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YAHSHUA

... Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1:29

... For even the Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us: 1 Corinthians 5:7

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. Hebrews 9:25-28

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, ... But with the precious blood of the Messiah, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, 1 Peter 1:18-20

Contending for The Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. Jude 3

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PASSOVER SEASON

The Passover season is soon upon us. Praise Yahweh. This season is the true beginning of the Scriptural year. We find in Exodus 12:2, this month shall be unto you the beginning of months, it shall be the first month of the year to you. This command was spoken by Yahweh (around 1500 B.C.E.) to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt.

Yahweh gave specific instructions on how to pick a perfect lamb, a male of the first year from the sheep or from the goats, without blemish. This lamb was chosen on the tenth day of the first month, kept up until the 14th day of the first month for an offering for sin. “And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.” Exodus 12:8.

The 14th verse of Exodus 12 reads, “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.”

The next command (verse 15) is to eat unleavened bread for seven days (seven, Yahweh’s special and perfect number). We are to put away leaven out of our houses. Verse 17 reads, “And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance (ordinance - enactment hence an appointment) for ever.”

This was a very special time in Israel’s existence. They had gone down to Egypt when Jacob’s son Joseph had been sold into slavery, and came to be a ruler in Pharaoh’s house. See Genesis chapters 37 through 46. The children of Israel were in Egypt 430 years (Exodus 12:40). They had gone there when a famine was in their land, and stayed. This was in Yahweh’s master plan to save Israel and bring them out with a high hand in the sight of the Egyptians.

This story of deliverance has been told and retold in many ways even in this age we live in. One of the greatest movies of our time is *The Ten Commandments* with Charlton Heston portraying Moses and it is usually shown each year at this season.

In the 24th verse of Exodus 12 we read, “And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.” Verses 26 and 27, “And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice (offering) of Yahweh’s Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.”

Yahweh is telling us there is hope in Him. Yahweh will deliver us today as He did the children of Israel. We have heard many testimonies from believers who have been tested and delivered by Yahweh. Yes, He will test us; just as the children of Israel were on the banks of the Red Sea with Pharaoh’s army bearing down on them. Exodus 14:13, 14, “And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of Yahweh, which He will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. Yahweh shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.”

Another gem of wisdom is in the next verse, “And Yahweh said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.” Note that Yahweh had the children of Israel stand still for a while, but then commanded them to go forward. We may have to stand still at times in order to see the salvation of Yahweh and we may go forward at times in accordance with Yahweh’s leading and

direction. We are to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Master and Savior Yahshua the Messiah, 2 Peter 3:18. The word grow is an action word, we need to move ahead or move up.

In the parable in Matthew 13:3-8, ... "Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold." By this parable, we see the seed is Yahweh's Word, we read it and grow by the very instruction therein.

Matthew 4:4 states... "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Yahweh." What a loving Father who would think ahead and plan for every day of our lives. He has left good instructions (good seed), daily bread for His children.

Yahweh gave instructions regarding the Memorial Supper through His servant Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:23-31, "For I have received of the Master that which also I delivered unto you, That the Master Yahshua the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Master's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Master unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Master. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Master's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."

At the beginning of every year our instruction is to examine ourselves, before we partake of the emblems of the fruit of the vine and unleavened bread which represent Yahshua's blood and his body. The word examine is #1381 in Strong's Concordance meaning to test, to approve, allow, discern. Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 13:5, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Yahshua the Messiah is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

Yahweh's words of instruction are words of love. He wants His children to look deep within themselves and then remove all the dross; repent of sin, make peace, forgive one another, show mercy (because we want mercy) and unmerited kindness to others. This is the way to begin a new year with a clean conscience toward Yahweh and our fellow man.

As children of Yahweh we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, Philippians 2:12. The world mistakenly calls this season Easter. In Strong's Concordance the word Easter is #3957 Pascha – the Passover (the meal, the day, the festival or the special sacrifices (offerings) connected with it). By this definition we can see the translators made a mistake in inserting the word Easter which is named after a female deity, *Eastre* dawn goddess. The New World Dictionary states: spring, Easter; original name of pagan vernal festival almost coincident in date with paschal festival of the church.

Yahweh is love, 1 John 4:16, "And we have known and believed the love that Yahweh hath toward us. Yahweh is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in Yahweh, and Yahweh in him." (SNB) Yahweh wants His children to walk in newness of life under the

blood covering of His Son Yahshua the Messiah. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of Yahweh: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of Yahweh, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1 John 3:1-3.

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

Let Us Encourage Each Other **To Live Righteously**

Deuteronomy 6:25 – And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do ALL these commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He hath commanded us.

1 John 3:7 – Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

Matthew 5:20 – For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Let us encourage each other to sincerely fear Father Yahweh and keep His commandments so that the Words of YAH can sanctify us (John 17:17). **Leviticus 11:44, 45** – For I am Yahweh your Elohim: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy (separate); for I am holy.

The compass to righteous living is the Word of Yahweh. Let us purge out all leaven:

- a) The leaven of the Pharisees (Matthew 16:1-12, Matthew 23)
- b) The leaven of manmade traditions (Matthew 15:3). For example: The advertisement of a mandatory manmade dress code does not determine one's righteousness in Father Yahweh.
- c) The leaven of malice and wickedness (1 Corinthians 5:8)

All unrighteousness is sin. We want to be led by the SPIRIT of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, and we want that Spirit to stay with us (John 15:26), so we can identify teachings/doctrines that go against the doctrine of Yahshua. Our righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees. Let us render our hearts in sincerity to the Words of Yahweh in order to be arrayed in fine linen of righteousness for Yahshua's return (Revelation 19:8).

May Father Yahweh give us more zeal to stand up for righteous living. Halleluyah!

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LAST SUPPER

By Tom Schattke

Matthew 26:19-30

19 The disciples did as Yahshua had appointed them; and they made ready the passover. 20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. 21 And as they ate, he said, **“Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.”** 22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, “Master, is it I?” 23 And he answered and said, **“He that dips his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. 24 The Son of man goes as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed. It had been good for that man if he had not been born.”** 25 Then Judah, which betrayed him, answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, **“You have said.”** 26 And as they were eating, Yahshua took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, **“Take, eat; this is my body.”** 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine after this until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”** 30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

Mark 14:16-26

16 And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. 17 And in the evening he came with the twelve. 18 And as they sat and ate, Yahshua said, **“Verily I say unto you, One of you which eats with me shall betray me.”** 19 And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to him one by one, “Is it I?” 20 And he answered and said unto them, **“It is one of the twelve, that dips with me in the dish. 21 The Son of man indeed goes, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed. It would have been good for that man if he had never been born.”** 22 And as they did eat, Yahshua took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave to them, and said, **“Take, eat: this is my body.”** 23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. 24 And he said unto them, **“This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. 25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of Elohim.”** 26 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

Luke 22:13-23

13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. 14 And when the hour had come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, **“With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: 16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of Elohim.”** 17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, **“Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of Elohim shall come.”** 19 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.” 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. 21 But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. 22 And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed.”** 23 And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

John 13:1-30

1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Yahshua knew that his hour had come that he should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. 2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judah Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; 3 Yahshua knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from Yahweh, and went to Elohim; 4 He rose from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he poured water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. 6 Then he came to Simon Peter: and Peter said to him, “Master, do you wash my feet?” 7 Yahshua answered and said unto him, **“What I do you do not understand now; but you shall understand hereafter.”** 8 Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Yahshua answered him, **“If I do not wash you, you have no part with me.”** 9 Simon Peter said to him, “Master, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.” 10 Yahshua said to him, **“He that is washed needs not save to wash his feet, but is all clean: and you are clean, but not all.”** 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, “You are not all clean.” 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said to them, **“Do you know ye what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Master: and you say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Master and Teacher, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his master; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. 18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me. 19 Now I tell you before it comes, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. 20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receives whomsoever I send receives me; and he that receives me receives him that sent me.”** 21 When Yahshua had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.”** 22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spoke. 23 Now there was leaning on Yahshua's bosom one of his disciples, whom Yahshua loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spoke. 25 He then lying on Yahshua's breast saith unto him, “Master, who is it?” 26 Yahshua answered, **“He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it.”** And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judah Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Yahshua unto him, **“That which you do, do quickly.”** 28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spoke this to him. 29 For some of them thought, because Judah had the bag, that Yahshua had said to him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. 30 He then having received the sop went out immediately: and it was night.

We return to an old friend for information: *The IVP Bible Background Commentary* by Craig S. Keener:

13:3-8. The couches would be arranged around tables containing food, with the upper part of each person's body facing the food and their feet away from the table. Yahshua would go to the outside of this circle to wash each man's feet.

After travelers had come a long distance, the host usually provided water for their feet as a sign of hospitality, as exemplified by Abraham in **Genesis 18:4** and Abigail in **1 Samuel 25:41**. Yet loosening sandals and personally washing someone else's feet was considered servile, most commonly the work of a servant or of very submissive wives or children. (Travelers' sandals would not be covered in dung, as some scholars have suggested. Side roads were very dusty; the main streets of Jerusalem, however, would have been kept as clean as the city could make them, especially the Upper City, where Yahshua ate this Passover meal.)

Yahshua removing his outer garments to serve them would also appear as a sign of great humility before them. By so serving, Yahshua prefigures his death as the suffering servant of **Isaiah 53**, suffering on behalf of the many. Unlike Greco-Roman society, Judaism stressed humility; but like other societies, it also upheld societal roles. Yahshua overturns even positions of social status. [Rabbi Judah ha-Nasi (about A.D. 220) was said to be so humble that he would do anything for others-except to relinquish his superior position; seating according to rank was crucial. Yahshua goes beyond even this.]

13:6-8. Yahshua's act violates cultural status boundaries so thoroughly that Peter finds it unthinkable.

13:9-11. The "bath" here presumably alludes to mikvah washing that Yahshua and the disciples had undergone before the feast (11:55), Yahshua applies the immersion in a spiritual sense. This figurative sense of cleansing was common enough that the disciples should have been able to understand his meaning.

John 11:55 And the Jews' passover was near at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.

13:12-20. The Meaning of Foot-washing.

13:12-14. Disciples normally served their teachers, after the model of Elisha serving Elijah and Joshua serving Moses.

13:15. Disciples were to learn especially by imitating their teachers.

13:16, 17. Some slaves were prominent when compared with free peasants, but any authority slaves exercised was derived from their masters, and slaves were always subordinate to their masters. An agent was always subordinate to his sender, his authority limited to the extent of his authorization.

13:18. Here Yahshua cites **Psalms 41:9**, a psalm of a righteous sufferer; one scholar has pointed out that lifting up one's heel is an act of disdain in cultures similar to ancient Judaism. Table fellowship was considered an intimate bond, and betrayal following it was particularly perverse.

13:19. Cf. **Isaiah 41:26, 44:7, 11 and 48:3-7**: Elohim predicts the future so when it comes about his people will finally acknowledge that he, unlike the gods of the nations, is true.

13:20. In ancient cultures, one responded to agents, ambassadors or other representatives according to one's feelings toward the person who authorized them.

13:21-30. The Betrayer's Mission.

13:21, 22. Greek philosophers stressed remaining always tranquil and untroubled in spirit, but not everyone in antiquity shared this value. Although the Fourth Gospel stresses Yahshua's deity, it also stresses and frequently illustrates his humanity (1:14). In the Old Testament Elohim's passionate feelings also frequently surface (e.g., **Judges 10:16; Isaiah 63:9, 10; Jeremiah 2:30-32; 9:1-3; Hosea 11:8**).

13:23. Men would recline on couches at feasts (women would not dine in the same room with a gathering of men outside their family). Each person would recline slightly behind the person to his right; thus John could lean his head back and be even with Yahshua's chest. (They would lean on the left elbow with the right arm free and so could not cut up their food; it would come pre-cut at the banquet.) This "beloved disciple" (presumably John) has one of the most honored positions at the feast, along with the person on the left—perhaps Judas, as some commentators have suggested, given verse 26.

13:24-27. For the host to dip a piece of bread in the common bowl (or on Passover, no doubt bitter herbs in a container of something sweeter) and hand it to someone was normally a sign of honor to the person who received it. Yahshua is in complete control here (cf. Mark 14:20).

13:28-30. Some pious people would do a charitable work before Passover to secure Elohim's favor. It would not have been customary to go outside on Passover night (**Exodus 12:22**), but it may have still been before sundown. The Pharisees [erroneously, I believe] observed Passover on the following day, the 15th of Nisan (see **John 18:28**). ...

Learn to Know Our Shepherd's Voice. "Those who are Mine know me." John 10:14.

19 And He took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, "**This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**" 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.**" **Luke 22:19, 20.**

YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (PASSOVER – ABIB 14)

April 5, 2023

Celebrate April 4, 2023 after sunset

PASSOVER

Exodus 12:11 – ... and ye shall eat it in haste: it is Yahweh's Passover.

Leviticus 23:5 – In the fourteenth day of the first month between the evenings is Yahweh's Passover.

Numbers 9:4, 5 – And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the Passover. And they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month between the evenings in the wilderness of Sinai:

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

Deuteronomy 16:1 – Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover unto Yahweh thy Elohim:

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.

John 2:13 and 23 – And the Jew's Passover was at hand, and Yahshua went up to Jerusalem. Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

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 ...

Hebrews 11:28 – Through faith he (Moses) kept the Passover ...

Matthew 26:19 – And the disciples did as Yahshua had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover.

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

YAHSHUA

Isaiah 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of Yahweh revealed?

Isaiah 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of Elohim, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Yahweh hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Isaiah 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Isaiah 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Isaiah 53:10 Yet it pleased Yahweh to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Yahweh shall prosper in his hand.

Isaiah 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

*(According to The Thompson Chain-Reference Bible,
Isaiah 53 was written approximately 700 B.C.)*

YAHSHUA – MY BANNER

In Exodus 17:8-16, we are told about Israel's battle with the Amalekites and how Yah's people were victorious as long as Moses' hands were upheld. At the end of the day's battle, it is recorded how Moses built an altar and called the name of the altar, "Yahweh - nissi," or Yahweh, my banner. The word for banner, Strong's No. 5251, means banner, or flag, and symbolically means a flagpole. It derives from another Hebrew word, 5264, meaning to gleam from afar. (Who do we know who was the light of the world and who came from afar?) It also means to be conspicuous. And, again, who do we know who is conspicuous, and when He is lifted up, draws all men to Himself?

Isaiah uses this same word (5251) when referring to the Messiah in chapter 11:

"In that day the root of Jesse will stand as an ensign to the people;
Him shall the nations seek." Isaiah 11:10 and 12.

It is the same word for when Moses lifted up among the people a bronze serpent upon a pole (nissi), Numbers 21:8, 9, a rallying point of healing and life among the people. And likewise, in the battle with the Amalekites, the banner and the pole were the rallying point around which Israel was delivered.

Yahshua is the banner around which His people rally. He said in John 3:14 and 12:32, that if He be lifted up, He would draw all men unto Him - again referring to the pole (nissi, no. 5251) on which the bronze serpent was lifted in the wilderness. And in Phil. 2:9, it is stated that Yahweh highly exalted (lifted up) Yahshua and gave Him a name which is above every name.

YAHSHUA - OUR BANNER - the gleam from afar, the one who is clearly conspicuous.

Submitted by Roger Norman

YAHSHUA, OUR HIDING PLACE

Isaiah 32 is a picture of the coming earthly kingdom of Yahshua. Verses 1-3 read as follows:

Behold, a king will reign righteously, and princes will rule justly. And a man will be like a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; like rivers of water in a dry place, like a shadow of a great rock in a weary land. And the eyes of those who see will not be dim, and the ears of those who hear shall hearken. KJV

Yahshua is the King who will reign in righteousness. We, his princes, shall rule in justice. Yahshua called Himself the Son of Man. There is only one man who is like a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, like rivers of water in a dry place, like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. And that man? Yahshua. Then, in that kingdom, our eyes will see clearly and will not be dim. As Paul states in 1 Corinthians 13 (the love chapter):

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known. Verse 12, NASV

But, before His kingdom arrives, there will be great tribulation to endure, more so than has ever come upon the world. The winds of disaster will blow, and the tempest will be great. We can only make it through that time and into His beautiful kingdom if the Son of Man is truly our hiding place from the wind and our covert from the tempest. Even so, come quickly, Yahshua.

THOUGHTS FOR LIFE

Creation finds its origin, existence, happiness, power and esteem in the Will of Yahweh! In our lives, grace and blessings and faith are founded in the Will of our Creator. We learn when we read Yahweh's Word that when we are in His Will, He does demonstrate His love, greatness and glory.

The ministry of Yahshua here on earth, His persecution, His death and resurrection from the dead should be reason enough for a child of Yahweh to show forth where his life is anchored: manifested in the power, high esteem and Will of Yahweh!

In knowing, in bearing, in fulfilling Yahweh's Will, our spiritual life can find its growth, its strength, its joy and rest in Yahweh alone. To accept the Will of Yahweh, we must live by His eternal Word and we must love to do His Will! We must know and keep His Commandments, Exodus 20:1-17. Keep (guard) the seventh day which is the Sabbath and worship Yahweh. Genesis 2:2, 3, Exodus 20:8-10. We are obliged to respect Yahweh's Feast Days, Leviticus 23.

We must know and speak His true and eternal Name, which is Yahweh. No other name is acceptable to our heavenly Father Yahweh. Psalm 68:4, Exodus 3:14, 15; Isaiah 42:8 and 44:6, Revelation 11:18.

We must know the name of His Son Yahshua. He is the Savior of mankind. There is no other Savior. John 5:43, 44, 14:6, 7 and 17:3-5.

Yahweh will bless every one who yields to His Will in obedience and humbleness. The one thing a true believer must do is: continually live in the Will of Yahweh our Creator through Yahshua, His Son, our Savior and Redeemer!

Submitted by: Elder Otto Miesel (deceased)

ATTENTION! PLEASE NOTE

To all who receive The Faith magazine

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2023 CALENDAR CALCULATIONS

Local time for Jerusalem, Israel

Source of Reference – www.timeanddate.com

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

Conjunction January 21 – 10:53 p.m.

Sunset January 21 – 5:02 p.m. (5:02 p.m. to 10:53 p.m. = Conjunction is 5 hrs 51 min after sunset)

Sunset January 22 – 5:03 p.m. (10:53 p.m. Jan. 21 to 5:03 p.m. Jan. 22 = moon is 18 hrs 10 min old)

Moonset January 22 – 5:45 p.m. (5:03 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. = moon is up 42 min)

Sunset January 23 – 5:04 pm. (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 42 hrs 11 min old)

Moonset January 23 – 7:00 p.m. (5:04 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr 56 min)

***January 24, 2023 (1/24/23) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction February 20 – 9:05 a.m.

Sunset February 20 – 5:29 p.m. (9:05 a.m. to 5:29 p.m. = moon is 8 hrs 24 min old)

Sunset February 21 – 5:30 p.m. (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 32 hrs 25 min old)

Moonset February 21 – 6:55 p.m. (5:30 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr 25 min)

***February 22, 2023 (2/22/23) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction March 21 – 7:23 p.m.

Sunset March 21 – 5:50 p.m. (5:50 p.m. to 7:23 p.m. = Conjunction is 1 hr 33 min after sunset)

Sunset March 22 – 5:51 p.m. (7:23 p.m. March 21 to 5:51 p.m. March 22 = moon is 22 hrs 28 min old)

Moonset March 22 – 6:46 p.m. (5:51 p.m. to 6:46 p.m. = moon is up 55 min)

***March 23, 2023 (3/23/23) is New Moon Day (Borderline)**

Conjunction April 20 – 7:12 a.m.

Sunset April 20 – 7:11 p.m. (7:12 a.m. to 7:11 p.m. = moon is 11 hrs 59 min old)

Sunset April 21 – 7:11 p.m. (plus 24 hrs = moon is 35 hrs 59 min old)

Moonset April 21 – 8:43 p.m. (7:11 p.m. to 8:43 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr 32 min)

***April 22, 2023 (4/22/23) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction May 19 – 6:53 p.m.

Sunset May 19 – 7:31 p.m. (6:53 p.m. to 7:31 p.m. = moon is 38 min old)

Sunset May 20 – 7:32 p.m. (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 24 hrs 39 min old)

Moonset May 20 – 8:35 p.m. (7:32 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr 3 min)

***May 21, 2023 (5/21/23) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction June 18 – 7:37 a.m.

Sunset June 18 – 7:46 p.m. (7:37 a.m. to 7:46 p.m. = moon is 12 hrs 9 min old)

Sunset June 19 – 7:47 p.m. (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 36 hrs 10 min old)

Moonset June 19 – 9:14 p.m. (7:47 p.m. to 9:14 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr 27 min)

***June 20, 2023 (6/20/23) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction July 17 – 9:31 p.m.

Sunset July 17 – 7:45 p.m. (7:45 p.m. to 9:31 p.m. = Conjunction is 1 hr 46 min after sunset)

Sunset July 18 – 7:44 p.m. (9:31 p.m. July 17 to 7:44 p.m. July 18 = moon is 22 hrs 13 min old)

Moonset July 18 – 8:36 p.m. (7:44 p.m. to 8:36 p.m. = moon is up 52 minutes)

***July 19, 2023 (7/19/23) is New Moon Day (Borderline)**

Conjunction August 16 – 12:38 p.m. (noon)

Sunset August 16 – 7:22 p.m. (12:38 p.m. (noon) to 7:22 p.m. = moon is 6 hrs 44 min old)

Sunset August 17 – 7:21 p.m. (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 30 hrs 43 min old)

Moonset August 17 – 8:12 p.m. (7:21 p.m. to 8:12 p.m. = moon is up 51 min)

***August 18, 2023 (8/18/23) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction September 15 – 4:39 a.m.

Sunset September 15 – 6:45 p.m. (4:39 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. = moon is 14 hrs 6 min old) Sunset

September 16 – 6:44 p.m. (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 38 hrs 5 min old)

Moonset September 16 – 7:32 p.m. (6:44 p.m. to 7:32 p.m. = moon is up 48 min)

***September 17, 2023 (9/17/23) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction October 14 – 8:55 p.m.

Sunset October 14 – 6:08 p.m. (6:08 p.m. to 8:55 p.m. = Conjunction is 2 hrs 47 min after sunset)

Sunset October 15 – 6:07 p.m. (8:55 p.m. Oct 14 to 6:07 p.m. Oct 15 = moon is 21 hrs 12 min old)

Moonset October 15 – 6:29 p.m. (6:07 p.m. to 6:29 p.m. = moon is up 22 min)

Sunset October 16 – 6:06 p.m. (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 45 hrs 11 min old)

Moonset October 16 – 7:00 p.m. (6:06 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. = moon is up 54 min)

***October 17, 2023 (10/17/23) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction November 13 – 11:27 a.m.

Sunset November 13 – 4:41 p.m. (11:27 a.m. to 4:41 p.m. = moon is 5 hrs 14 min old)

Sunset November 14 – 4:40 p.m. (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 29 hrs 13 min old)

Moonset November 14 – 5:16 p.m. (4:40 p.m. to 5:16 p.m. = moon is up 36 min)

***November 15, 2023 (11/15/23) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction December 13 – 1:32 a.m.

Sunset December 13 – 4:36 p.m. (1:32 a.m. to 4:36 p.m. = moon is 15 hrs 4 min old)

Sunset December 14 – 4:36 p.m. (plus 24 hours = moon is 39 hrs 4 min old)

Moonset December 14 – 5:55 p.m. (4:36 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr 19 min)

***December 15, 2023 (12/15/23) is New Moon Day**

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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)



HOW TO FIND THE BEST CAREER FOR YOU!!

What shall I do? Young people feel a lot of stress and anxiety when deciding on what career path to take. What job is best for me? This is a constant question which only Yahweh can answer.

Yahweh gives us key steps found in Psalms 37: 3-5:

	VERSE	MEANING
STEP 1- Ps 37:3a	Trust in Yahweh and do good.	Trust + obedience to Yahweh's word is important. (Try with Yahshua's help to do what is right.) Trusting alone without obedience does not work.
STEP 2- Ps 37:4	Delight thyself also in Yahweh; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.	Have joy in Yahweh and Yahshua. Tell Yahshua your desires and he will grant what is best, according to Yahweh's will. He will not grant a desire that will hurt you.
STEP 3- Ps 37:5	Commit thy way unto Yahweh; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.	In every step of the journey, ask for his help and trust him to make you successful at the end of the journey.

Yahweh is the CEO of the universe; he knows what job description will be best for you. **TRY AND DO YOUR PART AND BE AMAZED!!!**

DO YOUR RESEARCH!!



“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” (1 Thes 5:21)

1. Do research on jobs/occupations that you like.
2. Talk to guidance counsellors at Colleges/Universities for information. They can also offer some career interest tests if you have no idea what you like.
3. Do an information interview over the phone with someone who works in the position. (Please check with parents before doing any information interview.)
4. Do volunteer work in the field you are considering.
5. Do co-op or work placements offered in the school.
6. Be true to yourself! (Do I really like this career?)
7. Remember as you and the world changes, so will your jobs.
8. Trust Yahweh to lead the way.

ENJOY THE _____!



Y E N R U O J (Hint: Spelt backwards)

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Yahweh's 2023 Calendar

New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 5 Celebrate APRIL 4 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 24	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 6 through APRIL 12	April 6
Feb. 22		April 12
Mar. 23	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 26 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 26
(Borderline)		Sept. 17
Apr. 22	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 17	Sept. 26
May 21		Oct. 1
June 20	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 26	Oct. 8
July 19		7 days in all – the number of completeness
(Borderline)		
Aug. 18		
Sept. 17		
Oct. 17		
Nov. 15	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 1 through OCTOBER 7	
Dec. 15	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 8	

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

Regarding the above "borderline" dates for New Moon Days. If the new moon crescent is not sighted on these dates in Jerusalem, Israel; observe as you are led, the next or following day as New Moon Day.

Isaiah 2:1-3 – 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.

Micah 4:2 – 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.

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