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FEAST DAY	TIME OF YEAR	SCRIPTURES	DESCRIPTION	FULFILLMENT IN YESHUA THE MESSIAH
1 Sabbath SHABBAT	On the 7th Day of the Week	Leviticus 23:2-3 Genesis 2:2	Day of Rest From Work	Eternal Rest; Hebrews 4:4, The Son of Man is LORD of SABBATH; Matthew 12:8
2 Passover PESACH	14th of Nisan (March-April)	Leviticus 23:5 Deuteronomy 16:1-2	Redemption From The Land of Egypt	Redemption From Sin Through The LAMB of GOD; I Corinthians 5:7-8
3 Unleavened Bread HAG HA-MATZOT	15th of Nisan (March-April)	Leviticus 23:6-8 Exodus 23:15	Putting Away of Leaven Out of Each House ;	Cleansing From Sin In Our Lives I John 1:9
4 First Fruits BIKKURIM	16th of Nisan (March-April)	Leviticus 23:9-14 Numbers 28:26	Giving First Fruits To The LORD	Messiah, The First Fruits From The Dead-Resurrection; I Corinthians 15:20
5 Feast of Weeks SHAVUOT	Ivar-Sivan (May-June)	Leviticus 23:15-21 Exodus 34:22	Offering Wave Loaves Before The LORD ;	The Body of Messiah Empowered Acts 2:1-4
6 Feast of Trumpets ROSH HA-SHANAH	1st of Tishri (Sept-Oct)	Leviticus 23:23-25 Numbers 29:1	Gathering of The People Together	We Are Gathered Up To Messiah; I Thessalonians 4:16-17
7 Day of Atonement YOM KIPPUR	10th of Tishri (Sept-Oct)	Leviticus 23:26-32 Leviticus 23:29-31	Solemn Assembly For Repentance	Perfect Atonement Through Messiah; Hebrews 2:17
8 Feast of Booths SUKKOT	15th of Tishri (Sept-Oct)	Leviticus 23:33-44 Deuteronomy 16:13-16	Dwelling In Booths For Seven Days	Dwelling With The Messiah Forever; Revelation 21:3, John 7:2
9 Feast of Esther PURIM	14th of Adar (Feb-March)	The Book of Esther Esther 9:17-28	Deliverance For The Jewish People	All Israel Shall Be Saved; Romans 11:26
10 Dedication CHANUKKAH	25th of Kislev (Nov-Dec)	John 10:22 , Ezra 6:16	Temple Rededicated In Jerusalem	The Messiah YESHUA Will Reign On His Throne In The Temple; Revelation 22:1

nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.'

THANK YOU LORD FOR ALL THINGS:

PSALM 103: 1 - 5

1: Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

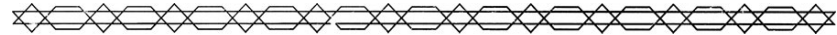
2: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4: Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5: Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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in his own blood,

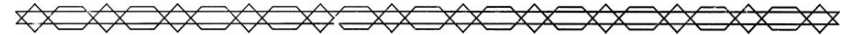
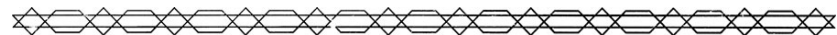
6: And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7: Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8: I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

AFTER THESE EVENTS

AFTER THESE EVENTS, THE GATHERING (RAPTURE), THE TRIBULATION PERIOD, THE RETURN OF MESSIAH TO THIS EARTH, THE REDEMPTION OF ALL ISRAEL, THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM, THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF SATAN, THEN, ... WILL ETERNITY BE USHERED IN, AND OUR BLESSED MESSIAH WILL RULE AND REIGN FOREVER MORE AND WE WILL BE WITH OUR 'TABERNACLE', AS HE WILL, *'wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,*



INTRODUCTION

LEVITICUS Chapter 23 The Feasts Of The Lord

1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning **the feasts of the Lord**, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

SABBATH

3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the **sabbath** of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the **sabbath** of the Lord in all your dwellings.

PASSOVER

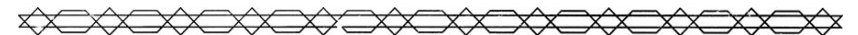
4 These are **the feasts of the Lord**, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. 5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's **passover**.

UNLEAVENED BREAD

6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of **unleavened bread** unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat **unleavened bread**. 7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. 8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

FIRSTFRUITS

9 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be





IT'S BOUNTY:

IN CONCLUDING OUR THREEFOLD HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES, WE ARE BROUGHT TO THE LAST BOOK OF THE HOLY BIBLE, THE BOOK OF REVELATION CHAPTER 21: 1 - 5,

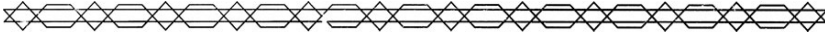
1: And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2: And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3: And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, 'the tabernacle' of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4: And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5: And he that sat upon the throne said,



wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the Lord, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the Lord for the priest. 21 And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a **statute for ever** in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God.

TRUMPETS

23 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of **trumpets**, an holy convocation. 25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

ATONEMENT

26 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of **atonement**: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord. 28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an **atonement** for you before the Lord your God. 29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. 30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. 31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a

IT'S BLESSING:

FIFTEEN HUNDRED YEARS LATER

APPROXIMATELY 1,500 YEARS AFTER THE INCEPTION OF SUKKOT, WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE DAYS OF Y'SHUA (JESUS), AS WE READ IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN, CHAPTER SEVEN;

'AFTER THESE THINGS JESUS WALKED IN GALILEE: ... 'NOW THE JEW'S FEAST OF TABERNACLES WAS AT HAND.'

WE READ IN OUR TEXT, THAT JESUS, 'WENT ... UP UNTO THE FEAST' (VERSE 10), AND, 'ABOUT THE MIDST OF THE FEAST' (VERSE 14), THAT IS, AROUND THE THIRD OR FOURTH DAY, HE 'WENT UP INTO THE TEMPLE, AND TAUGHT'.

THEN, 'IN THE LAST DAY, THAT GREAT DAY OF THE FEAST,', WE READ IN JOHN 7: 37 -38, THAT,

Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath

42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: 43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. 44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel **the feasts of the Lord.**



Happy Holy Days



שבת שלום
Shabbat Shalom

REMINDER TO ISRAEL DURING THEIR JOURNEY, '*That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt:*'; AS THEY DECLARED THE FOLLOWING CRY IN REFERENCE TO THE LORD, 'I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD'.

IT WAS TO BE A FEAST OF BRINGING GIFTS UNTO THE LORD GOD IN THE FORM OF 'BURNT OFFERING, AND A MEAT OFFERING, A SACRIFICE, AND DRINK OFFERINGS'. ALONG WITH 'BOUGHS OF GOODLY TREES, BRANCHES OF PALM TREES, AND THE BOUGHS OF THICK TREES, AND WILLOWS OF THE BROOK;'

REJOICE BEFORE THE LORD

THEY ALSO WERE COMMANDED TO REJOICE BEFORE THE LORD, THUS TODAY JEWISH INDIVIDUALS REJOICE, REMEMBER AND REVERENCE THE LORD THROUGH THEIR OBSERVANCE OF THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES.

HIGHLIGHTS TO THIS WONDERFUL FEAST OF THE LORD CALLED SUKKOT, ALSO KNOWN AS, THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES.

**IT'S BEGINNING, IT'S BLESSING,
AND, IT'S BOUNTY.**

IT'S BEGINNING:

DURING THE TIME OF ISRAEL'S EXODUS FROM THE LAND OF EGYPT, AS THEY TRAVELED IN THE SINAI DESERT, THE LORD SPOKE OFTENTIMES TO HIS SERVANT MOSES TO INSTRUCT THE JEWISH PEOPLE AS TO THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY TO JEHOVAH, THEIR REDEEMER.

THE LORD BROUGHT THEM

THE LORD BROUGHT THEM THROUGH MANIFOLD TESTS AND TRIUMPHS DURING A PERIOD OF RENEWAL AND REBUILDING FROM A MERE SEVENTY SOULS THAT ENTERED EGYPT UNTIL THEIR DEPARTURE WITH OVER TWO MILLION (PLUS), FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS LATER.

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES WAS A

WHO IS LORD OF THE SABBATH?

By Dr. Elias E. Hidalgo

WHO IS LORD OF THE SABBATH ?

There are certain words and/or terms that when used in Christianity seem to elicit from some a positive response, while at the same time from others a negative reaction. It simply amazes me as I have listened to certain individuals over a period of more than thirty years, as they editorialize the Holy Bible in order to apply The Word of God to their own culture and traditions. For example, the all-encompassing subject of the Sabbath (Shabbat). You would think that these individuals who apply their various explanations of the Sabbath actually invented Shabbat.

FORGOTTEN SOMEHOW

Forgotten somehow is the fact that it was

the Almighty God who introduced and installed for all time the goodness of the Sabbath (See: Genesis chapter Two). By the way, the Sabbath (of God) falls on the seventh day of the week (Gen. 2:2), not on the first day of the week as some would have us believe.

Before we go any further, let's establish for ourselves a biblical definition of the word 'Sabbath'. It means Rest. In Genesis 2:2, we read that the Lord God blessed the Seventh day, then we are told that He sanctified it, and lastly that in it, He rested (Shabbat).

THUS THE SEVENTH DAY

Thus the Seventh day that is blessed and sanctified by The Almighty God is called the Sabbath (Shabbat).

Now if your tradition or practice is to worship the Lord on Sunday, which is the first day of the week, you shouldn't worry. You have the right and privilege to worship the Lord on the first day of the week, and may I remind you that you should continue

and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

41: And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42: Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

43: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

44: And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, IN OBEDIENCE TO THE COMMAND OF GOD HAVE BEEN OBSERVING THIS GLORIOUS WEEK OF HARVEST EVERY YEAR, FOR OVER THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED YEARS, THAT'S QUITE IMPRESSIVE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THREE

36: Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

37: These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

38: Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

39: Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

40: And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees,

worshipping our Lord on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and yes even on the 7th day of the week (Shabbat).

WHO ARE WE TO CHOOSE

Who are we to choose which day we are to worship the Lord? Oh, some may say that Y'shua (Jesus) rose from the dead on the first day of the week, therefore, we must worship Him on that day. Well, that's no problem, but what do they do the rest of the week? Do they not worship Him every day of the week? Furthermore, if you choose the first day (Sunday) of the week to worship Him at 11:00 a.m., have you forgotten, as recorded in John 20:1, that Y'shua (Jesus) had risen from the dead while it was yet 'dark'. Therefore, why do you not worship the Lord while it is dark? Why do you so conveniently wait until 9:00, 10:00, or 11:00 a.m. on Sunday?

YOU MAY WORSHIP ON SUNDAY

As stated previously, you may worship on Sunday, but please don't forget the other

days of the week to honor the Lord. I mention all of this to bring us to our subject of the Sabbath (Shabbat).

LORD OF THE SABBATH

Who is Lord of the Sabbath (Shabbat)? In Matthew 12:8 we read "for the Son of man (Y'shua-Jesus) is Lord even of the Sabbath day"! Isn't it interesting that nowhere in the Holy Bible do we read that God is Lord over any other specific day of the week, except the seventh day, which is Shabbat (the Sabbath). We read in Revelation 1:11, that the Apostle John "was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day". Now what day do you suppose that is? Well, you have seven choices since a week has seven days. If you conclude that it is the Sabbath (Shabbat), the seventh day of the week that long ago the Almighty God blessed and sanctified (remember Genesis 2), then you are absolutely and completely correct.

You may ask me, Dr. Hidalgo, are you telling me that Jesus and His Apostles and all the

SUKKOT

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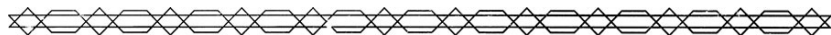
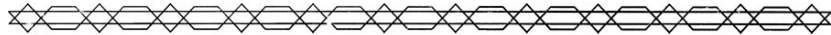
WE FIND ITS ROOTS

SUKKOT IS A HEBREW LANGUAGE TERM FOUND IN THE OLD TESTAMENT TORAH (LAW), MEANING 'BOOTHES', AND, WE FIND ITS ROOTS IN LEVITICUS 23: 33-44, WHERE THE ALMIGHTY GOD COMMANDS HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL TO KEEP AND OBSERVE THIS FEAST OF THE LORD FOR SEVEN DAYS.

LEVITICUS 23: 33 - 44

*33: And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
34: Speak unto the children of Israel, saying,
The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.*

35: On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.



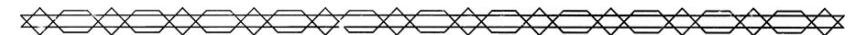
disciples actually met and worshipped on Saturday? My unequivocal answer is YES, YES, & YES! Then who changed the day of worship ?

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEVER ASK

Oh, I thought you would never ask. There are many things that we find today being observed in Christianity, and even memorialized which are not found nor are they commanded in the Holy Bible. You would think that people who love The Word of God would actually observe its commandments without changing them.

WHAT HAPPENED TO CHRISTIANITY?

What happened to Christianity? By the end of the third century after the advent of Christ, everything that had any semblance of, or connection with, the Jewish people, disappeared from off the face of the earth. Christianity has its roots and foundation in Christ, a Jewish man (and yet God), and every fundamental doctrine and teaching found within the pages of The Old



Testament (see: Luke 24:44), SPEAKS about Y'shua (Jesus) Who came through the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (the Jewish people). Yes, Christianity did so well (the first two centuries); then came the big change as more and more Gentiles (non-Jewish) people continued entering the congregation of believers; almost overnight the Sabbath became Sunday.

IT IS MOST INTERESTING

It is most interesting that Christianity for the most part worships on the first day of the week called Sun-day. What does the Sun have to do with all of this? Let us remember the day that the Lord has made (Psalm 118). Should we not according to Scripture worship and rejoice in God's-day (Sabbath-Shabbat), rather than Man's-day (Sun-day).

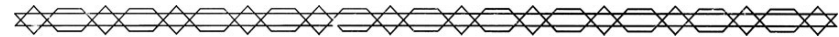
We at Shalom Scripture Studies come together and worship the Lord on the Sabbath (which is our Friday evening service), and also on the first day of the week while it is yet dark (which is our

12: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

MAY THIS YOM KIPPUR BE YOUR DAY AND TIME OF ATONEMENT BEFORE EL SHADDAI (THE ALMIGHTY) GOD. AMEN.



**YOM KIPPUR
DAY OF ATONEMENT**



THERE IS NO NEED TO WONDER IF 'THE ATONEMENT' IS OURS, FOR WE HAVE THE ASSURANCE FROM GOD HIMSELF, AS RECORDED IN:

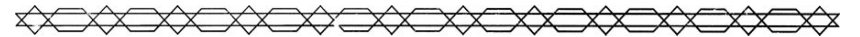
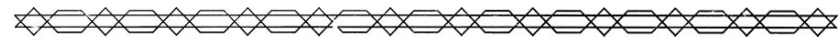
ROMANS 5: 11, 'AND NOT ONLY SO, BUT WE ALSO JOY IN GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BY WHOM WE HAVE 'NOW' RECEIVED 'THE ATONEMENT'.

THANK YOU LORD THAT WE NO LONGER HAVE TO WONDER OR GUESS WHETHER WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH ONE OF YOUR FEAST DAYS, CALLED, 'YOM KIPPUR', FOR NOW WE KNOW, THAT OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN AND WE HAVE THE JOY OF THE LORD.

Y'SHUA (JESUS) OUR LORD HAS BECOME OUR, PRIEST AND SACRIFICE TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.

HEBREWS 9: 11-12

11: But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

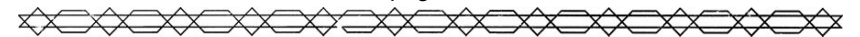


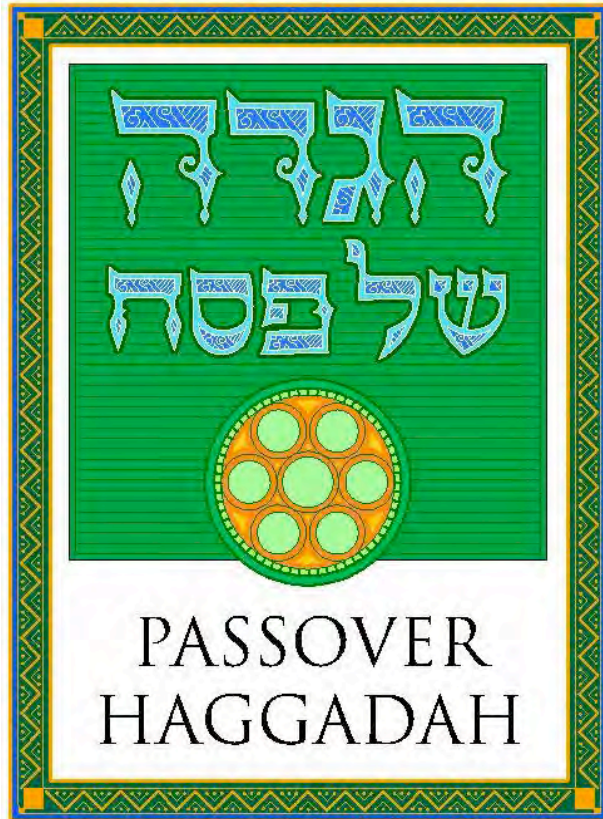
Saturday evening service). Thus we worship and remember the Lord of the Sabbath day, as well as recognizing the resurrection of Y'shua (Jesus) by worshipping on the first day of the week, while it is yet dark.

In conclusion, may I encourage you to remember the 4th commandment in Exodus 20. "Remember the Sabbath day (the Seventh day), to keep it holy".

Please don't forget to observe all 10 commandments, for all ten are most holy before God. Neglecting just one dishonours God.

May the Lord grant you wisdom to know the difference between God's Law and man's law. Shalom (Peace) in Him.





THE GOOD NEWS HAS ALWAYS BEEN BEFORE US, SINCE THE DAYS OF Y'SHUA HA-MASSHIACH ADONAI (THE LORD JESUS CHRIST). HE ALONE BECAME OUR PERFECT ATONEMENT, WHEN HE FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH BY GOD HIMSELF. IN OUR SUBJECT MATTER, 'THE DAY OF ATONEMENT', A BLOOD SACRIFICE IS REQUIRED, AND AS WE KNOW, THE MESSIAH OF ISRAEL, SHED HIS BLOOD TO COVER OR ATONE FOR ALL OF OUR SINS, WHEN HE IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL DIED ON A CROSS, WAS BURIED AND ON THE THIRD DAY ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

GLORY TO GOD

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, THAT WE CAN BE SURE THAT YOM KIPPUR IS OURS TO ENJOY, BECAUSE, THE PAYMENT HAS BEEN PAID AND THE PRIZE HAS BEEN WON, NAMELY, LIFE ETERNAL, 'THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD' (ROMANS 6: 23B).

THERE IS NO NEED TO WONDER

2) THE PRIEST HOOD WAS ABOLISHED

3) THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM CEASED

THEREFORE, A TRUE AND BIBLICAL 'ATONEMENT' HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE, BUT, LIKE IN ALL LIKE MINDED SITUATIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED BY MAN. TODAY WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF WORLD JEWRY, THREE THINGS HAVE 'MAGICALLY' REPLACED GOD'S REQUIREMENTS, AND THEY ARE:

1) TEFILLAH (PRAYERS)

2) TESHUVAH (REPENTANCE)

3) TSEDAKAH (GOOD DEEDS)

THE PROBLEM IS

THE PROBLEM IS, HOW MANY 'PRAYERS', AND HOW MANY TIMES OF 'REPENTANCE', AND HOW MANY 'GOOD DEEDS' MUST A HUMAN BEING BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH IN ORDER TO RECEIVE 'THE ATONEMENT'. WELL, THE ANSWER IS CLEAR, IT CAN NEVER BE DONE.

THE GOOD NEWS

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

By Dr. Elias E. Hidalgo

On the 14th day of the Jewish month Nisan, which usually falls between March and April, The Passover celebration is observed by World Jewry according to The Scriptures for seven days.

This commemoration has been kept for nearly 3,400 years by religious and non-religious Jewish people.

What a beautiful testimony to God's Word. In Exodus 12:24 we read.. "And ye shall observe this thing (Passover) for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons FOREVER."

And so, The Feast of Passover has been celebrated since the days of Moses, through the days of Jesus of Nazareth, and up to

the present day. The Jewish people have observed and kept The Passover throughout the world, during times of peace and safety, and during times of great peril and strife.

It has not always been easy or convenient for Jewish people to observe the Feast of Passover throughout these many centuries in the various countries that they have lived in, especially when we consider the historical fact that oftentimes the penalty of death has been imposed upon them who were found celebrating Passover. We often forget that in past ages, and in other places, religious freedom as we know it has not existed, this is a relatively new phenomenon.

The first Jews that arrived on the shores of America looking for religious freedom were of Sephardic (Spanish) descent, and they arrived around the year 1674. As a memorial of this great event, the Shearith Israel Synagogue was established in New York City, and is the oldest Synagogue in North America. Shearith Israel stands today as a

SCRIPTURE REQUIRES THE ADHERENT THEREOF TO, BRING BEFORE THE LORD A 'BLOOD SACRIFICE' IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE COVERING OR ATONEMENT NEEDED. WELL, AS WE CONNECT THE DOTS, IT IS VERY EASY TO SEE THAT IN ORDER FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO HAVE AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS FROM GOD THERE NEEDS TO BE THREE THINGS, ACCORDING TO OUR PASSAGES:

- 1) A BLOOD SACRIFICE
- 2) A PRIEST TO OFFER THE ATONEMENT
- 3) AN ALTAR (THAT IS PRESCRIBED BY LAW)

THE GOOD AND NOT SO GOOD NEWS

THE NOT SO GOOD NEWS IS THIS: SINCE THE YEAR 70 A.D., WHEN THE ROMANS DESTROYED THE CITY OF JERUSALEM, THE THREE BASIC SCRIPTURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING 'THE ATONEMENT' HAVE BEEN LOST, THAT IS, IN THE PROCESS OF DESTROYING THE HOLY CITY;

- 1) THE TEMPLE WAS DESTROYED

AND HIS EARTHLY PEOPLE, ISRAEL. IT HAS BEEN PART AND PARCEL OF JEWISH LIFE SINCE THE DAYS OF MOSES, FOR ALMOST THREE AND A HALF MILLENNIUM.

SECONDLY, WE FIND THAT IN OUR SCRIPTURAL TEXT, THE WORD 'ATONEMENT' IS FOUND 'THREE TIMES', WHICH GIVES US AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT GOD PLACES ON BEING CLEANSED AND FORGIVEN. NOW, BEFORE WE CONTINUE, WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A CLEAR CUT RECIPE THAT IS FOUND IN THE WORD OF GOD THAT TELLS US IN ALL SIMPLICITY AS TO THE REQUIREMENTS AS RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS, CHAPTER 17 AND VERSE 11,

11: For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

DID YOU NOTICE

DID YOU NOTICE THAT THE ABOVE

reminder that our country opened its arms to the Jewish people and allowed them the freedom to observe this ancient Festival without having to fear for their lives.

Thank The LORD that through all these many years the Passover Celebration has been commemorated on our shores as a beacon of hope and liberty for an oppressed people. I personally believe that this is one major reason why The LORD has blessed our country so very much. (See: Genesis 12:3).

Now, what does Messiah (Christ) have to do with this very ancient feast which is still being celebrated today?

It seems as if the two terms are contradictory, that is, Christ and Passover. Although in fact we know that they are complimentary one to the other.

The theme of The Lord's Passover is deliverance from bondage, which The LORD GOD provided through the shedding of the blood of a lamb specifically chosen to be slain on the 14th day of Nisan and its blood

applied upon the lintel, and upon the two side posts of each house.

The destroyer was sent by The LORD upon the Land of Egypt to slay the firstborn; upon seeing the blood, He would then PASS-OVER that house, thus sparing the firstborn. Did you know that Y'shua (Jesus) was crucified at the time of Passover? He as The Lamb of GOD... "was cut off out of the land of the living" (Isaiah 53:8).

Y'shua (Jesus), Our Passover Lamb shed His Blood to redeem us from the bondage of sin unto the beauty of salvation.

During Passover, as the Seder (Service or Order) is celebrated, there are two ingredients that dominate the ceremony; the MATZAH (Unleavened Bread), and the WINE (fruit of the vine). We partake of each of these items during the observance (Seder) of Pesach (Passover).

Today, as El Shulchan (The LORD's Table) is observed, we are reminded that it originated as The Passover was being celebrated and

1) **SHABBAT**, ALSO KNOWN AS, 'THE SABBATH'

2) **PESACH**, ALSO KNOWN AS, 'PASSOVER'

3) **BIKKURIM**, ALSO KNOWN AS, 'FIRST FRUITS'

4) **SHAVUOT**, ALSO KNOWN AS, 'PENTECOST'

5) **ROSH HA-SHANAH**, ALSO KNOWN AS, 'HEAD OF THE YEAR'

6) **YOM KIPPUR**, ALSO KNOWN AS, 'DAY OF ATONEMENT'

7) **SUKKOT**, ALSO KNOWN AS, 'THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES'

THE ACTUAL SCRIPTURES

NOW, LET US LOOK INTO THE ACTUAL SCRIPTURES THAT REVOLVE AROUND YOM KIPPUR.

FIRST OF ALL, THE ABOVE HOLY DAY IS CELEBRATED AND OBSERVED THROUGHOUT WORLD JEWRY AS A VERY SACRED AND SPIRITUAL EVENT THAT EMBODIES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ALMIGHTY GOD

29: For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

30: And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31: Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

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.

YOM KIPPUR

YOM KIPPUR, FALLS, ACCORDING TO THE MODERN DAY JEWISH CALENDAR, ON THE TENTH DAY OF TISHREI (Usually in late September to early October).

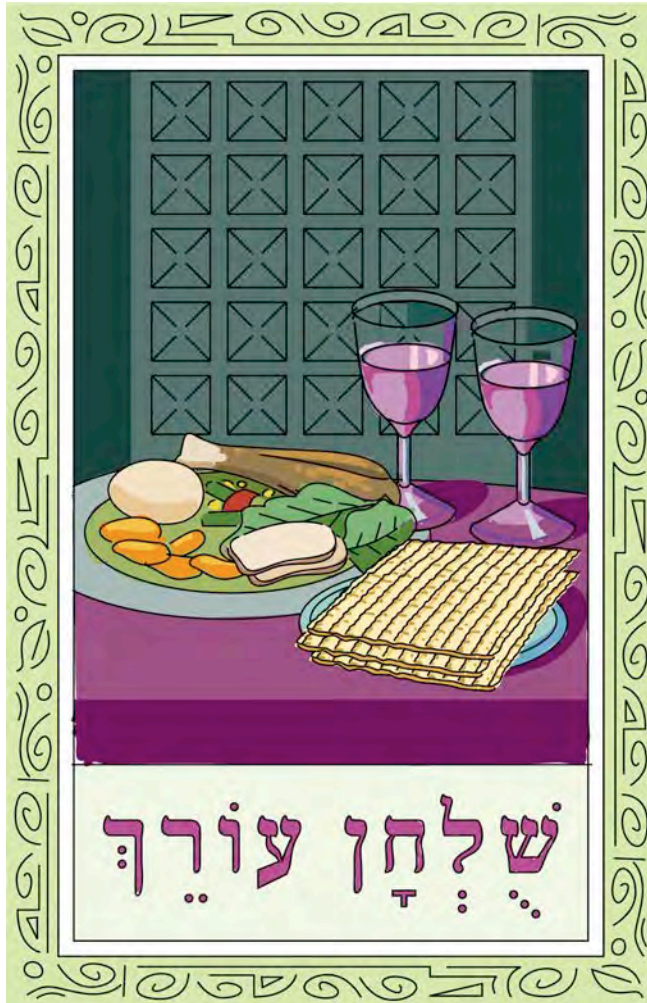
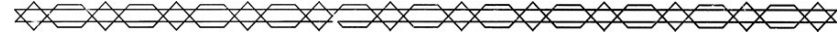
IT IS ONE OF SEVEN 'FEASTS OF THE LORD' THAT ARE FOUND IN THE TWENTY-THIRD CHAPTER OF THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS. HERE IS A LIST OF THEM ACCORDING TO THEIR ORDER:

observed by Jesus and His disciples, with the bread and the wine (the fruit of the vine) which are the integral parts of the Service in which we are reminded of The Broken Body and the shed Blood of Our Messiah Yeshua (Jesus).

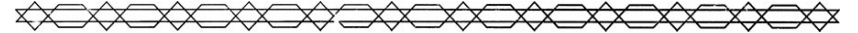
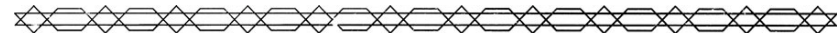
Yes, Messiah (Christ) in The Passover is the fulfillment of all that The Almighty GOD required for the Atonement of the sin of the world.

The Sinless Lamb of God, The LORD Jesus Christ has become our PASSOVER from death unto life, through His death, burial, and RESURRECTION, according to The Word of God.

For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I Corinthians 5:7-8.



The Passover Meal



YOM KIPPUR

By Dr. Elias E. Hidalgo

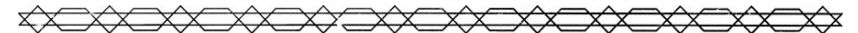
THE BIBLICAL JEWISH WORDS

THE BIBLICAL JEWISH WORDS 'YOM KIPPUR', ACTUALLY MEANS, 'DAY OF ATONEMENT' (OR, COVERING), WHICH COMES FROM TORAH (THE BOOKS OF MOSES), SPECIFICALLY, IT IS FOUND IN:

LEVITICUS 23: 26 - 32

26: And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
 27: Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28: And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.





G'mar Chatima Tova

May you be inscribed

(in the Book of Life) for Good

THE PASSOVER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

By Dr. & Mrs. Elias E. Hidalgo

TWENTY-EIGHT TIMES PESACH (PASSOVER) IS MENTIONED IN THE BRIT HA-DASHA (NEW TESTAMENT) AS A TESTIMONY TO THE VERACITY OF PASSOVER AND IT'S GOD GIVEN ORDINANCE TO ISRAEL AND TO ALL PEOPLE THAT WILL OBSERVE IT ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD.

THE BASIC PRINCIPAL OF KEEPING PASSOVER FOR A CHILD OF GOD COMES FROM THE FACT THAT OUR LORD JESUS KEPT PESACH, AND HE SAW FIT TO LEAVE US THIS WONDERFUL HISTORICAL AND INSPIRATIONAL RECORD IN EVENTS THAT RECORD HIS DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION, THAT IS, THE NEW TESTAMENT.

THEREFORE, WE AT SHALOM SCRIPTURE STUDIES ENJOY AND RELISH THE

OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT JESUS DID LONG AGO, AS RECORDED IN LUKE 22: 15, 'WITH DESIRE I HAVE DESIRED TO EAT THIS PASSOVER WITH YOU BEFORE I SUFFER'.

In The Book of Matthew

Matthew 26:2 Ye know that after two days is [the feast of] the **passover**, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

Matthew 26:17 Now the first [day] of the [feast of] unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the **passover**?

Matthew 26:18 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.

Matthew 26:19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the **passover**.

In The Book of Mark

Mark 14:1 After two days was [the feast of]

OF THINGS IN HEAVEN, AND THINGS IN EARTH, AND THINGS UNDER THE EARTH; AND THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER ...

IN CONCLUSION, WE CAN FULLY UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE ROSH HANUKAH SO MUCH BETTER, IF WE OBSERVE AND KEEP THIS FEAST DAY AS WE REST (SHABBAT) IN OUR LORD Y'SHUA, ACCEPT THE ETERNAL BURNT OFFERING THAT HE MADE FOR US BY RECEIVING AND BELIEVING ON HIM, AND ULTIMATELY WE CAN SURELY RECOGNIZE THAT WE NEED NOT DO ANY SERVILE (NATURAL WORK), FOR OUR MESSIAH HAS GIVEN TO US BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH A NEW BEGINNING ON THIS NEW YEAR.

MAY THE LORD BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU AND STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH AS YOU WALK THIS LIFE'S JOURNEY WITH THE LORD BY YOUR SIDE AS YOUR REWARD AND REWARD.

ALSO, IN HEBREWS 4: 10, WE READ ... FOR HE THAT IS ENTERED INTO HIS REST (SHABBAT), HE ALSO HATH CEASED FROM HIS OWN WORKS, AS GOD DID FROM HIS ...

THEREFORE, AS WE REMEMBER THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS (ROSH HA-SHANAH), LET'S DO SO IN REST (SHABBAT) BEFORE OUR LORD, FOR HE AS THE ETERNAL ONE HAS GRANTED US LIFE FOREVERMORE THROUGH Y'SHUA (JESUS) OUR LORD AND MESSIAH.

THE SACRIFICE:

IN ORDER FOR US TO COMPLETE OUR REMEMBRANCE OF ROSH HA-SHANAH A SACRIFICE (OFFERING) BY FIRE IS TO BE BROUGHT UNTO THE LORD. SINCE THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL WAS DESTROYED IN 70 AD, AND WITH IT'S DESTRUCTION THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM CEASED AND THE PRIESTHOOD ALSO WAS DISCONTINUED. HOW THEN CAN WE HONESTLY BRING A SACRIFICE UNTO THE LORD DURING THIS GREAT FEAST DAY?

John 2:23 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.

John 6:4 And the **passover**, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

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

John 12:1 Then Jesus six days before the **passover** came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

John 13:1 Now before the feast of the **passover**, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

John 18:28 Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it

was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the **passover**.

John 18:39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the **passover**: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

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

The Epistle of I Corinthians

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our **passover** is sacrificed for us:

The Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 11:28 Through faith he kept the **passover**, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

JOIN ME AS WE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROSH HA-SHANAH.

THE SABBATH:

SABBATH MEANS 'REST', AND WAS INSTITUTED BY THE ALMIGHTY GOD IN GENESIS 2: 1 - 3, ... THUS THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH WERE FINISHED, AND ALL THE HOST OF THEM. AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD ENDED HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE; AND HE RESTED (SHABBAT) ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORK WHICH HE HAD MADE. AND GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY, AND SANCTIFIED IT: BECAUSE THAT IN IT HE HAD RESTED (SHABBAT) FROM ALL HIS WORK WHICH GOD CREATED AND MADE ...

THE ALMIGHTY GOD HAD A SHABBAT (REST). NOW IN OUR TEXT IN LEVITICUS, HE COMMANDS A DAY OF REST (SHABBAT) AS THE CIVIL NEW YEAR BEGINS.

IN HEBREWS 4: 9, WE READ ... THERE REMAINETH THEREFORE A REST (SHABBAT) TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD ...

BEGINS TO SET IN THE WEST, A GREAT EVENT WILL BE TAKING PLACE: ROSH-HA-SHANAH (ALSO KNOWN AS THE JEWISH NEW YEAR).

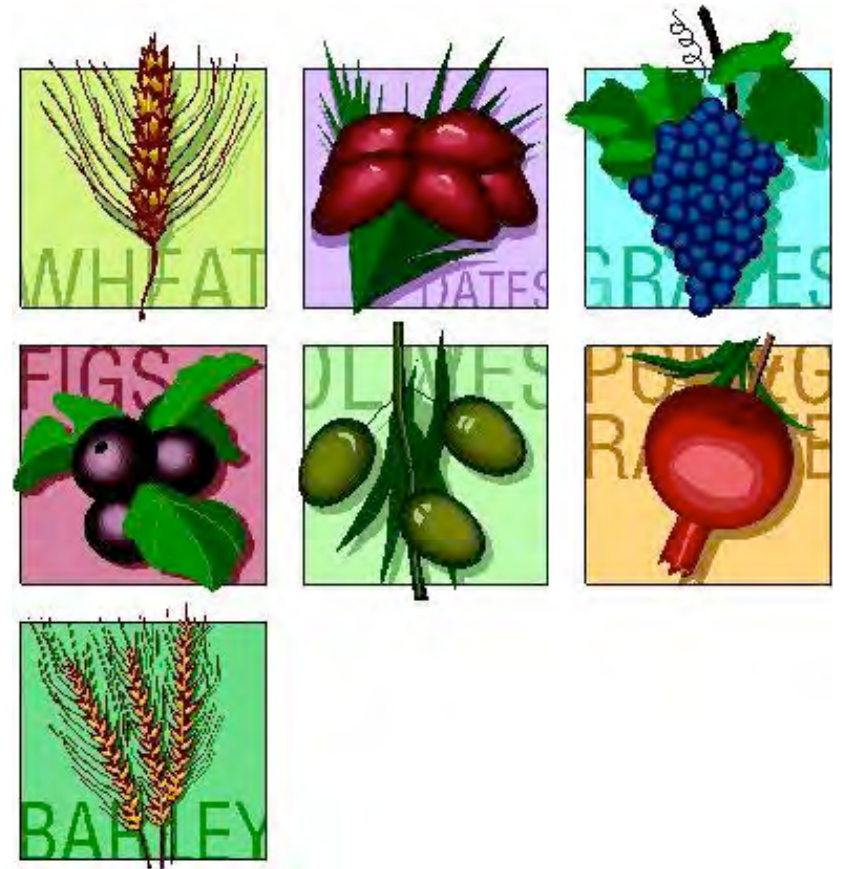
JOIN ME AS WE THINK UPON THIS WONDERFUL DAY. IT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE JEWISH NEW YEAR 5774.

HOW INTERESTING THAT THE LORD WOULD GIVE ISRAEL A CALENDAR (CIVIL) TO GO BY. DID YOU NOTICE THAT IT BEGINS ON THE SEVENTH MONTH?

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE FIRST MONTH OF THE RELIGIOUS CALENDAR IS THE MONTH 'NISSAN' WHICH AS YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW, IS THE MONTH UPON WHICH WE CELEBRATE PESACH (PASSOVER).

NOW, BACK TO ROSH HA-SHANAH WHICH LITERALLY MEANS, 'HEAD OF THE YEAR'.

IT IS TO BE CONSIDERED A SABBATH (A DAY OF REST), AND, A SACRIFICE BY FIRE IS TO BE BROUGHT UNTO THE LORD. LASTLY, NO SERVILE WORK IS TO BE DONE ON THIS DAY.



FIRSTFRUITS

A BRIEF LOOK AT BIKKURIM

By Dr. and Mrs. Elias E. Hidalgo

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HA-BIKKURIM הַבְּכוּרִים

THE DAY OF FIRST FRUITS !!!

THE THIRD FEAST OF THE LORD MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS CHAPTER 23, IS CALLED 'BIKKURIM' (THE FIRST FRUITS). ANOTHER INTERESTING POINT IS THAT IT FALLS ON THE THIRD DAY OF PESACH (PASSOVER).

ON THE FOURTEEN DAY OF NISAN 'PASSOVER' BEGINS, FOLLOWED ON THE SECOND DAY WITH 'UNLEAVENED BREAD' AND ON THE THIRD DAY IT IS 'BIKKURIM' (FIRST FRUITS).

WHY IS BIKKURIM SO IMPORTANT TO US WHO BELIEVE IN THE PROPHETICAL SCRIPTURES THAT ARE FOUND IN THE OLD COVENANT AND COMPLETED IN THE NEW

ROSH HA-SHANAH

(THE JEWISH NEW YEAR)

(Article 2)

By Dr. Elias E. Hidalgo

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT NEARLY THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED YEARS AGO AS RECORDED IN THE HOLY BIBLE, THE LORD GOD SPOKE TO MOSES, AS WRITTEN IN LEVITICUS 23: 24 - 25, SAYING, ... SPEAK UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, SAYING, IN THE SEVENTH MONTH, IN THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH, SHALL YE HAVE A SABBATH, A MEMORIAL OF BLOWING OF TRUMPETS, AN HOLY CONVOCATION. YE SHALL DO NO SERVILE WORK THEREIN: BUT YE SHALL OFFER AN OFFERING MADE BY FIRE UNTO THE LORD ...

IMAGINE, SOMETHING SAID SO LONG AGO, IS STILL REMEMBERED AND COMMEMORATED TODAY.

ON SEPTEMBER THE 4TH, 2013 AS THE SUN

YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT." (MATTHEW 11: 28-30).



THE WESTERN WALL

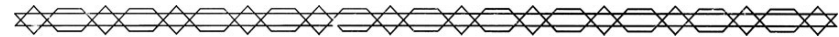
COVENANT, IN AND THROUGH THE VERY PERSON OF Y'SHUA (JESUS) OUR LORD?

LAMA (WHY)?

BECAUSE, Y'SHUA JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF BIKKURIM, AS WRITTEN AND CONFIRMED IN HOLY WRIT FOR OUR BENEFIT NOW AND (OLAM) ALWAYS.

WITHOUT THE REDEMPTIVE LINE MENTIONED IN GOD'S WORD, THAT HAS PROGRESSED FROM THE DAYS OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN WHEN ADAM AND EVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD EVEN UNTIL NOW, WE WOULD BE WITHOUT HOPE AND IN ETERNAL DARKNESS.

EL SHADDAI (THE ALMIGHTY GOD), HAS GIVEN TO US HIS LIGHT AND SALVATION THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD, THAT IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME GOD SENT HIS SON TO BE OUR 'FIRST FRUITS'. THOSE INDIVIDUALS (ISRAEL) THAT ACTUALLY LIVED IN THE DAYS OF THESE INITIAL PROCLAMATIONS THAT THE ALMIGHTY GOD WOULD PROVIDE FOR ALL OF MAN KIND AND THROUGHOUT THE AGES A WAY OF BEING FORGIVEN OF SIN



AND IT'S SORROW, AND HE DID.

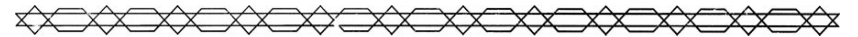
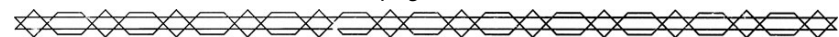
YOU AND I HAVE ALSO BENEFITED FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE SACRIFICES AS DESCRIBED, NOT ONLY FOR ISRAEL, DEMONSTRATING GOD'S LOVE FOR THEM AND ULTIMATELY HIS PRECIOUS ATONEMENT AND SACRIFICE THROUGH Y'SHUA (JESUS) OUR LORD FOR THEM AS WELL AS FOR US, THANK YOU LORD.

IN REFERENCE TO OUR SUBJECT 'BIKKURIM', HERE IS A WONDERFUL SCRIPTURE THAT WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT ENJOY READING,

Number 28:26,

'Also in the day of the Firstfruits (BIKKURIM), when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work':

ALSO, HERE IS A REMINDER OF THE LORD'S COMMANDMENT, AFTER PASSOVER AND ON THE THIRD DAY, CALLED 'BIKKURIM' THE DAY OF FIRST FRUITS,



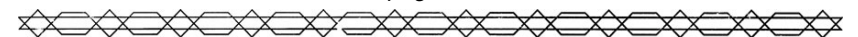
HAS BEEN OFFERED AND ACCEPTED BY THE LORD IN THE PERSON OF OUR BLESSED MESSIAH, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THROUGH HIS DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION.

LET US HEAR

"LET US HEAR THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER: FEAR GOD, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN. FOR GOD SHALL BRING EVERY WORK INTO JUDGMENT, WITH EVERY SECRET THING, WHETHER IT BE GOOD, OR WHETHER IT BE EVIL." (ECCLESIASTES 12: 13-14).

"HE HATH SHEWED THEE, O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD: AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF THEE, BUT TO DO JUSTLY, AND TO LOVE MERCY, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH THY GOD?" (MICAH 6: 8).

"COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO



PESACH (PASSOVER).

ISN'T THAT INTERESTING?

ISN'T THAT INTERESTING? WHAT THE ALMIGHTY GOD HAS CALLED THE FIRST MONTH OF THE YEAR, MEN HAVE CHOSEN RATHER TO CALL THE SEVENTH MONTH, THE FIRST? THINGS OF THIS NATURE ALWAYS REMIND ME OF THE FAMOUS ABBOTT AND COSTELLO PARADOX, 'WHO'S ON FIRST?'

NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG

NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG, I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD OBSERVE AND REMEMBER THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH AS THE HOLY BIBLE TELLS US, AS THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS, AS A SPECIAL DAY, A SABBATH DAY, A NO SERVILE DAY, A SERVICE DAY IN HONOR OF OUR LORD AND GOD, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB. AND AS WE REJOICE IN THIS WONDERFUL DAY, WE SHOULD BLOW THE TRUMPET (HA-SHOFAR), TO ANNOUNCE THE FACT THAT THE 'OFFERING MADE BY FIRE'

Deuteronomy 26:1 - 10,

'And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;

That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there (Y'erushalayim - Jerusalem). According to, II Chronicles 33:4, 'Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In 'Jerusalem' shall my name be for ever'.

And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.

And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian (Aramean) ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:

And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:

And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression:

And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

And he hath brought us into this place,

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED. HE THAT BELIEVETH ON HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED: BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HATH NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD." (JOHN 3: 16-18).

IS THERE A SCRIPTURE

IS THERE A SCRIPTURE THAT RELATES TO THE FIRST MONTH OF THE YEAR?

YES, 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."

CLEARLY, THE LORD GOD ANNOUNCES A NEW YEAR FOR HIS PEOPLE (ISRAEL), WITHOUT ANY EQUIVOCATION, AND IT FALLS AT THE OUTSET OF THE FEAST OF

INDIVIDUALS NEAR A BODY OF WATER, AND SYMBOLICALLY, THEY CAST THEIR SINS INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA. BUT NOTICE, THERE IS NO 'BLOOD ATONEMENT', WHICH IS REQUIRED BY TORAH (THE LAW).

AND AS A RESULT

AND AS A RESULT, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT ONE'S SINS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND THE REASON BEING THAT THE HOLY BIBLE ITSELF RECORDS THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH SINS ARE FORGIVEN.

WE READ IN LEVITICUS 17: 11, "FOR THE LIFE OF THE FLESH IS IN THE BLOOD: AND I HAVE GIVEN IT TO YOU UPON THE ALTAR TO MAKE AN ATONEMENT FOR YOUR SOULS: FOR IT IS THE BLOOD THAT MAKETH AN ATONEMENT FOR THE SOUL".

FOR US TODAY, AS JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH INDIVIDUALS, THAT NEED ATONEMENT AND THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS, THE PRICE HAS BEEN PAID, THE ATONEMENT HAS BEEN MADE, THE OFFER OF SALVATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL, "FOR

and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey (Chalav ve Devash).

And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God':

NOW, WHAT DOES ALL OF THE BEAUTY OF 'BIKKURIM' MEAN TO US, TODAY!

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS?

WELL, SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL TOOK PLACE ON THE THIRD DAY, AND THAT SOMETHING WAS THE FULFILLMENT OF 'BIKKURIM' (FIRST FRUITS). IT WAS (NOT 'AFTER' THE THIRD DAY), BUT RATHER, 'ON THE THIRD DAY' WHEN Y'SHUA (JESUS) ROSE FROM THE DEAD COMPLETING THE FULFILLMENT OF BIKKURIM AND PASSOVER, THANK YOU LORD THAT YOU ALWAYS COMPLETE WHAT YOU BEGIN.

REMEMBER THAT THE FIRST DAY OF

PASSOVER (JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS), AND ON SECOND DAY (UNLEAVENED BREAD), HE REMAINED IN THE GRAVE, BUT ON THE THIRD DAY (BIKKURIM), HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD, THUS BRINGING TO PASS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE BEAUTIFUL FEAST OF THE LORD CALLED PESACH (PASSOVER).

THE APOSTLE SAUL-PAUL SPOKE BY THE INSPIRATION OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD THESE WORDS,

I Corinthians 15:20 - 23

'But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the 'firstfruits'; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming'.

THESE VERSES DESCRIBE FOR US AS

THE 'SHOFAR' (RAMS HORN) IS BLOWN AND A HOLY CONVOCATION (GATHERING) IS CALLED, IN ORDER FOR THE PEOPLE TO WORSHIP AND EXALT THE ALMIGHTY LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, WHOM WE KNOW AND UNDERSTAND TO BE, Y'SHUA HA-MASSIACH ADONAI, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

YEAR AFTER YEAR

YEAR AFTER YEAR JEWISH PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD OBSERVE AND REMEMBER ROSH HA-SHANAH AS A MOST SACRED DAY, AND A TIME TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT FOR THEIR SINS AND TRESPASSES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

IN LEVITICUS 23: 25, WE ARE TOLD, "YE SHALL BRING AN OFFERING MADE BY FIRE UNTO THE LORD.", THAT IS, A BLOOD ATONEMENT. THUS, ON THIS DAY SINCE THERE IS NO LONGER A TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM, NO PRIESTHOOD, AND NO SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM, TRADITION HAS EVOLVED INTO THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTION: THE GATHERING OF

ROSH HA-SHANAH
(THE JEWISH NEW YEAR)
(Article 1)

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THE TERM ROSH HA-SHANAH

THE TERM ROSH HA-SHANAH ACTUALLY MEANS 'THE HEAD OF THE YEAR', AND ACCORDING TO THE JEWISH CALENDAR IT FALLS ON THE SEVENTH MONTH (TISHRI). THIS YEAR (2013) IT IS OBSERVED ON THE 4th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, WHICH BEGINS THE YEAR 5774, ACCORDING TO TRADITION.

NOW ISN'T THAT ODD, THAT A NEW JEWISH YEAR WOULD BEGIN ON THE SEVENTH MONTH. ONE WOULD THINK THAT IT WOULD FALL ON THE 'FIRST' MONTH?

WELL, ORIGINALLY, THE ABOVE DAY, ACCORDING TO THE HOLY BIBLE AS FOUND IN LEVITICUS 23: 23-25, IS ACTUALLY CALLED, 'THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS', WHEN

BELIEVERS AND FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, THE BEAUTIFUL POSITION THAT WE HAVE AS BORN AGAIN CHILDREN OF GOD.

Y'SHUA WENT THROUGH THE AGONY OF DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION SO THAT WE CAN ALSO BECOME HIS 'BIKKURIM' (FIRST FRUITS) OF LIFE ETERNAL THROUGH HIM. AMEN.

HERE IS A CLOSING VERSE FOR OUR COMFORT AND CONSOLATION WRITTEN BY THE APOSTLE JOHN AS HE WAS ALSO INSPIRED BY THE VERY BREATH OF GOD, THE RUACH HA KODESH (THE HOLY SPIRIT).

I John 5:11

'And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son'.

BECAUSE HE (JESUS) ROSE FROM THE DEAD, HE BECAME OUR 'BIKKURIM', THUS WE READ IN SCRIPTURE THAT HE IS OUR BLESSED HOPE, WHICH IS ETERNAL.

Titus 2:13,

'Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ';



שנה טובה
Happy New Year



His Word from Genesis to Revelation, then we also in obedience to Him, will be able by faith to receive the power of God in our daily lives so that we can also with the Prophets and Disciples of old, exercise His goodness to others in this matter, according to the Book of Romans, Chapter I,

16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17: For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

May Ha-Shem grant each one of us this marvelous power to communicate His message to the entire world, 'to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile'

Shalom in our blessed Messiah

SHAVUOT (PENTECOST)

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Shavuot is one of the seven feasts of the Lord found in Leviticus chapter 23, and its importance is of paramount value, not only to the Jewish people, but also, to the Christian community.

In the New Testament it is called 'Pentecost', due to the fact that its observance falls on the fiftieth day after the beginning of Passover.

In the days of the Prophet Moses it is believed that on this very day of Shavuot, the Torah (the Law) was given by the Lord God unto Moses to be given to the people of Israel and, to be shared with the entire world. How merciful and kind is the Lord God of heaven and earth.

THE 613 COMMANDMENTS

Within the Torah, the 613 commandments were given, and within the 613 Mitzvots, the Ten Commandments are found. Therefore its principles and laws have been given to the world as a premise by which to live and rule with integrity and wholeness of mind and heart.

Over the millenniums the book that is read on 'Shavuot' is the scroll of Ruth, which depicts the love of God for a Gentile young lady and her devotion and love to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and His people Israel.

IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL

In the Land of Israel today, Shavuot is a public holiday allowing the Israelis to involve themselves with the opportunity to remember God and His wonderful and beneficial treatment of the Jewish people throughout known history.

A favorite food that is partaken of are cheese blintzes, and as such, Jewish people world wide enjoy this delicacy while at the

His followers that were gathered with Him, were endued with power from above, but, its ultimate and complete manifested power, 'publicly' took place on Shavuot (Pentecost).

Isn't wonderful to know and understand that all things are in the Hands of our blessed God and Saviour, and that He brings to pass His good, and acceptable and perfect will, in His time and choosing. To God be all the glory and honour.

OUR CLOSING THOUGHT

Our closing thought comes from the Book of Jude,

24: Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

25: To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

GENESIS TO REVELATION

As we earnestly and seriously take God at



THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Now, please remember that our Lord had previously given to each of His Disciples the 'private' blessing of the Spirit of God, as recorded in the Book of John, Chapter 20,

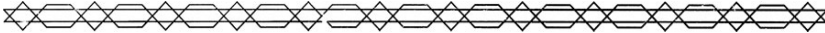
19: Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20: And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21: Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22: And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

When Y'shua (Jesus) said, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost', before the Pentecost experience,



same time remembering the harvest season and God's blessing upon His people and His land, that is, the Land which floweth with milk and honey, Eretz Yisrael (the Land of Israel).

LEVITICUS 23

The following Scriptures from the book of Leviticus, chapter 23, will show us the command of God for Israel, and their responsibility in observance of the same.

15: And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

16: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

17: Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

18: And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD.

19: Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

20: And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

21: And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22: And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy

6: Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7: And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8: And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9: Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

10: Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11: Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

It was on this very day of Pentecost (Shavuot) that those Jewish believers in the Messiah, were endowed with the ability to speak in 'known' tongues as a witness to those Jewish individuals gathered in Jerusalem in obedience and observance of Shavuot.

being told to wait in Jerusalem for the 'promise', or as they did experience, the Comforter from the Father.

IT'S FULFILLMENT

Here is the Scripture of importance in regards to Shavuot and it's fulfillment after almost 1,500 years of waiting from its genesis, and it is found in the Book of Acts, chapter 2,

1: And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2: And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3: And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5: And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD

As you can see by the above reading, that the Lord declares Himself as the one true God and His demand for His children to be obedient to Him, and in so doing, the blessings that follow are without number. Thank you Lord.

Now, the relationship between Shavuot and Pentecost is quite remarkable.

OUR BLESSED MESSIAH

After the death, burial and resurrection of our blessed Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, commissioned His Apostles and Disciples to wait in the City of Jerusalem for the promise of the Father.

The following verses from the Book of Acts, chapter 1, will give us our Scriptural reference for this wonderful feast and fulfillment.

4: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5: For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6: When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7: 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.

8: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9: And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10: And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men

stood by them in white apparel;

11: Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12: Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13: And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14: These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Now, as we continue our journey in search of the culmination of Shavuot in Brit Ha-Dashah (The New Testament), we come face to face with the reason for Jesus' disciples