Moonset April 17 – 8:39 p.m. (7:09 p.m. to 8:39 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 30 min.)

**\*April 18, 2018 (4/18/18) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction May 15 – 2:47 p.m.

Sunset May 15 – 7:28 p.m. (2:47 p.m. to 7:28 p.m. = moon is 4 hrs. 41 min. old)

Sunset May 16 – 7:29 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. 1 min. = moon is 28 hrs. 42 min. old)

Moonset May 16 – 8:35 p.m. (7:29 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 6 min.)

**\*May 17, 2018 (5/17/18) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction June 13 – 10:43 p.m.

Sunset June 13 – 7:45 p.m. (7:45 p.m. to 10:43 p.m. = Conj. is 2 hrs. 58 min. after sunset)

Sunset June 14 – 7:45 p.m. (10:43 p.m. June 13 to 7:45 p.m. June 14 = moon is 21 hrs. 2 min. old)

Moonset June 14 – 8:27 p.m. (7:45 p.m. to 8:27 p.m. = moon is up 42 min.)

**\*June 15, 2018 (6/15/18) is New Moon Day (Borderline)**

Conjunction July 13 – 5:47 a.m.

Sunset July 13 – 7:46 p.m. (5:47 a.m. to 7:46 p.m. = moon is 13 hrs. 59 min. old)

Sunset July 14 – 7:46 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. = moon is 37 hrs. 59 min. old)

Moonset July 14 – 9:04 p.m. (7:46 p.m. to 9:04 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 18 min.)

**\*July 15, 2018 (7/15/18) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction August 11 – 12:57 p.m.

Sunset August 11 – 7:26 p.m. (12:57 p.m. to 7:26 p.m. = moon is 6 hrs. 29 min. old)

Sunset August 12 – 7:25 p.m. (plus 23 hrs. 59 min. = moon is 30 hrs. 28 min. old)

Moonset August 12 – 8:26 p.m. (7:25 p.m. to 8:26 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 1 min.)

**\*August 13, 2018 (8/13/18) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction September 9 – 9:01 p.m.

Sunset September 9 – 6:53 p.m. (6:53 p.m. to 9:01 p.m. = Conj. is 2 hrs. 8 min. after sunset)

Sunset September 10 – 6:51 p.m. (9:01 p.m. September 9 to 6:51 p.m. September 10 = moon is 21 hrs. 50 min. old)

Moonset September 10 – 7:38 p.m. (6:51 p.m. to 7:38 p.m. = moon is up 47 min.)

**\*September 11, 2018 (9/11/18) is New Moon Day (Borderline)**

Conjunction October 9 – 6:46 a.m.

Sunset October 9 – 6:14 p.m. (6:46 a.m. to 6:14 p.m. = moon is 11 hrs. 28 min. old)

Sunset October 10 – 6:13 p.m. (plus 23 hrs. 59 min. = moon is 35 hrs. 27 min. old)

Moonset October 10 – 7:24 p.m. (6:13 p.m. to 7:24 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 11 min.)

**\*October 11, 2018 (10/11/18) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction November 7 – 6:01 p.m.

Sunset November 7 – 4:44 p.m. (4:44 p.m. to 6:01 p.m. = Conj. is 1 hr. 17 min. after sunset)

Sunset November 8 – 4:44 p.m. (6:01 p.m. November 7 to 4:44 p.m. November 8 = moon is 22 hrs. 43 min. old)

Moonset November 8 – 5:35 p.m. (4:44 p.m. to 5:35 p.m. = moon is up 51 min.)

**\*November 9, 2018 (11/9/18) is New Moon Day (Borderline)**

Conjunction December 7 – 9:20 a.m.

Sunset December 7 – 4:35 p.m. (9:20 a.m. to 4:35 p.m. = moon is 7 hrs. 15 min. old)

Sunset December 8 – 4:35 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. = moon is 31 hrs. 15 min. old)

Moonset December 8 – 5:41 p.m. (4:35 p.m. to 5:41 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 6 min.)

**\*December 9, 2018 (12/9/18) is New Moon Day**

## IN MEMORIAM

**John Thomas “Tom” Reynolds**, 75, of Martinez, GA, died peacefully before the sun rose on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, five days shy of his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday. His stepdaughter Jessica was with him during his final days and moments. Tom was diagnosed with widespread metastatic melanoma a little less than a month before he died. Instead of fighting the cancer, he adhered to his faith and accepted his fate with grace and dignity. Tom is survived by his daughter Sarah and stepdaughter Jessica, and by his beloved step-grandchildren, Sam and Lucy. Tom was preceded in death by his mother and father, Perle and Richard, his beloved brother Richard, his dear aunt Jewell, and his wife Joanne.

A talented physician back in the day, and a gifted thinker to the end. Tom enjoyed many intellectual interests over the years and he was an outdoors enthusiast as well. Hiking, camping, sailing, alpine skiing, and ballooning are some of the ways he appreciated the beauty of nature.

An anointed elder, Tom deeply valued his fellowship with friends and colleagues in the assemblies of Yahweh and the sacred name movement all across the country. His devoted study and extensive knowledge of scripture, and his kind and loving mentorship, will be greatly missed by many. Tom specifically expressed that he wished for no formal funeral or ceremony to attend to his passing. Instead, please include those he has left behind in your prayers. For Tom’s final resting place, his stepdaughter and his dearest friends Robert and Rhonda Battle have decided to spread his ashes upon the earth at a beautiful forest location near to where he passed many a joyful Sabbath.

**Raymond Lawrence Wallace** – On September 5, 2017 Raymond entered his final rest to wait for the resurrection at the return of Yahshua the Messiah. Raymond was born October 23, 1934 to Ray L. and Dorothy (Buteyn) Wallace in Martinez, CA. His early years were spent in California, with his family later moving to Oregon. Raymond graduated from Detroit High School in 1953. He later went to a Church of God campmeeting where he was converted and baptized. He loved his Savior and looked forward to the resurrection and the coming of the new heaven and new earth.

On April 18, 1954 Raymond married Ruth Mayhugh. To that union were born three children: Violet, Terry and Evin. They moved to Israel when the first two children were quite small. After returning to the United States in 1961, Raymond worked with highway maintenance in Oregon for 25 years. On March 12, 1967 Raymond married Mary Boyd; and adopted her two sons Fred and Timothy. Later a daughter Sarah was born. In 1976 the family moved from the Willamette Valley to Central Oregon, and in 1979 Raymond and his family moved to California to be near Raymond’s parents, living there for 24 years, then moving back to Oregon in 2003.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, John and Ernest and his son Timothy. He leaves his wife Mary, daughters Violet (Edward) Merzlake and Sarah (Jay Paul) Weaver; sons Terry (Loretta); Evin (Caren) and son Fred; and sister Lodell (Lester) Knifong; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Raymond enjoyed harvesting and processing fruit, vintage automobiles, church life and travel. He and Mary traveled on a number of cruises and tours in various parts of the world, including Alaska, Canada, South America, Panama Canal, England, Scotland and Wales, Australia, and New Zealand.



# **YAHSHUA'S JEWELS**



## **Yahshua's Young People**

*"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim 4:12)*

### **10 REASONS TO SERVE YAHWEH**

- 1. YAH IS IN CONTROL.**
- 2. HE IS PERFECT.**
- 3. HE ALWAYS LOVES ME.**
- 4. HE WANTS THE BEST FOR ME.**
- 5. WITH HIM ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.**
- 6. HE GAVE ME YAHSHUA TO SAVE ME.**
- 7. YAH MADE ME AND KNOWS ME THE BEST.**
- 8. YAH WANTS TO GIVE ME ETERNITY.**
- 9. HE WANTS TO BLESS ME.**
- 10. YAH WANTS ME TO HAVE JOY MORE ABUNDANTLY.**



**You cannot stop at 10. The reasons  
are endless!!**

# THE CHARACTERISTICS OF YAHSHUA

Can you find them all?

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**LOVING**

**GENTLE**

**COMPASSIONATE**

**FAITHFUL**

**LOYAL**

**HUMBLE**

**FORGIVING**

**KIND**

**PURE**

**PATIENT**

**RIGHTEOUS**

**UNDERSTANDING**

**Yahshua wants us to be like him. Ask Yahshua to help you be like him. Pick at least one characteristic of Yahshua and ask him to help you shine.**

**DON'T FORGET YAHWEH & YAHSHUA**

**LOVE YOU ALWAYS!!**



# Yahweh's 2018 Calendar

New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 1 Celebrate MARCH 31 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 19	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 2 through APRIL 8	April 2
Feb. 18		April 8
Mar. 19	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 22 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 22
Apr. 18		Sept. 11
May 17	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 11	Sept. 20
June 15		Sept. 25
(Borderline) July 15	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 20	Oct. 2
Aug. 13		7 days in all – the number of completeness
Sept. 11 (Borderline)		
Oct. 11		
Nov. 9 (Borderline)		
Dec. 9		
	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) SEPTEMBER 25 through OCTOBER 1	
	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 2	

**Begin YAHWEH's days with the sunset preceding the indicated Roman days lasting till the next sunset.**

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