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## Foreword

*5 Behold, I am sending you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Jehovah. 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the sons, and the heart of the sons to their fathers, that I not come and strike the earth with utter destruction. Malachi 4:5-6*

*16 And he shall turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:16-17*

*3 The voice of him who cries in the wilderness, Prepare the way of Jehovah, make straight a highway in the desert for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked places shall be made level, and the rough places smooth; 5 and the glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken. Isaiah 40:3-5*

*19 Therefore, repent and convert so that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. 20 And He shall send Jesus Christ, who before was proclaimed to you, 21 whom Heaven truly needs to receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of His holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, “The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet to you from your brothers, One like me. You shall hear Him in all things, whatever He may say to you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people.” 24 And also all the prophets from Samuel and those following after, as many as spoke, have likewise foretold of these days. Acts 3:19-24*

*25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and plot to change times and laws. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one-half time. Daniel 7:25*

I decided to use the same *Foreword* for this book, *It Was A Riddle, Not A Command*, as I did in my last two books—*Remembering the Sabbatical Year Of 2016: Breaking the Curses By Obedience*<sup>1</sup> and *The 2,300 Days Of Hell: the 2 Witnesses, Joseph’s 7 Years Of Plenty & 7 Years Of Famine*<sup>2</sup>—published in 2013 and 2014 respectively. Looking back on all that has been accomplished since 2004 when I began this journey, I can now see clearly how it has all been for a reason—and one reason in particular.

The weekly newsletters<sup>3</sup> I launched in 2006—of which you can sign up for—have all proven to be instrumental in educating people about the Sabbatical Years and how they are related to the curses which are globally unfolding all around us right now. They have also been teaching those who come to our websites about keeping *Torah (The Law)* and walking in obedience to Yehovah.

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<sup>3</sup><http://www.sightedmoon.com>

The speaking tours and the production of my first DVD in March of 2008 regarding *The Chronological Order of Prophecy in the Jubilee Cycles*<sup>4</sup> was the direct result of my previous newsletters that went out each Shabbat regarding the very same subject matter. My weekly newsletters have continued each week since 2006 and resulted in *The Prophecies Of Abraham: Declaring the End From the Beginning, & From Ancient Times Things That Are Not Yet Done*<sup>5</sup> in 2009—which was then published as a book in 2010, followed by being nominated for a Nobel Prize in 2011.<sup>6</sup> How many other religious books are afforded this once in a lifetime distinction?

*The Prophecies of Abraham* show you the Sabbatical Years and Jubilee Cycles from the creation of Adam to our present day. They then compare the events in each Jubilee Cycle demonstrating how the curses of *Leviticus 26* and the life and times of Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph reveal prophetic events for the 120<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Cycle we are *now* living in.

My second book, *Remembering the Sabbatical Year 2016*,<sup>7</sup> was written to answer the many questions and objections that keep coming up with regard to the Sabbatical Years and to empirically prove from the *Bible* and history when the Sabbatical and Jubilee Years actually are.

My third book, *The 2,300 Days Of Hell*—published in 2014—explains the *Daniel 9* prophecy and how it could only be understood by understanding the Jubilee Cycles and how this prophecy was *never* about Yehshua, contrary to popular belief. This is a very detailed book and has shocked many once they have read and proven it for themselves.

My fourth book, *The Blood Moons: The Elephant In the Room*<sup>8</sup>—also published in 2014—examines the many Blood Moon warnings that have come upon the Earth during the spring and fall Holy Days before major events that began with the death of Adam and have been recurring throughout the history of Israel on up to this 120<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Cycle. This Blood Moon warning can only be understood when you use the Barley to begin the year and the Crescent Moon to begin the month.

My current book, *It Was A Riddle, Not A Command*,<sup>9</sup> published in July 2019, was produced as a direct result of many Christians attesting to the scripture, “No man can know the day or the hour” in reaction to the many truths revealed by the Sabbatical Years and Jubilee Cycles. This book shows you the truth behind the *Hebrew Idiom* or *Parable* in that it actually *does* tell you the day the Messiah is to return—that very day and hour no man knows.

All of my books, speaking engagements, presentations, answering of emails and phone calls—as well as appearing on radio and TV shows and my presentations being featured on the

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<sup>4</sup><https://bit.ly/311BApq>

<sup>5</sup>*The Prophecies Of Abraham* can be ordered through our store at: <https://sightedmoon.com/store/>,

Amazon at: <http://tinyurl.com/a293j3d>, Barnes & Noble at: <http://tinyurl.com/bjdjhew>, Authorhouse at: <https://bit.ly/2Wp9kP9>,

Google eBooks at: <https://bit.ly/2XAYlYX>, Tweedehands Christelijke Boeken at: <https://bit.ly/2F019CX>

<sup>6</sup>Official letter shared in *Appendix A*, p. 309, of *Remembering the Sabbatical Years Of 2016*

<sup>7</sup>*Remembering the Sabbatical Years Of 2016* can be ordered through our store at: <https://sightedmoon.com/store/>, Amazon at:

<https://amzn.to/2EqUVvz>, Barnes & Noble at: <https://bit.ly/2Wi7zHD>, Xlibris at: <https://bit.ly/2Wlh7Sb>; but also, see footnote<sup>1</sup>

<sup>8</sup>*The Blood Moons: The Elephant In the Room* is only sold as an eBook on our website at: <https://sightedmoon.com/store/>

<sup>9</sup>*It Was A Riddle, Not A Commandment* is only sold as an eBook on our website at: <https://sightedmoon.com/store/>

many videos hosted on our website—have all been done for one reason and one reason *only*. That is, to help people know how to restore the keeping of the Sabbatical Years and Jubilee Cycles—as well as the Holy Days of *Leviticus 23* and the weekly Sabbath—all of which reveal End-Time Prophecy.

This is the very thing the *Book of Malachi* instructs us to do and we would all do well to remember:

*4 Remember the Law of Moses My servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, the statutes and judgments. Malachi 4:4*

Everything I have produced and shared with the public thus far has been for one reason *and one only*—to turn the hearts of the children back to the Father—our Father Yehovah, to be specific. And in so doing that very thing—turning back to Yehovah, the Torah, the Sabbath, the Holy Days of *Leviticus 23*, and the Sabbatical Years—so that in turn, our Father turns His face and heart once again toward us, lest He smite the land (and us) with a curse.

It has not been for fame or glory, and it surely has never been for the money. I still have to work at a full-time job to pay for all I do. No, the reason I do this is so that you, *the brethren*, can learn about the Sabbatical Years, the Jubilee Cycles and the amazing prophecies they reveal to us in these Last Days. But if you do not start by keeping the weekly 7<sup>th</sup> day Saturday Sabbath and the Holy Days as well, you will never fully understand these prophecies.

Again, if you do not keep the Holy Days as you are commanded to in *Leviticus 23*, then you will not understand the prophecies told to you in the *Bible*. But the keeping of the Sabbath is only the beginning. If, in fact, you are keeping these two laws, but you fail to keep the Sabbatical Years and the Jubilee Cycles, you will not (and simply cannot) understand or fully grasp the prophecies specifically being revealed to us in these Last Days either. You are, at best, just guessing at them.

To be certain, we are—beyond a shadow of a doubt—now in the Last Days as each of my books and DVD's have clearly demonstrated to those who have ears to hear and eyes to see. It is only by keeping the weekly Saturday Sabbath, the annual Holy Days that are shown to you in *Leviticus 23*, (and not adding to it nor taking away from it) and by keeping the Sabbatical Years as told to you in *Leviticus 25*, and the Jubilee Cycles, that you can fully understand and comprehend the meaning behind *Daniel's 70 Weeks!*

I am about to show you things that will truly challenge and stretch your mind to the utmost as you grow in your understanding of these things. It will make you angry with those who have been teaching you amiss all your life because they never showed you these things (or worse yet, even so much as hinted at them). Some of your teachers, *in fact*, have lied to you—either by their own ignorance, being deceived themselves or worse yet, *willfully*.

*4 So says Jehovah: "For three transgressions of Judah, yea for four, I will not turn away from it; because they have despised the Laws of Jehovah, and have not kept His commandments. And their lies after which their fathers walked led them astray." Amos 2:4*

*16 For the leaders of this people lead them astray, and those who are guided by them are swallowed up. **Isaiah 9:16***

*11 Then you shall say to them, "Because your fathers have forsaken Me, says Jehovah, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshiped them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My Law. 12 And you have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, you walk each one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, without listening to Me." **Jeremiah 16:11-12***

*19 O Jehovah, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth, and shall say, "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and there is no profit in them." **Jeremiah 16:19***

*14; 39 Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. **Matthew 15:14/Luke 6:39***

*18 "...knowing that you were redeemed from your futile way of life inherited from your fathers, not with what is corruptible, silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Messiah, as of a lamb unblemished in these last times for your sakes." **1 Peter 1:18-19***

Parents can and *do* lead their children astray and then, their children grow up to lead their own children astray and so it goes. Yehovah bestows upon each one of us the not to be taken lightly responsibility of not only validating everything we are taught to make sure it's in alignment with the Word of Yehovah, but also, to train up our children in the way they should go in accordance with all the things Yehovah has revealed to us through His Word.

*21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. **1 Thessalonians 5:21***

The spiritual well-being (just as their physical well-being) of all children will always be dependent upon the parent's faithfulness to Yehovah. Children, by teaching and by rote, will believe and practice the religious beliefs of their fathers and/or mothers. The very spiritual livelihood of your children—with regard to their eternal security—depend wholly on you obeying Yehovah and teaching them truth from Scriptures and not traditions of man which cannot be proven or have no spiritual merit or true spiritual substance.

*16 And he shall turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. **Luke 1:16-17***

In all of this, remember this one prayer that Moses wrote of in *Leviticus 26*, which is later repeated by Solomon in *1 Kings* and then by Daniel in the *Book of Daniel*. If we repent and turn 180° and turn back to keeping *Torah*, then Yehovah will forgive us and remember the covenant He made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He will then remember us, protect us, and take care of us in earnest from that moment on if we just do our part and keep doing our part. We are told in *Exodus* that if we do not obey Him, He will send the punishment on our children and children's children to the third and fourth generations. But, if we choose today—to repent and obey; then He will show us mercy, of which in the *New Testament* is called grace. It was always right there in *Exodus* all along—mercy and grace **"IF"** we repent and obey.

*5 You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them. For I Jehovah your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons to the third and fourth generation of those that hate me, 6 and showing mercy to thousands of those that love Me and keep My commandments. Exodus 20:5-6*

*40 If they shall confess their willfulness and the willfulness of their fathers, with their sin which they sinned against Me, 41 and that also they have walked contrary to Me, I also will walk contrary to them and will bring them into the land of their enemies. If then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they then pay for their iniquity, 42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and also My covenant with Isaac, and also My covenant with Abraham I will remember. And I will remember the land. 43 The land also shall be forsaken by them, and shall enjoy its sabbaths, while it lies waste without them. 44 And they shall accept the punishment of their iniquities; because, even because they despised My judgments, and because their soul hated My statutes. And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I hate them, to destroy them utterly and to break My covenant with them. For I am Jehovah their God. Leviticus 26:40-44*

*45 But for their sakes, I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, so that I might be their God. I am Jehovah. These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which Jehovah made between Him and the sons of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses. Leviticus 26:45-46*

*22 And Solomon stood before the altar of Jehovah in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward the heavens. 23 And he said, Jehovah, the God of Israel, there is no God like You, in Heaven above or on earth beneath, who keeps covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their heart, 24 who have kept with Your servant David my father what You promised him. You also spoke with Your mouth, and have fulfilled with Your hand, as it is today. 25 And now, Jehovah, the God of Israel, keep with Your servant David, my father, what You promised him, saying, “There shall not be cut off from you a man in My sight to sit on the throne of Israel—if your sons take heed to their way so that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.” 1 Kings 8:22-25*

*26 And now, O God of Israel, I pray You, let Your Word be proved to be true, the Word which You spoke to Your servant David my father. 27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this house which I have built? 28 Yet, O, Jehovah my God, You have turned toward the prayer of Your servant and to his request, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant prays before You today; 29 for Your eyes to be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which You have said, My name shall be there; to listen to the prayer which Your servant shall pray toward this place. 1 Kings 8:26-28*

*30 And You shall listen to the cry of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place, and hear in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and when You hear, forgive! 31 If any man sins against his neighbor, and if an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, and if the oath comes before Your altar in this house, 32 then hear in Heaven, and do, and judge Your servants, to declare the wicked to be wicked, to bring his way on his head, and to declare the righteous to be righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. 1 Kings 8:30-32*

*33 When Your people Israel are crushed before the enemy because they have sinned against You, and shall turn again to You and confess Your name, and pray, and cry to You in this house, 34*

*then hear in Heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them again into the land which You gave to their fathers. 35 When the heavens are restrained, and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, if they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin when You afflict them, 36 then hear in Heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, for You shall teach them the good way in which they should walk, and give rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance. 1 Kings 8:33-36*

*37 If there is famine in the land, if there is plague, blasting, mildew, locusts; if there are stripping locusts; if their enemy encircles them in the land of their cities, whatever plague, whatever sickness, any prayer, any supplication from any man of all Your people Israel, who shall each know the plague of his own heart, and shall spread forth his hands toward this house, then hear in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to all his ways, whose heart You know. For You, You only, know the hearts of all the sons of Adam. Do this so that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You have given to our fathers. 1 Kings 8:37-40*

*41 And concerning a stranger who is not of Your people Israel, but who comes out of a far country for Your name's sake; 42 for they shall hear of Your great name and of Your strong hand and of Your stretched-out arm; and if he shall come and pray toward this house, 43 hear in Heaven Your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to You for, so that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name, to fear You, as Your people Israel do, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by Your name. 44 If Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You shall send them, and shall pray to Jehovah toward the city which You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name, 45 then hear in Heaven their prayer and their cry, and maintain their cause. 1 Kings 8:41-45*

*46 If they sin against You (for there is no man who does not sin), and if You are angry with them, and have delivered them up before the enemy, and they have been led away captive to the land of the enemy, far or near, 47 yet if they shall think within themselves in the land where they are carried captives, and repent, and pray to You in the land of their captors saying, "We have sinned and have done perversely, we have done wickedly," 48 and so return to You with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and if they pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, to the city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name, 49 then hear their prayer and their cry in Heaven Your dwelling place, and maintain their cause, 50 and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, even all their sins which they have done against You, and give them pity before their captors, so that they may have pity on them. 51 For they are Your people, and Your inheritance, which You brought out of Egypt, from the middle of the furnace of iron 1 Kings 8:46-51*

*52 For Your eyes shall be open to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your people Israel, to listen to them in all that they call for to You. 53 For You have separated them from among all the people of the earth to be Your inheritance, as You spoke by the hand of Moses Your servant, when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord Jehovah. 54 And it happened as Solomon finished praying all this prayer and petition to Jehovah, he rose from before the altar of Jehovah, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 1 Kings 8:52-54*

It is time to repent from disobeying Yehovah and refusing or failing to fully observe His *Torah*. All the indicators are in place that we are at the end of this age or in the Last Days. May

Yehovah bless you in your understanding and comprehension of the things I am about to share with you.

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We ran an ad campaign on Facebook in an attempt to introduce many Christians to our books about the End-Times. The resounding theme that kept repeating most was, “**No man can know the hour or the day.**” It was nothing short of frustrating to hear this all too common and recurring response due in large part to the fact they have all long since stopped looking because they are blinded by this *Hebrew Parable*.

After a number of discussions with James and Pauline, they both told me I was under spiritual obligation to address and confront this blindness head-on. I soon realized this meant I would have to write yet *another* book. I had *no desire* nor any intention of writing another book. I also had no time.

And yet, the more I thought about it, the more I realized I had already written most of the book in various newsletters over the years. All I had to do was collect and condense them, find a way to make them flow into one cohesive whole, and edit them. So, this is what we did and I then had Jan read the first draft to see if she understood what I was trying to do.

Here is her response:

*Joe mentioned his new book coming out called, “No Man Knows the Day Or the Hour.”(Now changed to “It was a Riddle Not a Command”) I am humbled to be asked by him to review it. This is my response to you the readers. This is truly the MOST AMAZING BOOK I have read from a Torah perspective. There is SO MUCH explained in this book. Yes, much of it comes from prior newsletters, but seeing it all presented in a most wonderful flow makes it an awesome, truly educational read. For anyone new to Torah, this book MUST be bought. For anyone very knowledgeable of everything, it still MUST be bought for ease of sharing the truth with others. For anyone trying to reach loved ones, this book MUST be bought... multiple copies of it. Joe, you have outdone yourself... again.*

*I truly did not expect the book to be as all-encompassing as it is. So, EVERYONE... WRITE THIS DOWN. Write down the name of this book. Do NOT forget about it. It will take time for the editor to do her job and for it to get published, so that means you have time to save your money so you can be prepared to purchase multiple copies when it comes available. This book will be so helpful for all the Pastors leading congregations in the Philippines, Burundi, and India too. A great reference book for everyone. I can hardly wait to get my hands on both hard copy and e-book forms so I can start sharing it. ~Jan Sytsma*

Another lady who has proven indispensable to me is Joli Darling, who has been my editor of choice for all three of my previous books: *The Prophecies Of Abraham*, published in 2010; *Remembering the Sabbatical Years Of 2016*, published in 2013; and, *The 2,300 Days Of Hell*, published in 2014; and also, this current book as well.

Joli is very thorough, methodical and accurate in the manner in which she edits books. She has done many other noteworthy projects also. Even more important to me as a writer is the that she knows my subject matter and understands what it is I am trying to convey. She has an amazing grasp of Scripture and a recollection of things I have written in previous books, which I find to be especially helpful. I cannot thank her enough for the wonderful help she has been to me with respect to all of my written works and in helping me to bring them to fruition.

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Above all, I acknowledge and thank Yehovah—the Creator of all things—who has reached down from His throne and revealed these truths unto me. I began this walk in 1982, but have been on a flat out run the past 14 years since He first began to show me these things from the pages of His *Torah* and from history. Since 2005 to be exact—I have had to answer and prove each and every question that has been put to me with respect to the Sabbatical Years and the plan of Yehovah.

This book, *It Was Riddle, Not A Command*, is my way of sharing the answers to all of those who do not understand the *Hebrew Idiom or Parable*, “No man can know the day or the hour,” so you can study the answers I am about to provide you with and search out the answers for yourselves.

That being said, may Yehovah bless you, shine His face upon you, be gracious unto you, and reveal these truths to you *as well*, as you search them out and strive to better and more deeply understand His *Torah*.

## Chapter 1 | The Riddle

When Jesus (Hebrew name: Yeshua) made the following statement in the *Gospels of Matthew and Mark*:

**36; 32** *But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only...*” **Matthew 24:36/Mark 13:32**

He was presenting a riddle or a parable so everyone could hear, but was also *intentionally* hiding the prophecy so no one could understand it until the Last Days.

Every time I teach about the Sabbatical Years and Jubilee Cycles—alongside of the Holy Days of *Leviticus 23*—the prophecies show themselves as taking place during certain years and on very specific days. Almost all Christians, when they see me doing this, quote, shout out or think of the scripture in the *Gospel of Matthew* below that Yeshua said and then seek to justify themselves for not feeling under any spiritual obligation to listen to anything further I have to say.

**34** *Yeshua said all this to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable, so that what was spoken by the prophet might be filled, saying, “I shall open My mouth in parables, I shall pour forth what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.”* **Matthew 13:34**

Here, Matthew is quoting David in the *Book of Psalms*:

*I Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter riddles from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.* **Psalm 78:1**

Again, we are told that Yeshua spoke to the crowds and His Disciples in parables or riddles:

**34** *With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.* **Mark 4:34**

We also see a repeat of this theme in the *Gospel of John* about the Good Shepherd and how the crowds did not understand.

**6** *This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.* **John 10:6**

Many Christians believe Yeshua taught in parables to make His message clearer, but contrary to popular belief, that is *not* what *Scripture* is telling us. He spoke to them in parables intentionally so they would not understand what He was saying even though they heard His message. The Disciples did not understand either. They repeatedly asked Yeshua to explain His parables to them.

*10 And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. 11 And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, 12 so that 'they may indeed see but not perceive and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.'" 13 And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"* **Mark 4:10-13**

## Chapter 2 | Do You Presume To Understand Today?

To this day, many Christians presume they understand what Yeshua was saying. And yet, even those in Israel—in the life and times of Moses and Jeremiah, *as well as* in the life and times of the Disciples and Apostles—did not understand.

*2 And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: “You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. I have led you forty years in the wilderness.”* **Deuteronomy 29:2**

*21 “Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not.”* **Jeremiah 5:21**

*2 The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not, who have ears to hear, but hear not, for they are a rebellious house.”* **Ezekiel 12:2**

*8 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.”* **Romans 11:8**

Although the Apostle Paul was talking about Israel with regard to their checkered, spiritual past, those same words he wrote above *and below* can *and do* apply to all of Christendom today.

*3 But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.* **2 Corinthians 3:14**

*1 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.* **2 Corinthians 4:1**

In this next passage, Isaiah describes prophetically the sad condition we see today. “Israel” in prophecy generally refers to *both* “houses.” Namely, the House of Judah—which includes the Jews *as well as* the House of Joseph—all of which migrated to the western nations. This is why Jews and Christians *both* worship the God of Abraham, whereas other religions do not.

*18 Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.* **Isaiah 42:18**

## Chapter 3 | Open My Eyes So I Might See

Stop right now and pray this little prayer from *the Book of Psalms*:

*18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me! My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times. You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments. Psalm 119:18*

As I have already illustrated to you from Scripture, Yeshua didn't want them to understand, didn't want to convert them, and didn't want to save them. Why was Yeshua employing this approach? Why was He purposely speaking to them so they would not perceive what He was actually saying?

In the *Gospel of Matthew*, we find the answer:

*10 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" 11 And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: 'You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.'"* **Matthew 13:10-14**

*15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.' 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. 17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."* **Matthew 13:15-17**

In case you missed this, please read this again...

*14 "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed."* **Matthew 13:14-15**

But also, read the following verses that directly relate:

**40** *"They have put out their eyes and darkened their hearts lest they shall see with their eyes and understand in their hearts and should be converted and I would heal them."*<sup>10</sup> **John 12:40 | Aramaic Bible In Plain English**

*4 Those whose intellects The God of this world has blinded, because they do not believe, lest the light of The Gospel of the glory of The Messiah, who is the image of God, should dawn upon them.*<sup>11</sup> **2 Corinthians 4:4 | Aramaic Bible In Plain English**

<sup>10</sup><https://biblehub.com/john/12-40.htm>

I dare say that many adherents of Christianity—if not all—staunchly hold fast to this position. They hear and *think* they understand, but they do not. But how do we know for certain this is the rule vs. the exception with respect to the current Christian mindset?

We know because the majority of professing Christians disregard the *Old Testament* across the board, which is the rudimentary and overarching foundation for understanding the *New Testament*. Many even disregard all the prophetic admonitions of the teachings found in the *Books Of the Prophets* given the fact they are located in the *Old Testament* and despite the fact those prophecies *therein* are in place especially with regard to the end of the age we are now in and do *not* pertain to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple destruction as many are erroneously taught. They disregard the *Books of Hebrews* and *Revelation* also because they are deemed “too Jewish.”

They even go so far as to sorely misunderstand and grossly take Paul out of context, not realizing the majority of his scorn was directed at the *Oral Law* (or *Talmud*) and *not* the *Written Law* (*Torah*) Of Moses. They have been falsely taught that *The Law* has been done away with through the *Epistles of Paul* by believing he is condemning *Torah*. But truth be told, it is the *Talmud* he is condemning, which consists of man-inspired laws and traditions. As believers, we have a difficult enough time keeping 10, *much less* 613 commandments! Paul understood this more than anyone!

Every single instance of Paul or Yehshua condemning the Pharisees and Sadducees was in reference to the *Oral Law* written by man and *not* the Laws etched in Tablets of Stone by Yehovah Himself. There is not a single occurrence in all of *Scripture* where *Torah* or the *Written Law of Moses*—given to the people by Yehovah Himself—is declared null and void.

I will make every effort to provide you with additional proofs concerning *The Law* later in this book. But for now, let’s continue by reading from the *Book of I John*.

*3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 1 John 2:3-6*

John upholds *The Commandments*, which are first referenced—then respectively summarized—into 10 categories in *Exodus 20*. The detailed interpretation then follows. Yehovah doesn’t leave His *10 Commandments* up to individual interpretation, as many Christians have mistakenly presumed.

*43 “Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do*

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<sup>11</sup>[https://biblehub.com/2\\_corinthians/4-4.htm](https://biblehub.com/2_corinthians/4-4.htm)

*you not believe me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” John 8:43-47*

*24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are one.” John 10:24-30*

What exactly is going on here? Why is Yeshua saying things in a manner we do not understand?

## Chapter 4 | Few Are Chosen

Why is Yeshua depicting spiritual truths in a manner we do not understand?

Yeshua explains the answer to this in the *Wedding Parable* in the *Gospel of Matthew*:

*1 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again, he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.”* **Matthew 22:1-7**

*8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go, therefore, to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.’”* **Matthew 22:8-14**

Right there, at the very end, you are told: *“For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

Now read what Yeshua says in the *Gospel of John*:

*13 “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.” 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.* **John 15:13-17**

Did you catch it?

*14 “You are my friends if you do what I command you...”* **John 15:14**

He also said:

*16 “You did not choose me, but I chose you...”* **John 15:16**

It is nothing short of mind-numbing to suddenly be hit with the realization that Yeshua did not speak in order to illuminate the masses. He was calling upon the chosen few—that is, those who had ears to hear and eyes to see—and teaching *only them* at this time.

*4 Those whose intellects The God of this world has blinded, because they do not believe, lest the light of The Gospel of the glory of The Messiah, who is the image of God, should dawn upon them. 2 Corinthians 4:4 | Aramaic Bible In Plain English*

It is no different today. Many are still being called, but only a few are actually being chosen. But you *do* get to choose if you will be one of the chosen or not. But only if you obey the words Yeshua said: "...if you *do* what I command you."

Does it still sound like Yeshua *did away with* His own *Law*—especially when you take into account He only does and speaks what the Father tells Him?!

*28 Yeshua spoke again to them: "When you have lifted up The Son of Man, then you shall know that I AM THE LIVING GOD, and I do nothing for my own pleasure, but just as my Father has taught me, so I am speaking." John 8:28 | Aramaic Bible In Plain English*

*31 "But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father has given Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go away from here." John 14:31*

## Chapter 5 | The Disciples Did Not Understand

It was only *after* His resurrection that Yehshua would speak more plainly to His Disciples. Before that—as you have read in the previous chapter—not even they understood the full import of what they were being told.

*25 “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.” John 16:25*

If you know where to look, you can find repeated instances of how the Disciples did not have a firm grasp on those things Yehshua was saying.

*16 And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. 17 And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? **Do you not yet perceive or understand?** Are your hearts hardened? 18 Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” They said to him, “Twelve.” 20 “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” And they said to him, “Seven.” 21 And he said to them, “**Do you not yet understand?**” Mark 8:16-21*

*30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, 31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” 32 **But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.** Mark 9:30-32*

*43 But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, 44 “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.” 45 **But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it.** And they were afraid to ask him about this saying. Luke 9:43-45*

It was only after The Resurrection that the 12 Disciples began to understand all these riddles and parables of Yehshua.

*12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” John 12:12*

**His Disciples did not understand these things at first**, but when Yehshua was glorified, they suddenly were quickened with regard to all these things that had been written about Him and done unto Him.

*31 And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33 And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” 34 **But they***

***understood none of this, and this word was hidden from them, and they did not know what was being said. Luke 18:31-34***

Ironically, the Disciples were unable to comprehend the meaning of it *even though* they were 100% convinced He was the Messiah. They did not understand right up until the day He died or even after He appeared to them. They did not believe the accounts of Mary or Mary Magdalen. Thomas himself doubted until he saw the nail imprints in the palms of Yehshua's hands.

***44*** Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ***45*** Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ***46*** and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ***47*** and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ***48*** You are witnesses of these things. ***49*** And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." **Luke 24:44-49**

## Chapter 6 | Who Opens Our Eyes?

Did you take note of this in the previous *Gospel of Luke* passage?

**45** “Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” **Luke 24:45**

This is why I asked you to pray at the start and to do so again now. Pray this little prayer from the *Book of Psalms* and ask for the understanding and knowledge you are going to need in order to see these truths that remain hidden even to this day.

**18** *Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.* **19** *I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!* **20** *My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.* **21** *You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones who wander from your commandments.* **Psalms 119:18-21**

**5** *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.* **James 1:5**

**1** *My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, 2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, 3 if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; 7 he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, 8 guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.* **Proverbs 2:1-8**

**9** *Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; 10 for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will watch over you, 11 understanding will guard you, 12 delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech, 13 who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, 14 who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil, 15 men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.* **Proverbs 2:9-15**

Will you be one of the chosen few?

**13** *This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.* **Matthew 13:13**

**16** *But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.* **Matthew 13:16-17**

Once the 12 Disciples were given the Holy Spirit at Pentecost—which is, again, one of the Holy Days of *Leviticus 23*—they began to preach with wisdom, insight, and understanding.



## Chapter 7 | The Time Of the End

Many of The Prophets did not know or understand what they were prophesying at the time. Even Daniel did not understand all he was told even after the angel explained it to him.

*4 “But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” 5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. 6 And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?” 7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. 8 I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” 9 He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. 10 Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. **And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.”***  
**Daniel 12:4-10**

All of these prophecies are being revealed to those who now are learning to KNOW God and are willing to diligently search the *Scriptures* and keep *His Commandments*. We are at the end of line and the end of the age when prophecy is, at long last, being revealed. The very book Daniel was told to shut up has now been opened up.

*9 And He said, Go, Daniel! For the words are closed up and sealed until the end-time. **Daniel 12:9***

Let's continue...

*15 When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. 16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.” 17 So, he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, “Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end.” **Daniel 8:15-17***

And even after having the vision explained to him, Daniel *still* did not understand about what was to happen in the End-Times, but the horrors he saw in his dreams made him sick.

*27 And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and **did not understand it. Daniel 8:27***

## Chapter 8 | Who Are the 5 Foolish Virgins?

In the *Gospel of Matthew*, we are told of the *Parable of the Ten Virgins*. It is crucial that you understand this parable.

*1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”* **Matthew 25:1-13**

The most sobering words in the entire *Bible* are spoken to you right here in this passage. The Christ, Jesus, Yeshua, your Messiah that you so adamantly claim you are worshipping and following says:

*13 “Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.” Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”* **Matthew 25:13**

Why would He say He did not know them? May I remind you the main subject of this book is, “**You do not know the day or the hour**” and it is also mentioned here, after dismissing the five foolish virgins whom Yeshua does not know!

We also read in the *Gospel of Matthew* identical words being put to those who liken themselves to be followers of the Messiah.

*21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”* **Matthew 7:21-23**

The most unsettling words in the Bible are spoken here as well. In this case, however, these same words are elaborated on a bit more so as to help us understand why those addressed are being dismissed, have fallen short of the glory of the Messiah, and are being shut out of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Those in question are known for prophesying and casting out demons in His name. They have done all manner of great works in His name and are even considered to be *part and parcel* of the bridal party. They give *every appearance* of looking *just like* those who are to be accepted, but yet, are told He does not know them and that they are lawless.

These foolish virgins and would-be Brides of Christ are those who look and act religious and yet, do not—in spirit or in truth—*know* the Messiah nor are they known by Him.

*13 And the Lord said: Forasmuch as this people draw near, and with their mouth and with their lips do honor Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear of Me is a commandment of men learned by rote. Isaiah 29:13 | JPS Tanakh 1917*

*8 “This people is honoring me with their lips but their heart is very far from me.” Matthew 15:8 | Aramaic Bible In Plain English*

*5 “...having the appearance of godliness (religion), but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” 2 Timothy 3:5 | Jubilee Bible 2000*

This could be any one of us. How are we to know whether we are the foolish or the wise ones?

*4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness. 1John 3:4*

*23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’” Matthew 7:21-23*

Lawlessness are those who do not keep the Law. These are the ones Yeshua speaks to saying; *‘I never knew you.’* Which group will you be found in?

## Chapter 9 | What, Exactly, Is the Oil They Must Buy?

A lamp is trimmed when the wick is turned either up or down to regulate the level and intensity of the flame. If a lamp becomes devoid of oil, it does not matter *how much* one trims it—the lamp will go out the moment the oil is consumed in full.

Everyone becomes more interested in prophecy when it seems imminent. Events we see unfolding all around us are causing grave concerns for us all. This is understandable—especially for those who do *not know* and do *not understand*. These are the ones who have *every reason* to be the most anxious.



Those who know, understand, and obey are already keeping watch and are already ready and fully equipped spiritually. The foolish virgins are amongst those who proceed to open up their Bibles to pinpoint the particulars of where Christ is waiting for them; but with the oil of the Holy Spirit producing only a dim light in their case at best, they lack the spiritual insight to actually find Him. It is as though the foolish virgins are stumbling around in the dark trying to understand the *Word of God*, but they cannot.

As a result, the foolish virgins are in a state of total panic. They realize they cannot understand and do not have the faith to believe. Or, even if they possess the faith, they have not the wisdom, knowledge or understanding of *Scripture* to be absolutely certain of such things. They begin to question certain tenets of their faith they have long since deemed to be a given.

Things such as whether or not The Rapture really is going to happen before anything serious comes upon the Earth by way of trials and tribulations—namely, the Great Tribulation. They

have heard people strongly suggest otherwise, and cannot help but wonder if there is any truth to any of the opposing arguments they have heard. They ask those they deem wise for help in understanding, but there is an inherent problem.

We are told in the *Book of James* of something that takes us a considerable amount of time to do—something we cannot just procrastinate about and then suddenly be in the way of doing at the last minute, like a college student cramming for a final exam the night before.

*14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? 17 So also, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.<sup>[1]</sup> 18 But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? **James 2:14-20***

*21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. **James 2:21-26***



The five foolish virgins cannot just venture forth and buy the kind of oil they need for their lamps at the last minute. And too, one cannot just acquire this type of oil by going to a local “oil market”—as if such a thing even existed.

Oil was poured on the heads of biblical Kings on their inauguration day; but also, upon the heads of High Priests. Oil is a widely understood symbol of the Holy Spirit and therefore, does not require a detailed explanation. But there is a key passage in Scripture that conclusively links the Holy Spirit to the oil directly. It can be found in the *Gospel of Luke*:

*18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. Luke 4:18*

Here, “*The Spirit of the Lord*” and the oil of anointing are *directly* linked! In this context, anointing oil is depicted as a physical representation of Yeshua being given the Holy Spirit to perform these functions for Yehovah in His service to man.

The above passage in the *Gospel of Luke* is predicated on the prophetic passage below in the *Book of Isaiah*. Yeshua was prolifically quoting this prophecy:

*1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners. Isaiah 61:1*

The passage below in the *Book of Acts* is also symbolic of the oil in this respect:

*38 “You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” Acts 10:38*

Again, reference is made to the anointing—an act normally done with oil—of the Holy Spirit. Peter then adds, “with power,”—a distinction not noted in *Luke 4:18*.

Although Yeshua was badly bruised in service, He never lacked power. In sharp contrast, we are rarely bruised, broken, or crushed in service; but when we are, we are usually rendered powerless in the process. The truth being, the greatest marriage of all the zeal and knowledge in the world is useless without Yehovah’s Holy Spirit providing the right perspective, attitude, and intention for any understanding we come into, service we perform, or spiritual pursuit we engage in.

That being said, we are told how we are to receive the Holy Spirit in the *Book of Acts*:

*37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:37-38*

## Chapter 10 | Repent Of Your Sins

We are all called to repent for the forgiveness of our sins. What exactly *is* sin then?

*4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. 1 John 3:4-10*

Sin is being lawless. Those who do not keep the laws are sinners. Is this not exactly what you were told in the *Book of Matthew*, by Yehshua?

*21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"* **Matthew 7:21-23**

The workers of lawlessness—or those who do not and will not keep *The Law*—are the very same ones Yehshua emphatically proclaims He does not know.

We read in the *Book of Psalms* how *The Commandments* are what makes us righteous.

*172 Let my tongue sing of your word; For all your commandments are righteousness. Psalm 119:172*

We are told to put on righteousness the very same way we are to put on white robes.

*14 "I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; My justice was like a robe and a turban." Job 29:14*

*8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:8*

*10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Isaiah 61:10*

*17 He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; and He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle. Isaiah 59:17*

*5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, and faithfulness the belt about His waist. Isaiah 11:5*

*6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. Isaiah 64:6*

*9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your godly ones sing for joy. Psalm 132:9*

*4 He spoke and said to those who were standing before him, saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him" Again he said to him, "See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with festal robes." Zechariah 3:4*

*4 "But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy." Revelation 3:4*

And again, in the *Book of I John* and the *Gospel of John*, we are told about those who claim they know Yeshua and yet, do not keep *The Commandments*.

*4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 1 John 2:4-6*

*23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me." John 14:23-24*

*1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. 5 And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:1-5*

You must keep *The Commandments* in order to know God. You must keep *The Commandments* in order to put on the white robes of righteousness. You must keep *The Commandments* in order to be known by God and NOT be told of Him He never knew you.

The question again, being, *how* do we get the oil for our lamps that the five foolish virgins failed to acquire? First, we showed you how the oil is representative of the Holy Spirit and we receive the Holy Spirit when we repent of our sinning and start keeping *The Commandments*.

*37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Act 2:37-38*

Now read what John has to say about how to receive the Holy Spirit.

*15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. John 14:15-17*

We come to know God and prove to Him our love for Him by keeping *The Commandments* and this, in turn, is how He comes to know us. He sees our heart as we strive to obey Him and the struggles we must overcome to do so. Then Yehovah God, our Father, will send the Holy Spirit to dwell in us.

*21 "Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him." John 14:21*

*23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him." John 14:23*

*10 "If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love." John 15:10*

*3 By this we can be sure that we have come to know Him: if we keep His commandments. 1 John 2:3*

*3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 1 John 5:3*

*6 And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the very commandment you have heard from the beginning, that you must walk in love. 1 John 1:6*

By keeping His *Commandments*, you:

- ...get the Holy Spirit.
- ...get white robes of righteousness
- ...get wisdom, knowledge, & understanding
- ...come to know (& become known) by Yehovah
- ...become indwelt by God
- ...are no longer lawless
- ...are loved by Yehovah

## Chapter 11 | But the Commandments Are Nailed To the Cross!

Many professing Christians are now struggling<sup>12</sup> to find a *New Testament* scripture that supports their misconception *God's Law* has been “done away with.” Many are even going so far as to point to *Colossians 2:14* to “prove” Jesus Christ nailed the *Law of God* to the cross. In fact, this verse is well on its way to becoming a major linchpin in many a fallacious argument that Christians are not required to keep God's harsh *Old Testament Law*. Proponents of such a teaching say that the *Handwriting of Requirements* [ordinances, **KJV**]” refers to *The Law* “that was against us.”

They further claim that Christ “took it out of the way” or abolished *The Law* and deny the following passage in *Scripture* where Christ unequivocally states in the *Book of Matthew*:

*17 Do not think that I have come to revoke The Written Law or The Prophets; I am not come to revoke but to fulfill. Matthew 5:17 | Aramaic Bible In Plain English*

Does the **Colossians 2:14** passage really do away with *God's Law*? What is the *Handwriting of Requirements*, exactly? What really was “nailed... to the cross?” Let us now carefully examine this scripture to see what Paul is truly saying.

First of all, note the context. In *verses 11-13*, Paul explains what Christ did for us and how those who have believed in Him are now spiritually circumcised:

*11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses. Colossians 2:11-13*

Here, we see how this subject matter is the means of our justification. Paul is pointing out to us that when we repented and were baptized, the “old man” of sin was buried in a watery grave and our sins were completely forgiven through our faith in Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection. After being raised out of the water, we were then “made alive” with Him and had God's righteousness imputed to us as a result. Paul refers to this process as a “circumcision made without hands.” Or, in other words, a spiritual circumcision.

### Handwriting of Requirements

The first part of *verse 14* continues the sentence begun at the end of *verse 13*. Paul continues to explain how our justification was accomplished. In its entirety, the passage reads:

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*13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. Acts 2:13-14*

But what again, exactly, was this *Handwriting of Requirements*?

These words are translated from the Greek phrase, *Cheirographon Tois Dogmasin*. “Cheirographon” means anything written by hand, but can more specifically apply to a legal document, bond, or note of debt. “Dogmasin” refers to decrees, laws and/or ordinances; but in this context means a body of beliefs or practices that have become the guidelines governing a person’s conduct or way of life.



What Paul is getting at is, in His death, Christ wiped out the note of guilt or debt we once owed as a result of our sins—sins which resulted from our past way of life.

Before repentance, our lives had been governed by the standards and values of this present, evil world—the “decrees, laws and ordinances” of the society in which we lived.

Now that we have repented and accepted Christ, we have embarked on a new way of life and are living by God’s standards and values. Consequently, God has wiped out the debt we acquired as a

result of our sins and has imputed His righteousness to us.

Another way of determining what the *Handwriting of Requirements* means involves noticing how it restates the phrase immediately before it. “Having wiped out the *Handwriting of Requirements* that was against us” parallels “...having forgiven us all our trespasses.” Thus, Paul could not possibly have been referring to *The Law* or *Torah* itself, but rather to the *record* of our transgression of *The Law*—or, our sin!

### **What Was Nailed To the Cross?**

Note also the last sentence in *verse 14*: “And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.” In this sentence, the word “it” is a singular pronoun and refers back to the singular word “Handwriting.” “Requirements” could not be its antecedent because “Requirements” is plural. So, some kind of handwriting—a note, a record, or a citation—was affixed to the cross.

Historically, only two objects were nailed to the stake of crucifixion: 1) the condemned person and 2) an inscription citing the crimes the condemned parties were being punished for. Thus, when Jesus was crucified, only His body and Pilate’s inscription (*This is Jesus of*

Nazareth, the King of the Jews) were nailed to the cross. (**Matthew 27:37, Mark 15:26, Luke 23:38, John 19:19**)

Normally, the inscription would be more accusative, saying something like, “This is Jesus of Nazareth, who rebelled against Caesar.” Pilate’s notably more complimentary inscription replaced the customary note or record of guilt—the *Handwriting of Requirements*—that would have, in sharp contrast, been found nailed to the crosses of the two malefactors crucified alongside Him.

There was also a short side note on this inscription that often gets lost in the translation. When Yeshua was crucified, Pilate wrote the entire inscription on the sign that was nailed to the cross. This inscription merely described what He was accused of. The particular wording he chose, displeased the Jewish leadership, however, and they asked him to change it, but he refused.

*19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 So, the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” 22 Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”* **John 19:19-22**

Pilate refused to revise the epitaph he had composed. This may have more significance than is apparent in our English translations. The Hebrew epitaph is shown below (and bear in mind Hebrew is read from right to left): Yod Hey Vav Hey.

יְשׁוּעַ    הַנָּצְרִי    וּמֶלֶךְ    הַיְהוּדִים  
י    ה    ו    ה

*Yeshua HaNazarei v Melech HaYehudim: Jesus the Nazarei & King of the Jews.*

What we don’t notice in the English translation is that the acrostic made up of the first letter of each word spells out Yehovah (YHWH)! This is why the Jews wanted it changed. Pilot was mocking them.

Just before He died, when the Father forsook Him (**Matthew 27:46**), our sins were symbolically nailed to the cross in His body.

*24 “Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”* **1 Peter 2:24**

At the time of His Crucifixion, Jesus Christ *became sin* for us.

*21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”* **1 Corinthians 5:21**

Our note of debt we owed God *as a result of* our sins is what was “taken out of the way” and “nailed... to the cross.” No, it was not *The Law* itself that was nailed to the cross. *The Law* is not against us or contrary to us but is a great blessing to us.



**11** “Moreover by them [God’s commandments and statutes] your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.” **Psalm 19:11**

Paul clearly writes:

**7** What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Let it not be said! But I did not know sin except through the law. For also I did not know lust except the law said, You shall not lust. **Romans 7:7**

**12** “Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.” **Romans 7:12**

We now see that, far from doing away with the *Law of God*, **Colossians 2:14** explains a deep and profound truth—**THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION**. Paul describes the manner in which we are reckoned righteous in God’s sight through faith in the sacrifice of Christ. Our Savior paid in full, in His own body, the great debt we owed God because of our breaking of His holy and righteous eternal laws. Now our sins have been “taken out of the way” and “nailed... to the cross.” Having risen from the watery grave of baptism, we now have the promise of eternal life as we set out to live a new way of life—a life of righteousness and service to Him!

But we must now begin to keep His *Commandments* or we will be found guilty of sin yet again.

**26** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, **27** but a certain fearful looking for judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. **28** He who despised Moses’ Law died without mercy on the word of two or three witnesses. **29** Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought

*worthy of punishment, the one who has trampled the Son of God, and who has counted the blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? **Hebrews 10:26-29***

## Chapter 12 | Believe Moses Or, One From The Dead

Once again, the most common response from all Christians objectors when they study End-Time Bible Prophecy, is to immediately denounce it or reject it out of hand. It is almost like it is their go-to, “get out of jail free” card they play so they do not have to listen to or heed sound teaching anymore. Once they have played this card, they then begin to denounce the person, group, or organization presenting the End-Times message as a false prophet or false teacher.

*“No one knows that day and hour.”* **Matthew 24:36 | Revelation 3:3**

Whenever professing believers react in this manner, they are, *in fact*, demonstrating their blatant and willful ignorance of the very facts Yeshua has put forth in *Scripture*. That is, unless they are perishing for a lack of knowledge—as the *Book of Hosea* speaks of—and simply do not know any better. But even to be found “not knowing any better” is pure folly to us all now that the time is short. As we have explained above, everything Yeshua proclaimed to the multitudes and His Disciples was enshrouded in parables in order to conceal the facts, so that they might hear, but not understand.

But for those who obeyed and kept *The Law* (both hearers and doers of it), they readily understood these parables. They understood to the degree they did simply because of their obedience and adherence to it. Obedience—way more so than sacrifice—brings wisdom and understanding from the Holy Spirit.

I understand just how hard this is for many of you to read, comprehend and bring to bear in your own life. But I would much rather tell you upfront—in the here and now—than have you find out when the Messiah comes and declares He does not know you. By then it will be too late.

There are many false Christian preachers and teachers who maintain—or even insist—*The Law* has been done away with. In addition to the aforementioned *Colossians 2* text, they also quote from the passage below from the *Gospel of Luke* as one of their proof texts.

*16 “The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it.”* **Luke 16:16**

And that settles it for them. They no longer feel under any obligation to keep *The Law*. But if they would just read the very next verse where it also says:

*17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.* **Luke 16:17**

Therefore, *The Law* has *not* been done away with and we have all been lied to by those who would maintain or have us believing otherwise.

But *what then* was nailed to the Cross? As we have just read, it was not *The Law* itself, but the debt that was nailed to the tree—that is, the debt that was owed for our transgression of *The Law*. It was the penalty Yeshua paid for us (for our sins) in our place.

If we continue reading in the *Gospel of Luke*, we gain further insight into this matter in the *Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus*.

**19** “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. **20** And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, **21** who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, **23** and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. **24** And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’” **Luke 16:19-24**

**25** “But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. **26** And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ **27** And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—**28** for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ **29** But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ **30** And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ **31** He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’” **Luke 16:25-31**

I want you to read the last part again and to pay close attention to it.

**27** “Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—**28** for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ **29** But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ **30** And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ **31** He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’” **Luke 16:27-31**

Again, this is a parable. It is just a story. But the meaning behind it is what is important here. The man had five brothers. This was a direct reference to the sons of Leah—the wife of Jacob—who had six children.

**23** Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. The sons of Leah: Reuben (Jacob’s firstborn), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. **24** The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. **25** The sons of Bilhah, Rachel’s servant: Dan and Naphtali. **26** The sons of Zilpah, Leah’s servant: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram. **Genesis 35:23-26**

All these brothers of the man who is presumed to be Judah, (The Jews) were given *The Law of Moses* to learn, the same as he did. But he (and they) did not learn those *Laws* or do them. This now brings us to the very last part.

**30** “No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” **31** He said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.” **Luke 16:30-31**

In His life, Yeshua was from the Tribe of Judah and, in His death, Yeshua was from the grave, having died at Passover in A.D. 31. He walked the Earth in human form and still, the Jews did not believe on Him, nor do the Christians in the manner they ought. As the Scriptures states—in so many words—if they will not believe Moses and the Prophets who foretold of Yeshua, His birth, His death, and His resurrection; then those same people will not believe on Him even though He rose from the dead.

They may *say* they believe in Him and love Him, but as you have already read from Yeshua Himself:

*4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 1 John 2:4-6*

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*1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:1-5*

You must keep *The Commandments* in order to truly know God. You must keep *The Commandments* in order to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. You must keep *The Commandments* in order to put on the white robes of righteousness. You must keep *The Commandments* in order to be known by God and not be told, “Depart from Me, I never knew you.”

*15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. John 14:15-17*

We can only prove our love for Yehovah by keeping His *Commandments* and this is how He, in turn, comes to know us and proves Himself to us. He sees our heart as we strive to obey Him and the struggles we must overcome to do so.

*21 “Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.” John 14:21*

*23 Jesus replied, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him.” John 14:23*

*10 “If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and remain in His love.”* **John 15:10**

*3 By this we can be sure that we have come to know Him: if we keep His commandments.* **2 John 2:3**

*3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.* **1 John 5:3**

*6 And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments.* **2 John 1:6**

Moses and the Prophets taught *Torah (Law of God)* and that we are to make every effort—to the best of our understanding—to keep it. Yeshua never once broke away from or departed from this understanding. These were God’s instructions on *how* to draw near to Him. Yeshua—the fulfillment and embodiment of *Torah*—both talked and walked out *Torah (God’s Law)* in every detail of His life.

This is no different than an earthly Father who explains the laws of the household to his children. The children who are wise choose obedience—not only to please their parents, but so as to avoid punishment. The result is either a loving, harmonious, and cohesively functioning household or, a household filled with strife, discord, dysfunction and rebellion. This is the very *Commandment* you have heard from the beginning—that you must walk in love.

*5 And now I would persuade you Lady, not according to the new commandment I wrote to you, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.* **2 John 1:5 | Aramaic Bible In Plain English**

## Chapter 13 | “No One Knows the Day Or Hour”

Let us now take an even closer look at this expression:

**36** “No one knows that day and hour.” **Matthew 24:36**

And then we can begin to understand the parable and riddle it is wrapped up in.



**36** But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. **37** For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. **38** For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, **39** and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. **40** Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. **41** Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. **Matthew 24:36-41**

**42** Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. **43** But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. **44** Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. **Matthew 24:42-44**

**45** Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? **46** Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. **47** Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. **48** But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ **49** and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, **50** the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know **51** and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Matthew 24:45-51**

Immediately after saying all of this in the *Gospel of Matthew*, Yeshua then segues into the *Parable (or riddle) of the Ten Virgins*—five of whom are foolish as we have already discussed. At the end of the *Parable of the Ten Virgins*, Yeshua concludes with the very same admonition.

**13** “Watch therefore, because you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Adam is coming.” **Matthew 25:13**



This is then followed by the *Parable of the Talents* that are meted out to His servants. To some, more was given, according to their ability. But to those with little by way of ability, only one talent was given. This particular parable is a non-negotiable admonition and mandate that you must heed and carry out with respect to sharing the message of Yehshua to the best of your ability. To just sit on it and do nothing is nothing short of folly. At the very least, if nothing else, it would behoove you to come alongside others who are efficaciously doing this work and standing beside and supporting them.

*14 “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money.”* **Matthew 25:14-18**

*19 “Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’”* **Matthew 25:19-23**

*24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.’ 28 So, take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what*

*he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”* **Matthew 25:24-30**

This parable is then followed by another parable about the Great White Throne Judgment and far too many professing believers do not appear to have a firm grasp on what is being said here either:

*35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.* **Matthew 25:35-36**

Although this can be understood as a call for us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, quench the thirst of those who are thirsting, welcome (and entertain) the stranger, visit the sick and those in prison; this is also meant to be understood (and acted upon) on an *even deeper* level (that is, a spiritual level) as well.

**The Hungry:** are to be given Yehshua Himself, the *Bread of Life*. They are wholly comprised of those who do *not* know *The Torah* and are to be taught and fed this living *Bread of Life* or *Torah (Word of God)*.

**The Thirsty:** are to be given the Holy Spirit by obeying the *Word* or *Bread of Life*. Once they hear the *Word of God (His Commandments)* and repent; they are then filled to overflowing with His Living Water, or Holy Spirit. These truths are to be shared with all those from the 12 Tribes of Israel and those who are called and chosen to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth who are *not* of the House of Israel. That is the nations of the world.

By teaching *The Word*, you are clothing those in the Valley of Decision in the White Robes of Righteousness. You are healing them by imparting knowledge and understanding by which they can then gain wisdom and salvation from the *Word of God*.

**The Prisoners:** are those captured and trapped by Satan and deceived by his false teachings and doctrines of demons. They are counted amongst those who do not yet know Him. They are stumbling about in darkness with eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear. If you fail to be as an Ezekiel watchman unto them—or DO succeed, only to have them not heed—Yehshua will say unto them, “Depart from me, I never knew you.”

*2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor adulterating the Word of God, but by the revelation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.* **2 Corinthians 4:2**

*3 But also if our gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those being lost, 4 in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving ones, so that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ (who is the image of God) should not dawn on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake. 6 For it is God who said, “Out of darkness Light shall shine;” who shone in our hearts to give the brightness of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Again, far too many hear only what they want to hear and go away satisfied and with a false sense of security. The truth that truly sets men free was saved for the 12 Disciples (and those who would come after) who are actually willing to look deeply into the *Word of Truth* with regard to the deeper meaning of these parables. That is, those who are willing to count the cost and seek for Him in earnest.

The *Gospel of Mark* also ties into what the *Gospel of Matthew* references about the master going on the journey and how we, as servants, are admonished to stay awake, keep watch and beware.

*32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35 Therefore, stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake." Mark 13:32-37*

We are again told: "It is not for you to know times or seasons the Father has fixed by his own authority." Here it is, right at the beginning of the *Book of Acts*. This is just 10 days prior to the Feast of Pentecost.

*1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:1-5*

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*6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, 11 "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:6-11*

We now come to Paul who was taught by Gamaliel, one of the most renowned Rabbis.

*3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day." Acts 22:3*

And Paul wrote to the Thessalonians of how they were not left to stumbled in the dark over this expression. What does this all mean?

*1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Also, do not forget what you just read in 2 Corinthians:

*3 But also if our gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those being lost, 4 in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving ones, so that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ (who is the image of God) should not dawn on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is God who said, "Out of darkness Light shall shine;" who shone in our hearts to give the brightness of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

Those who do not believe are the ones who are actually in the darkness, and Paul just informed and reassured the Thessalonians they were *not* in the darkness due to the fact they had a most fundamental working knowledge of the times and the seasons. The Times and Seasons are the Moedim or the Holy Days of *Leviticus 23* and *Leviticus 25*.

We next read what Peter shares with us about this day with respect to the thief that comes on this day.

*10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 2 Peter 3:10*

We are again told in the *Book of Revelation* to wake up or the thief will come when we are not ready.

*1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. 4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will*

*confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”* **Revelation 3:1-6**

We are given another clue in the *Book of Revelation* as well:

*12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. 13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. 14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.*

*15 Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!*

*16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.* **Revelation 16:12-16**

There is a lot of information here to digest. Have you got it figured out yet? Are you still in the dark with respect to these expressions, riddles and/or parables? If so, it is because you are not obeying *The Commandments* (in their entirety) that you do yet not understand. We will now walk you through this, step-by-step, to help you understand what has yet to be properly understood. Be patient so you can better take all the time that is necessary to have your spiritual eyes opened to the parables and riddles that are being shown to you.

## Chapter 14 | Can You Know the Day Or the Hour?

You cannot know the day or the hour... or *can you?*

Since I began speaking of the Sabbatical and Jubilee Cycles in 2005 to a variety of different Christian groups, there have always been those seeking to disavow everything I say by falsely accusing me of setting dates for the hour and day when the Messiah is to come.

But due to bonafide facts revealed by the Sabbatical and Jubilee chronology and the hidden patterns concealed in each Jubilee Cycle—coupled with the understanding revealed to all of us who keep the Holy Days—it is impossible NOT to know when the end of this age is.

My antagonists label this understanding as “date setting.” They do not understand what has been presented to them and—to justify their inert understanding—they make a point to discredit me and go out of their way to discourage others from being made aware of my teachings.

Sadly, many are led astray by this Hebrew Idiom “That no man can know the day or the hour.” It was meant to be this way, blinding the spiritual eyes of both the student and also, the teacher of those who will not obey *The Commandments*.

In other words, anyone who has a firm grasp on the chronology of history and *Scripture* is automatically accused of being a false teacher and is not given the opportunity to share or be heard because he or she is setting dates and making predictions based on these dates.

Don’t get me wrong. I understand why they feel so spiritually bound to hold fast to these arguments. Christians do not keep—nor do they understand—God’s Holy Days. And although Messianic Jewish and Hebraic Roots believers are *supposed* to understand God’s Holy Days more so than most, many observe them at the wrong times and therefore, do not understand the full import and implications of each day.

Many also have a tendency to follow the most popular and mainstream teachers without cross-checking the scriptures or testing the spirits. This dynamic should immediately bring to mind the story of Joshua and Caleb with respect to what happens when you go along with the crowd.

Each of God’s Holy Days explain His *Plan of Salvation*. To do away with them, is to do away with your own Salvation. If you do not begin practicing them now, then there is a very good chance you will be shut out of the Kingdom of Yehovah. No sinners will be permitted to enter therein. Not keeping the Holy Days *is* sin. Those who make this fatal error will be counted amongst the five foolish virgins who will not have enough oil.

*9 Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor abusers, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10*

*14 Blessed are they who do His commandments, that their authority will be over the Tree of Life, and they may enter in by the gates into the city. 15 But outside are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and makes a lie. Revelation 22:14-15*

The above passages considered; you now know the two things you need most to do. *Be righteous and do His Commandments.* And this is the very thing King David spoke of in the *Book Of Psalms*.

*172 My tongue shall speak Your Word, for all Your Commandments are righteousness. Psalms 119:172*

This next verse is from the *Book of Isaiah* where Isaiah speaks of the end of this age and the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium. Take note that we will be keeping the Sabbaths and the dietary laws.

*15 For, behold, Jehovah will come with fire, and with His chariots like a tempest, to refresh His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by His sword Jehovah will execute judgment with all flesh; and the slain of Jehovah will be many. 17 Those who sanctify themselves, and purify themselves to go into the gardens, behind one tree in the middle, eating swine's flesh, and the hateful thing, and the mouse, will be cut off together, says Jehovah. 18 For I know their works and their thoughts; it comes to gather all the nations and the tongues; and they will come and see My glory. 19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those who escape from them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, drawers of the bow; to Tubal, and Javan, to the far away coasts that have not heard My fame, nor have seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations. Isaiah 66:55-19*

*20 And they will bring all your brothers for an offering to Jehovah out of all nations on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says Jehovah, as the sons of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of Jehovah. 21 And I will also take some of them for priests and for Levites, says Jehovah. 22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make stand before Me, says Jehovah, so will your seed and your name stand. 23 And it will be, from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, all flesh will come to worship before Me, says Jehovah. 24 And they will go out and see the dead bodies of the men who have sinned against Me; for their worm will not die, nor will their fire be put out; and they will be an object of disgust to all flesh. Isaiah 66:20-24*

It is only in keeping His *Commandments*—which nearly all of Christendom dictates are nailed to the Cross and we are not required to keep—that we learn of His *Plan Of Salvation* and the proper biblical timing of everything. Christians have been lied to and they have bought into the lies—hook, line, and sinker. You must keep *The Commandments* in order to be found righteous. Let me repeat that.

**It is ONLY by keeping His Commandments... that we learn His Plan of Salvation and the timing of all things!!!**

The 4<sup>th</sup> *Commandment* is the one about keeping the Sabbath Day holy. Moreover, Yehovah spoke these *Commandments* by His own mouth and was heard by millions of people.

One other noteworthy item to consider—which involves His *Doctrine of Grace*—is most aptly explained in the *Book Of Exodus* just before the *Commandment* pertaining to the Sabbath. Yehovah shows mercy (grace) to thousands. Why does He do this? He answers this in the remainder of the *Commandment*. He bestows His grace upon those who love Him and keep His *Commandments*.

*5 You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them. For I Jehovah your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons to the third and fourth generation of those that hate me, 6 and showing mercy to thousands of those that love Me and keep My commandments. 7 You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain. For Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain. 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is the Sabbath of Jehovah your God. You shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger within your gates. 11 For in six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, Jehovah blessed the Sabbath day, and sanctified it. Exodus 20:5-11*

Yehovah God commands us to keep the Sabbath, while Christianity insists the *Sabbath Law* (and all the other *Commandments*) have been done away with. Christianity alleges Yehovah made a mistake and has now changed and done away with those *Laws* which are just for the Jews only.

But just how much truth is there to this doctrine Christians uphold, if any?

Even Yehshua said, “That if you love me, **you would keep *The Commandments***.” He did not say that, “In order to love me, do away with *The Law*, call on the name of Jesus, and pray the sinner’s prayer...” etc.,

*15 If you love Me, keep My commandments. John 14:15*

*3 And by this we know that we have known Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, I have known Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His Word, truly in this one the love of God is perfected. By this we know that we are in Him. 1 John 2:3-5*

*2 By this we know that we love the children of God, whenever we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome. 1 John 5:2-3*

This is the love of Yehovah, that we keep His *Commandments*. If you are not keeping the 4<sup>th</sup> *Commandment*, then you do not have the love of Yehovah at work within you. If you say you do, then you are calling Yehovah a liar via **1 John 2:3** above.

Sabbath is our first teaching when it comes to biblically based timekeeping. It falls every 7<sup>th</sup> Day on Saturday. More specifically, it begins from sunset Friday evening and goes to sunset Saturday evening. The weekly Sabbath represents the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium—another period of time we desperately need to acquire a much more profound understanding of. Christians can often be found quoting the *Book of Hebrews*, but do not necessarily understand it is referring to the 7<sup>th</sup>

Millennium Sabbath Rest. In order to understand this period of time known as the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium, you must begin by keeping the weekly Sabbath *each week* and learn all you can about it.

*1 Therefore, a promise being left to enter into His rest, let us fear lest any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For also we have had the gospel preached, as well as them. But the Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3 For we who have believed do enter into the rest, as He said, "I have sworn in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest;" although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For He spoke in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested the seventh day from all His works." 5 And in this place again, "They shall not enter into My rest." 6 Since then it remains that some must enter into it, and since they to whom it was first preached did not enter in because of unbelief. Hebrews 4:1-6*

*7 He again marks out a certain day, saying in David, "Today," (after so long a time). Even as it is said, "Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 So then there remains a rest to the people of God. 10 For he who has entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from His. 11 Therefore, let us labor to enter into that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of unbelief. 12 For the Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing apart of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:7-12*

But, if you have hardened your heart and will not keep the weekly Sabbath, then you will not enter into the Kingdom of Yehovah who will be keeping the weekly Sabbath *throughout* the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium. He will be doing this when He sets up His Kingdom here on Earth and puts the Messiah, in place to rule over it. You will not enter into that rest spoken of in the *Book of Hebrews* unless you are *already* in the way of obeying His *Commandments*.

Yehovah has said:

*6 For I am Jehovah, I change not. Because of this you sons of Jacob are not destroyed. Malachi 3:6*

*8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8*

If Yehovah does not change and is always the same yesterday, today and forever, then who changed the Sabbath and did away with it? Christianity did, *not Yehovah*. So, who then is sinning? Christianity! It is also these very same Christians who do not understand the times we are in nor the *Plan of Salvation* and Yehovah's biblical chronology. And yet, when I try to explain God's *Plan of Salvation* and the chronology of Yehovah, it is also these Christians who accuse me of teaching lies and being a false prophet before ever hearing anything I say or reading anything I teach because of the setting of dates as shown to us by the Jubilee Cycles.

*9 For all our days pass away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a murmur. 10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by strength they are fourscore years, yet their pride is labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. 11 Who knows the power of Your anger? And as Your fear is, so is Your wrath. 12 So, teach us to number our days, so that we may*

*bring a heart of wisdom. 13 Return, O Jehovah! How long? And give pity to Your servants. 14 Satisfy us early with Your mercy, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalms 90:9-14*

We are to number our days so that we may gain wisdom. And we gain this wisdom by learning His *Commandments* and doing them.

*5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as Jehovah my God commanded me, so that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it. 6 And you shall keep and do them, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." 7 For who is a great nation whose God is coming near to them, as Jehovah our God is, in all our calling on Him? Deuteronomy 4:5-7*

Job poses a question and I want you to think about it.

*1 Since times are not hidden from the Almighty, why do those who know Him not see His days? Job 24:1*

This is a most thought-provoking question Job is asking. It is saying that those who do KNOW Yehovah will *see* the days Yehovah is writing about. Most people, however, do *not* see His days or His Appointed Times due to the fact they have removed the boundaries Yehovah put in front of them.

*14 You may not remove your neighbor's landmark, which those in the past have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land which Jehovah your God gives you to possess it. Deuteronomy 19:14*

In other words, Christianity has removed the boundary markers of the Sabbath, the Holy Days, the Sabbatical Years, and the Jubilee Cycles. They can no longer see the timing of Yehovah's appointed Days or of His *Plan of Salvation* due to the fact they believe *The Law* has been done away with. And too, they believe the Sabbath and Holy Days are for the Jews *only* and therefore, are of the conviction no one is required to keep them. And this is precisely *why* they cannot understand prophecy in its proper perspective.

They quote the *Book of Acts*, saying it is not for us to know. They also quote the *Gospel of Matthew*, saying no man can know the day or the hour. And yet, each and every time they do that, they demonstrate just how ignorant they are of what the *Bible* actually does have to say on this very subject and the actual meaning of those scriptures.

*7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own authority." Acts 1:7*

*3 And as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the world?" Matthew 24:3*

*36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not the angels of Heaven, but only My Father." Matthew 24:36*

We hear popular preachers everywhere preaching against sin. Those preachers quote the *10 Commandments* as evidence. They preach against adultery and quote the *7<sup>th</sup> Commandment*: “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” That’s well and good. They preach against idol worship and quote the *2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment*: “Thou shalt not make ... graven image, Thou shalt not bow down...” That’s perfectly on point too. They preach against swearing and quote the *3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment*. That too, is totally acceptable.

It is altogether good to preach against sin and quote *The Commandments* as evidence that certain things are wrong; but, as soon as you mention the *4<sup>th</sup> Commandment*—to keep the Sabbath holy and observe the Sabbath faithfully—the very *Commandment* the mainstream churches universally disobey, then you hear a strange, resounding cry:

*“I’m not under The Law, I’m under grace. I can disobey God’s Commandments.”*

It is a strange and sorely misguided way of reasoning, isn’t it? Yet this kind of thinking is rampant in the religious world today! It is altogether warranted to preach against swearing, adultery, stealing, and murder; and to do so by directly citing the *10 Commandments*. But if we preach about keeping God’s Sabbath Day—which is *also* one of the *10 Commandments*—then suddenly, the *10 Commandments* are nailed to the cross and done away with!

*“We’re not under The Law, we’re under grace!”*

When you begin to more closely examine and more carefully scrutinize this deceptive doctrine, it appears rather foolish. If we are at liberty to disobey the *Sabbath Commandment* by saying, “*The Law* was nailed to the cross and done away with,” or by saying, “I’m not under *The Law*, but under grace,” then this reasoning applies to all *10 Commandments* and not just one of the *10*. And yet, too many professing believers feel entirely justified to throw out all *10* of *The Commandments* over this issue. And yet, it is written:

*10 For whoever keeps the whole Written Law and slips in one thing, he is condemned by the entire Law. James 2:10 | Aramaic Bible In Plain English*

*10 For whosoever shall have kept the whole law, and then offends in one point is made guilty of all. James 2:10 | Jubilee Bible 2000*

Some will say: “Most of *The Commandments* are repeated in the *New Testament*.” While it’s true many of them are, the Sabbath commandment is repeated in the *New Testament* very clearly, many times. This is evidenced in the passage below in a letter Paul wrote to the Thessalonians circa A.D. 52. If you do not understand the seasons Paul is speaking about then you do not understand the Sabbaths that He is referring to.

*1 But of the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that I write to you. 2 For you yourselves know accurately that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety! Then sudden destruction comes on them, as travail upon a woman with child. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness, that the Day should overtake you like a thief. 5 You are all the sons of light and the sons of the day. We are not of the night, or of darkness. 6 Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us watch and be calm. 7 For those sleeping sleep in the night, and those being drunken are drunken in the*

*night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be calm, having put on the breastplate of faith and love and the hope of salvation for a helmet. 9 For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we watch or sleep we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort one another, and edify one another, even as you also do. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

What Paul is saying is that we can and should know the times and the seasons if we are obeying Yehovah. Those who obey Yehovah will already know—or can come to know—in all accuracy what Paul is speaking about. Paul is speaking of the Moedim when he refers to the times and seasons. These are the Holy Days of *Leviticus 23*. Do you know what they teach you when you keep them? Christianity observes Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. Based on these two “Holy Days,” they have justified the keeping of Sunday as the Sabbath. Have you fallen for this lie as well?

## Chapter 15 | The 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath & the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium

Let us walk through each of the Holy Days in the *Book of Leviticus* and learn something new about the Times and the Seasons.

*1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The feasts of Jehovah, which you shall proclaim, holy convocations, even these are My appointed feasts.'"*

**Leviticus 23:1**

### The Sabbath

*3 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work. It is a sabbath to Jehovah in all your dwellings.* **Leviticus 23:3**

The very first Moedim or Holy Day mentioned in *Leviticus 23* is the weekly Sabbath, or the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment. The Sabbath and all Holy Days are from Sunset to Sunset. The weekly Sabbath is from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday. We are not to work on this day nor are we to have others perform any kind of work for us. Not our wife, our husband, our children, nor any stranger or animal. And too, we are not to seek our own pleasure.

The weekly Sabbath is an act of "sevening" ourselves each week. It is pledging allegiance to Yehovah by keeping it holy and learning more about Him in study, communicating in prayer, and in resting and spending quality time with your family. It is the best of all possible days for family time, in fact.

The Hebrew word for seven is "sheba" which comes from the Hebrew word "shaba"—to seven oneself by swearing an oath or by repeating a declaration seven times. It is why the bride circles her husband seven times on the wedding day. It is why Israel marched and shouted around Jericho seven times, and why Abraham set aside seven ewe lambs when making the oath with Abimelech.

We "seven" ourselves in the same way when we keep the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Shaba-t. We "seven" ourselves when we keep each of the seven Feasts of *Leviticus 23*. We "seven" ourselves when we keep the Holy Days of the 7<sup>th</sup> month. We "seven" ourselves when we keep the 7<sup>th</sup> year Land Rest. We "seven" ourselves when we keep the seven Sabbaths leading up to the 50<sup>th</sup> Day of Pentecost. We "seven" ourselves when we keep the seven Sabbatical Years leading up to the 50<sup>th</sup> year called the Jubilee Year.

The weekly Sabbath foreshadows the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium of Rest, which we are told of in the *Book of Hebrews*.

*18 And to whom did He swear that they should not enter into His rest, but to those who did not believe? So, we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.* **Hebrews 3:18-19**

*1 Therefore, a promise being left to enter into His rest, let us fear lest any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For also we have had the gospel preached, as well as them. But the Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3 For we who*

*have believed do enter into the rest, as He said, "I have sworn in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest;" although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For He spoke in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested the seventh day from all His works." 5 And in this place again, "They shall not enter into My rest." 6 Since then it remains that some must enter into it, and since they to whom it was first preached did not enter in because of unbelief. Hebrews 4:1-6*

*7 He again marks out a certain day, saying in David, "Today," (after so long a time). Even as it is said, "Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 So then there remains a rest to the people of God. 10 For he who has entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from His. 11 Therefore, let us labor to enter into that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of unbelief. 12 For the Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing apart of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight, but all things are naked and opened to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Hebrews 4:7-13*

This is telling us that we are striving to be in that 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium of Rest and we are taught about this each week as we faithfully keep the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath.

### **Passover & Unleavened Bread: The Passover**

*4 These are the appointed feasts of Jehovah, holy convocations which you shall proclaim in their appointed seasons. 5 In the fourteenth day of the first month, between the evenings, is Jehovah's Passover, 6 and on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Jehovah. You must eat unleavened bread seven days. 7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no work of labor, but you shall offer a fire offering to Jehovah seven days. 8 In the seventh day is a holy convocation. You shall do no work of labor. Leviticus 23:4-8*

And right here is a clue for you to understand. Each Feast Day and Holy Day falls on a certain time of the year during a certain season.

*4 These are the appointed feasts of Jehovah, holy convocations which you shall proclaim in their appointed seasons. Leviticus 23:4*

*1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 1 Thessalonians 5:1*

Everything Yehovah does is done at appointed times and seasons—His Moedim. It is always on each of these Holy Days that Yehovah has done or is going to do something significant.

You are told in this *Commandment* we are to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days. It is an act of us "sevening" ourselves by putting sin out of our lives. But, stop and note that the 1<sup>st</sup> day and the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Unleavened Bread are Holy Days. The 1<sup>st</sup> day of Unleavened Bread starts on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month—is a Holy Day. They were to kill the lamb on the 14<sup>th</sup> day in the late afternoon and eat it after sunset that night, which was the start of the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Nisan and the First Day of Unleavened Bread.

As I am sure you are all aware this evening (the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> day and the start of the 15<sup>th</sup> night) is representative of the night the Death Angel passed over the Israelites when they were still enslaved in Egypt. That night of the 15<sup>th</sup>, the Death Angel passed over and slew the firstborn of the Egyptians, but none of the Israelites who had blood smeared on the doors. The Israelites left Egypt on the 15<sup>th</sup> day—the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Day of the 7 Days of Unleavened Bread—and they crossed the Red Sea at Nuweiba on the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread. Each of these great events that Yehovah orchestrated took place on each of these Holy Days He set aside for us as dress rehearsals by which to learn from.

Then, when Yehshua arrived on the scene, He was examined starting on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month—very much in the same way the lambs were examined and brought into the homes before each lamb was killed on the 14<sup>th</sup>, roasted and then eaten after sunset as the 15<sup>th</sup> got underway. Yehshua too, was killed on the 14<sup>th</sup>—prior to the onset of the first High Holy Day of Unleavened Bread—and placed in the grave at the end of that same 14<sup>th</sup> day. The particular year He was killed, the 14<sup>th</sup> fell on a Wednesday. He was put in the grave before sunset and the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread which began Wednesday night. Wednesday night and Thursday constitute the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread and the 1<sup>st</sup> High Holy Day—a Sabbath.

*31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. **John 19:31***

Thursday night and Friday day were the preparation day for the weekly Sabbath which was Friday evening and Saturday day. These are the three days and three nights our Messiah was in the grave. He rose from the grave late Sabbath afternoon, before the start of Wave Sheaf Day—which began at sunset at the end of the Sabbath and the beginning of Sunday. The 7 Days of Unleavened Bread also represent the 7 millennia of men here upon this Earth.

It is with this understanding that the expression found in the *Book of Revelation* takes on more meaning:

*8 And all dwelling on the earth will worship it, those whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain, from the foundation of the world. **Revelation 13:8***

Just as the lamb was slain before the 7<sup>th</sup> millennia, so it was that before the 7 Days of Unleavened Bread, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day, the Messiah (or Lamb of God) was *also* slain.

### **Wave Sheaf Day or Ascension Sunday**

Christianity observes Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. Based on these two “Holy Days,” they have justified the keeping of Sunday as the Sabbath. What most Christians understand Easter Sunday to represent is the day Jesus was resurrected—Ascension Sunday is what some also call it. But they have no idea that this day is described to them in the *Book of Leviticus*. It is referred here to as Wave Sheaf Day.

*10 Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, “When you have come into the land which I give to you, and shall reap the harvest of it, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest*

to the priest. **11** And he shall wave the sheaf before Jehovah to be received for you. On the next day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.” **Leviticus 23:10-11**

And he shall wave the sheaf before Jehovah to be received for you. On the next day, after the Sabbath, the priest shall then wave it. This Wave Sheaf Offering ceremony was performed the day after the Sabbath. The day after Sabbath was then—and still is today—Sunday. This is the very same day Yehshua ascended into Heaven with the other saints who came forth from the grave on the Sabbath when Yehshua came back to life. These are the First Fruits that He led from captivity in the grave and are now in Heaven with Him.

**51** And, behold! The veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And the earth quaked, and the rocks were sheared, **52** and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep arose, **53** and coming out of the tomb after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. **Matthew 27:51-53**

**1** But late in the week, at the dawning into the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. **Matthew 28:1**

**15** Jesus said to her, “Woman, why do you weep? Whom do you seek?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried Him away from here, tell me where you have laid Him and I will take Him away.” **16** Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned herself and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Master!) **17** Jesus said to her, “Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, I ascend to My Father and Your Father, and to My God and your God.” **John 20:15-17**

Yehshua was the Wave Offering—the first of the First Fruits. He is what the wave offering—waved at 9am on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week (during the 7 Days of Unleavened Bread)—represented each year. When Yehshua ascended at 9am that Sunday morning, He brought with Him those saints He had delivered from the grave the night before as described in the *Gospel of Matthew* as noted above.

**8** Therefore, He says, “When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men.” **Ephesians 4:8**

**18** You have gone up on high; You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts for men, yes, for the rebellious also, that You might dwell among them, O Jehovah God. **Psalms 68:18**

All of this is told to us in **Leviticus 23:10**. Had we been practicing this *Commandment*, we would understand the deep meaning of the Wave Sheaf Day and the full import of what it represents. But Christians do not practice this day and instead, have perverted it, and now call it Easter. Not only that, they have taken it to a whole new level and lost the meaning of it entirely! How so? By worshipping an egg-laying rabbit instead—an ancient fertility goddess—namely, the fertility goddess Ishtar, after whom Easter is named.

## **Pentecost**

Christians also keep Pentecost Sunday and, it too, comes from the *Book of Leviticus*.

*15 And you shall count to you from the next day after the sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete. 16 To the next day after the seventh sabbath you shall number fifty days. And you shall offer a new food offering to Jehovah. Leviticus 23:15-16*

When you count 50 days out from the day He ascended to Heaven, you get Pentecost Sunday. These two are connected and they both come from *Leviticus 23*, which Christianity would have you believe has been done away with and therefore, you do not have to keep it.

So why do Christians keep Pentecost Sunday then? It was the day *The Law* was given at Mount Sinai. Pentecost is the very day *The Torah* was given at Mount Sinai:

*16 And it happened on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain. And the voice of the trumpet was exceedingly loud, so that all the people in the camp trembled. 17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God. And they stood at the lower part of the mountain. 18 And Mount Sinai was smoking, all of it, because Jehovah came down upon it in fire. And the smoke of it went up like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. 19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and became very strong, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice. 20 And Jehovah came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And Jehovah called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. Exodus 19:16-20*

*21 And Jehovah said to Moses, "Go down. Command the people, lest they break through to Jehovah to gaze, and many of them perish. 22 And let the priests also, who come near to Jehovah, sanctify themselves, lest Jehovah break forth upon them." 23 And Moses said to Jehovah, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai. For You commanded us, saying, 'Set bounds around the mountain, and sanctify it.'" 24 And Jehovah said to him, "Away! You go down, and you shall come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to Jehovah, lest He break forth upon them." 25 And Moses went down to the people, and spoke to them. Exodus 19:21-25*

And, it was this very same Feast Day the Holy Spirit was imparted.

*1 And in the fulfilling of the day of Pentecost, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly a sound came out of the heaven as borne along by the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And tongues as of fire appeared to them, being distributed; and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled of the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And dwelling at Jerusalem there were Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven. Acts 2:1-5*

*6 But this sound occurring, the multitude came together and were confounded, because they each heard them speaking in his own dialect. 7 And they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, Behold, are not these who speak all Galileans? 8 And how do we each hear in our own dialect in which we were born? 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking the great things of God in our own languages. 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" Acts 2:6-12*

Do you see a pattern yet?

Yehovah moves on each one of the Holy Days and we are expected to be in the right place at the right time to learn what we need to witness it, learn from it, and be blessed by and/or protected from other events. But there is more to glean as well from this 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Day.

*15 And you shall count to you from the next day after the sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete. 16 To the next day after the seventh sabbath you shall number fifty days. And you shall offer a new food offering to Jehovah. 17 You shall bring out of your homes two wave loaves of two-tenth parts. They shall be of fine flour. They shall be baked with leaven, firstfruits to Jehovah. 18 And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bull, and two rams. They shall be for a burnt offering to Jehovah, with their food offering, and their drink offerings, a fire offering of sweet savor to Jehovah. Leviticus 23:15-18*

*19 Then you shall sacrifice one he-goat 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, a wave offering before Jehovah, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to Jehovah for the priest. 21 And you shall proclaim on the same day that it may be a holy convocation to you. You shall do no work of labor. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. 22 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely reap the corner of your field. When you reap the gleaning of your harvest, you shall not gather. You shall leave them to the poor and to the stranger. I am Jehovah your God. Leviticus 23:19-22*

Did you catch it?

Just like the 1<sup>st</sup> wave offering that was presented for the Barley during the 7 Days of Unleavened Bread, there is another wave offering still waiting to be done with the wheat at Pentecost. When Yehshua ascended on Wave Sheaf Day in A.D. 31, He brought with Him those saints who had died previously and rose from the grave (after Yehshua Himself rose from the grave) late Saturday afternoon. There are many parables that speak of the Wheat and the Tares. You are to be counted amongst the Wheat that is to be harvested and *not* amongst the Tares.

The wheat is ground into flour and made into two loaves that are then to be waved. This is the day the Apostle Paul is referring to. Today, some would call it The Rapture.

*50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We all shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 1 Corinthians 15:50-54*

*3 Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, "How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into*

*the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” John 3:3-6*

In exactly the same way Yeshua rose from the dead—as did the saints rise from the dead and ascended into Heaven on Wave Sheaf Day in A.D. 31—so will those saints, who have died since A.D. 31 and the years leading up to His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, be raised up to meet Him in the clouds on Pentecost.

*13 But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; 17 then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore, comfort one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Do you see what you are missing out on by not keeping these Holy Days? These are the very heart, soul, and core of what Christians think they know, but do not understand at all.

You are also being shown something else in the Counting of the Omer or the count from the Wave Sheaf Day to the Day of Pentecost. You are being taught about the Jubilee Cycles of *Leviticus 25-26*. And, when you count the Jubilee Years, you can know when the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium Rest spoken of in the *Book of Hebrews* is to begin. Knowing that, in turn, allows you to know the secrets of *Daniel’s 70 Weeks Prophecy*. The good part being, just by knowing these two things *alone*, you can then know when the Messiah is to come because *Daniel 9:24-27* foreshadows this most specific, future time.

All of these things, we explain much more in depth in our books, *Remembering the Sabbatical Year Of 2016* and *The 2,300 Days Of Hell* which you can order through our website: [www.sightedmoon.com](http://www.sightedmoon.com)

The real problem arises, however, when those who do not keep the Holy Days of *Leviticus 23* try to understand the *New Testament* and biblical prophecy. They have no solid foundation upon which to stand or build on. They are, in fact, clueless in that they are entirely unable to understand the clues afforded them in *Leviticus 23* when one faithfully and obediently keeps the Holy Days. We are instructed to not just be “hearers” of the Word, but “doers” also. We learn far more by doing and heeding than we do by simply hearing and reading.

When you count to Pentecost (Counting of the Omer)—as you are instructed to do in *Leviticus 23*—you are keeping the Feast of Weeks. It is this very clue *Daniel 9* is speaking of. The Feast of Weeks is 7 weeks of counting the 7 Sabbaths from the Wave Sheaf up until Pentecost. It is the *same as* the Counting the Omer. The 7<sup>th</sup> Sabbath is the 49<sup>th</sup> day and the 50<sup>th</sup> day is Pentecost Sunday.

The Jubilee Cycles also adhere to an identical dynamic. Within their framework, a Sabbatical Year occurs every 7<sup>th</sup> year. Then, once a total of 49 years transpires, the 50<sup>th</sup> year is the next year—which, in turn, doubles as the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the next round of counting to the Sabbatical Year. So, in other words, year one and year 50 are one-in-the-same—exactly like Pentecost Sunday is the 50<sup>th</sup> day and is *also* the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week.

It is *this* understanding that is the key to unlocking the mystery behind the counting of Daniel's 70 Weeks. Then, when we apply a year for each day—which we are shown in the *Book of Ezekiel*, which prophesies of this very same concept as well—more depth of understanding is in turn, revealed in *Daniel 9*.

The Messiah would come after a 7 Feast of Weeks succession or, 7 x 49 years. This same Messiah would then come again after another 62 Feast of Weeks succession, or another 62 x 49 years. Daniel then points out that, in the very middle of that 70<sup>th</sup> week—or the very middle of that 70<sup>th</sup> block of time of 49 years—the anointed would be cut off.

If you want to learn more about this, we have laid it all out with *all* the appropriate scriptures in our book, *The 2,300 Days Of Hell* where we look at *Daniel 9:24-27* and compare it to *Daniel 8* so as to reveal the imminent meaning of this prophecy for our time.

Finally, *Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy* gives way to the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium of Rest. Again, all of this reveals to us the times we are in right now and how we can know them. I am sharing this to show you how much you do not understand because you do not keep the Holy Days and learn the deeper meaning they reveal to us about Yehovah's *Plan Of Salvation*.

There are four more fall Holy Days we will cover next. Notice how Yehovah coordinated events on Passover with the Crucifixion—and also, Wave Sheaf Day with the Ascension to heaven with the saints. Then, we have the Exodus occurring on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread and then, on the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread, we have the Israelites crossing the Red Sea. Finally, the last of the spring Holy Days is Pentecost and *The Torah* was given on this day, *along with* the Holy Spirit.

Do you see how each major event in which Yehovah acted or did some great thing all occurred on each of the Holy Days of *Leviticus 23*? Then what might He be planning to do for the remaining Fall Festival? If you're not keeping them then you will not know.

### **The Feast of Trumpets**

*23 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 24 "Speak to the sons of Israel saying: In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath, a memorial summons, a holy convocation. 25 You shall do no work of labor but you shall offer a fire offering to Jehovah."*  
**Leviticus 23:23-25**

This is the first of the fall Feasts and there does not seem to be a lot of available information on it. In fact, the Jews themselves do not understand the true meaning of this Feast Day.

The Feast of Trumpets takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month. In Hebrew it is called Yom Teruah which means, “Day of Shouting.”

*1 And in the seventh month, on the first of the month, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no laboring work. It is a day of blowing the trumpets to you. Numbers 29:1*

The Hebrew word for “trumpets” in *Numbers 19:1* is “Teruah.” In *Strong’s Concordance* it is **H8643** and is pronounced as *terû’âh* | *ter-oo-aw.*’

This is the meaning of the word:

From **H7321**: clamor, that is, acclamation of joy or a battle cry; especially clangor of trumpets, as an alarm: –alarm, blow (-ing) (of, the) (trumpets), joy, jubilee, loud noise, rejoicing, shout (-ing), (high, joyful) sound (-ing).

One of the unique things about Yom Teruah is that the *Torah* does not say what the purpose of this Holy Day is. The *Torah* gives at least one reason for all the other Holy Days and two reasons for some. The Feast of Matzot (Unleavened Bread) commemorates the Exodus from Egypt, but is also a celebration of the beginning of the barley harvest (*Exodus 23:15; Leviticus 23:4–14*). The Feast of Shavuot (Weeks/Pentecost) is a celebration of the wheat harvest. (*Exodus 23:16; 34:22*)

Yom Ha-Kippurim (Day of Atonement) is a national Day of Atonement as described in great detail in *Leviticus 16*. The Feast of Sukkot (Booths/Feast of Tabernacles) commemorates the wandering of the Israelites in the desert, but is also a celebration of the ingathering of agricultural produce (*Exodus 23:16*). Shemini Atzeret is another Holy Day that remains poorly understood and is kept as the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of the Feast of Sukkot. In contrast to all these Torah festivals, Yom Teruah has no clear purpose other than that we are commended to rest on this day.

Just as each of the Spring Holy Days coincided with an event in which Yehovah revealed Himself to Israel or acted in a significant way on their behalf; so too, are the fall Holy Days pictures of foreshadowed future events of Yehovah intervening in the affairs of man once again.

Although the Jews do not know the true meaning of the Feast of Trumpets, it is, in truth, the historically and biblically accurate day Yehshua was born on. You can learn more about this through the following articles on our website.

**Migdal Eder & the Birth of Messiah<sup>13</sup>**

**The Birth Day of Yehshua-The Feast of Yom Teruah<sup>14</sup>**

Given the fact the Feast of Trumpets is the Heart and Soul of this book, we will get into this in more detail in the following chapters.

**The Day of Atonement**

<sup>13</sup><https://sightedmoon.com/migdal-eder-the-truth-of-messiahs-birth/>

<sup>14</sup><https://sightedmoon.com/the-birth-day-of-yehshua-the-feast-of-yom-teruah/>

**26** And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, **27** Also, on the tenth of this seventh month, this is a day of atonement. It shall be a holy convocation to you. And you shall afflict your souls and offer a fire offering to Jehovah. **28** And you shall do no work in that same day, for it is a day of atonement, in order to make an atonement for you before Jehovah your God. **29** For any soul who is not humbled in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. **30** And any soul who does any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. **31** You shall do no kind of work. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. **32** It shall be to you a sabbath of rest, and you shall humble your souls. In the ninth of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall keep your sabbath. **Leviticus 23:26-32**

This is such a profoundly complex topic; I could easily devote an entire day to it. Suffice it to say, this is the Day Satan is locked away. Compare **Leviticus 16** with **Revelation 20**.

**1** And Jehovah spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before Jehovah and they died. **2** And Jehovah said to Moses, “Speak to Aaron your brother, that he does not come at all times into the sanctuary within the veil before the mercy-seat, which is on the Ark, so that he will not die. For I will appear in the cloud on the mercy-seat.” **Leviticus 16:1-2**

**3** “Aaron shall come into the sanctuary this way: with a bull, a son of the herd, for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. **4** He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches on his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen miter he shall be dressed. These are holy garments. And he shall wash his flesh in water and put them on. **5** And he shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. **6** And Aaron shall offer his young bull of the sin offering which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself and for his house. **7** And he shall take the two he-goats and present them before Jehovah at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. **8** And Aaron shall cast lots on the two he-goats; one lot for Jehovah and the other lot for a complete removal. **9** And Aaron shall bring the goat on which Jehovah’s lot fell, and offer it for a sin offering. **10** But the goat on which the lot fell to be the complete removal shall be presented alive before Jehovah, to make an atonement with him, to let him go for a complete removal into the wilderness.” **Leviticus 16:3-10**

**11** “And Aaron shall bring the young bull of the sin offering which is for himself, and shall atone for himself and for his house, and shall kill the young bull of the sin offering which is for himself. **12** And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from off the altar before Jehovah, and his hands full of fragrant perfumes beaten small, and bring it within the veil. **13** And he shall put the incense on the fire before Jehovah. And the cloud of the incense shall cover the mercy-seat that is on the Testimony. And he shall not die. **14** And he shall take of the blood of the young bull and shall sprinkle with his finger on the front of the mercy-seat eastward. And he shall sprinkle at the front of the mercy-seat seven times from the blood with his finger.” **Leviticus 16:11-14**

**15** “Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil. And he shall do with that blood as he did with the blood of the young bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy-seat and before the mercy-seat. **16** And he shall atone for the sanctuary, because of the uncleannesses of the sons of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins. And so, he shall do for the tabernacle of the congregation which remains with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. **17** And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goes in to make an atonement in the sanctuary, until he comes out and has made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel. **18** And he shall go out to the altar that is before Jehovah and make an atonement for it.” **Leviticus 16:15-18**

**18** “And he shall take some of the blood of the young bull, and of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. **19** And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleannesses of the sons of Israel. **20** And when he has made an end of reconciling the sanctuary and the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. **21** And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the sins of the sons of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send away by the hand of a chosen man into the wilderness. **22** And the goat shall bear on him all their sins to a land in which no one lives. And he shall let the goat go in the wilderness.” **Leviticus 16:18-22**

**23** “And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall strip off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the sanctuary, and shall leave them there. **24** And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself and for the people. **25** And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn on the altar.” **Leviticus 16:23-25**

**26** “And he that let go the goat for the complete removal shall wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp. **27** And the young bull for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall they carry forth outside the camp. And they shall burn their skins in the fire, and their flesh and their dung. **28** And he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.” **Leviticus 16:26-28**

**29** “And it shall be a statute forever to you: in the seventh month, on the tenth of the month, you shall afflict your souls and do no work at all, the native and the alien who is staying among you. **30** For on that day an atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you, so that you may be clean from all your sins before Jehovah. **31** It shall be a sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your souls, by a statute forever. **32** And the priest whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest’s office in his father’s stead, shall make the atonement and shall put on the linen clothes, the holy garments. **33** And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar; and he shall make an atonement for the priests and for all the people of the congregation. **34** And this shall be an everlasting statute to you, to make an atonement for the sons of Israel for their sins once a year.” And he did as Jehovah commanded Moses. **Leviticus 16:29-34**

The primary point you need to focus on is encapsulated in verses 10 and 21-22.

**10** But the goat, on which the lot fell for Azazel, shall be set alive before Jehovah, to make atonement for him, to send him away for Azazel into the wilderness. **Leviticus 16:10 | ASV**

**21** and Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, even all their sins; and he shall put them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a man that is in readiness into the wilderness: **22** and the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a solitary land: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness. **Leviticus 16:21-22**

The Apostle John wrote of this very same event in the future and now, the very near future for us.

*1* And I saw an angel come down from Heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. *2* And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. *3* And he cast him into the abyss and shut him up and set a seal on him, that he

*should deceive the nations no more until the thousand years should be fulfilled. And after that he must be loosed a little time. Revelation 20:1-3*

This is a very important Holy Day to Yehovah. Why then, is Christianity not keeping it and teaching about it as it is the Day Satan is to be locked away?

### **The Feast of Sukkot**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Feast of the seven, annual Holy Days is The Feast of Sukkot (also known as the Feast of Tabernacles). This is a seven-day long feast and it represents the Wedding that we, as Christians, are striving to be a part of. It is the marriage of the Messiah to His Bride.

### **The 8<sup>th</sup> Day Feast**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Day Feast is known to Christians as the Great White Throne Judgment.

*11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, even the lake of fire. 15 And if any was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15*

Each of the four fall Holy Days represent events that are to take place in the future around the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> Millennial Day and the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennial Day and then again, at the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> Millennial Day and the start of the 8<sup>th</sup> Millennial Day.

### **The New Heaven & the New Earth**

*1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer is. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God: 4 and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. 5 And he that sitteth on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And he saith, "Write: for these words are faithful and true." 6 And he said unto me, "They are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death." Revelation 21:1-8*

## The New Jerusalem

*9 And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who were laden with the seven last plagues; and he spake with me, saying, "Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God: her light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal: 12 having a wall great and high; having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 on the east were three gates; and on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. Revelation 21:9-14*

*15 And he that spake with me had for a measure a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length thereof is as great as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs: the length and the breadth and the height thereof are equal. 17 And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. Revelation 21:15-17*

*18 And the building of the wall thereof was jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto pure glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; 20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the several gates was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. Revelation 21:18-21*

*22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof. 23 And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof is the Lamb. 24 And the nations shall walk amidst the light thereof: and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it. 25 And the gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there): 26 and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it: 27 and there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they that are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:22-27*

This is why it is so important to keep each Holy Day so that we can learn about future events and understand the *Plan of Yehovah*. We have only spoken very briefly about each of the Holy Days, and there is so much more to be said on that. But this book is about "the day and the hour no man knows" and we are about to show you which Holy Day this Hebrew Idiom is in reference to.

## Chapter 16 | The Thief In the Night

And still, some of you can now be found quoting a passage from the *Gospel of Matthew* and are still stubbornly clinging to your “integrity” and crying out that no one can know the End-Times timetable.

*36 But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not the angels of Heaven, but only My Father.*  
**Matthew 24:36**

Due to either simply not knowing any better or a willfully egregious lack of understanding concerning Yehovah’s Holy Days, most Christians do not understand that this, too, is speaking of *yet another* Holy Day found in the *Book of Leviticus*. That Holy Day—when understood in full—teaches us of not only the day the Messiah *is* to come, but *has* come to us in the past. It is the Feast of Trumpets or Yom Teruah, the Feast of Shouting.

*23 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 24 “Speak to the sons of Israel saying: In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath, a memorial summons, a holy convocation.”* **Leviticus 23:23-24**

This is the Feast Day of which not even the Jews appear to understand why they keep it. And, it is another Holy Day Christians do not keep, and yet, they can often be found quoting it.

They quote this day each and every time they speak or mention *Matthew 24:36*. “*No man can know the day or the hour.*”

Although I can—and anyone who keeps the *Commandments* can—know approximately when the day or hour is about to be, but never know for sure until the day actually does arrive. The reason no one can know the precise day or hour has to do with the Feast of Yom Teruah—also called the Feast of Shouting or, the Feast of Trumpets—is determined. How so? Yom Teruah falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month. The months are determined by the sighting of the Moon each and every month.

But you cannot know for certain if you will sight the Moon on the 29<sup>th</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the month. If those looking for the New Crescent Moon at the end of the 29<sup>th</sup> day cannot sight it before it sets then the month is declared to be a 30-day month. The new month begins the next evening after sunset. The Feast of Trumpets begins on the first day of the 7<sup>th</sup> Month. Therefore, you do not know which day this Feast will be on, nor do know the hour due to the fact you do not know if the Moon will first be seen just after sunset or later in the evening or not at all until the next evening.

It is the Feast of Trumpets that reveals to us when the Messiah is to come in the future as it makes known to us the day He came in the past. I will set forth to prove this to you in the pages that follow.

Because people do not customarily keep this Holy Day, they do not understand this message from Yehshua. He was cleverly concealing His message within a “Hebrewism.” In other words,

He was presenting us with a common phrase (for its time) that foreshadowed a future particular day that—only in those days—everyone understood the meaning thereof.

“*No man can know the day or the hour*” is a *Hebrew Idiom* for the *Feast of Trumpets*. To give examples of other idioms used by a group of people—and how they might not be understood outside that culture—I have chosen some examples from Australia:

“It’s gone walkabout” which means, “It’s lost, and can’t be found.” Another Australian idiom is “Kangaroos loose in the top paddock,” which means, “Intellectually inadequate.” Some of you might be more familiar with “Bats in the belfry,” meaning a crazy person or the expression, “Kick the bucket,” which means to die.

Here is one from North America:

“A wet sock” means a limp handshake.

Yeshua is telling you by way of the well-known Hebrew Idiom, “*No man can know the day or the hour,*” that He will come on the Feast of Trumpets—a Feast that comes at a day and an hour no man can know—on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month. But no one is watching for Him at this time because they fail to understand He was describing the time of His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. Let’s read the rest of **Matthew 24**.

*37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the ark. 39 And they did not know until the flood came and took them all away. So also, will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 42 Therefore watch; for you do not know what hour your Lord comes. 43 But know this, that if the steward of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be dug through. 44 Therefore, you also be ready, for in that hour you think not, the Son of Man comes. Matthew 24:37-44*

*45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord has made ruler over His household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his Lord shall find him doing so when He comes. 47 Truly I say to you that He shall make him ruler over all His goods. 48 But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My Lord delays His coming, 49 and shall begin to strike his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken, 50 the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he does not look for Him, and in an hour which he does not know. 51 And He shall cut him apart and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 24:45-51*

You are commanded to watch. Watch what?

*12 “Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as Jehovah your God has commanded you.” Deuteronomy 5:12 | MKJV*

*12 “Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD thy God commanded thee.” Deuteronomy 5:12 | JPS*

*12 “Guard the Sabbath day, to set it apart, as YHVH your Elohim commanded you.”*  
**Deuteronomy 5:12 | The Scriptures 1998**

By watching, we are to guard and remember the Sabbath—and all the Holy Days as well—as well as the Sabbatical Years and Jubilee Cycles. We are to learn the meaning of what they all have to teach us, as well as study them and understand them so as to gain wisdom from them.

We have also been told to watch out for the “Thief in the night.” Who is this thief, *exactly*? It is Yeshua, because we are told as much in the *Book of Revelation*.

*2 Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die. For I have not found your works being fulfilled before God. 3 Remember then how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. Therefore, if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. Revelation 3:2-3*

*15 Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is the one who watches and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. Revelation 16:15*

*2 For you yourselves know accurately that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.*  
**1 Thessalonians 5:2**

*9 The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness, but is long-suffering toward us, not purposing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a rushing noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat. And the earth and the works in it will be burned up. 2 Peter 3:9-10*

## Chapter 17 | The Thief of the Feast of Trumpets

*1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore, let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10*

The Day of Lord will come like a *thief in the night*. But a thief, according to our finite human understanding, may not be a good example or analogy to represent or symbolize this awesome day of the Lord!

*10 The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. John 10:10*

Who then, is this *thief in the night*? "The thief in the night" is another *Hebrew Idiom* and it too refers to the same feast day as does the *Hebrew Idiom* "**No man can know the day or the hour.**" It does not refer to a criminally minded thief who will come in the middle of the night, take you by surprise, steal your belongings and/or kill you. He is, instead, someone who has a high calling and a most noble, worthy, and honorable task to fulfill!

*1 Behold, bless Jehovah, all servants of Jehovah, who stand by night in the house of Jehovah. [L] [SEP]*  
**Psalms 134:1**

In the Temple of Yehovah, a priest was posted every night to fulfill his sworn duty of ensuring the last sacrifice for the current day was completely consumed. He also had to guard the fire on the altar to where it was kept burning perpetually throughout the night so as to be ready for the next morning's sacrifice. The fire was not supposed to ever go out for *any* reason.

Sometimes, the priest on duty would become tired and sleepy during his vigil, halfway through the night. But, if the last sacrifice was consumed and the flames were still brightly burning, he might catch a moment's rest while waiting to revive the fire. Throughout the night until daybreak, he would repeatedly wake up every now and then to stoke the fire by adding wood and fanning the flames before falling asleep again.

Unfortunately, it was entirely possible for a given priest on duty to fall asleep totally, failing to perform his responsibilities of keeping the fire burning. As a result, the fire could foreseeably go out.

Here then, is where the *thief in the night* dynamic factors in. Sometimes, during the night watches, the High Priest would enter into the Temple very quietly *like a thief* to check in on and

ensure the priest on duty was fulfilling his nightly duties. He might be accompanied by his faithful assistant.



First, the High Priest and his assistant would check the fire to see whether or not the flames were still burning. If necessary, they would stoke the fire, add some wood, and fan the flames.

If the priest who was supposed to be on duty was sleeping, the High Priest would take an ember of coal from the fire and sneak quietly up to the sleeping priest. He

would then place the burning coal on the garment of the sleeping priest.

When his clothes were on fire, the priest would wake up. He would have no choice but to rip them off and run home, naked and ashamed. One thing for sure, he would never fall asleep while on duty again.

These white priestly garments were made of 100% cotton. When soiled, they were torn into strips and used as wicks for the menorah or swaddling clothes for infants.

But, getting back to the matter at hand, the “thief in the night” then, is the High Priest coming to determine whether the priest on duty is carrying out his responsibilities faithfully and doing his work properly. Those who sleep will be punished, but those who keep watch, stay awake, and remain hypervigilant will be rewarded.

*15 Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. Revelation 16:15*

Those of us who are keeping *The Commandments*, the Sabbaths, the Holy Days, the Sabbatical Years, and the Jubilee Cycles are all children of the light and of the day. We don't belong to the darkness or to the night. But let us live in the light, stay alert, be on our guard, and remain sober. Let us put on the full armor of faith, truth and love, while wearing—as our helmet—the hope of our salvation. Let us not fall asleep in the light like the others.

When our High Priest comes as a **thief in the night**, we will be ready to meet Him. Our flasks of oil must be full and ready to trim the wicks of our lights. We will fulfill this obligation simply because we are keeping the Holy Days and learning from them. Those not keeping the Sabbaths or Holy Days—like the five foolish virgins—will *not* be found ready and will *not* be

watching. Unlike the aforementioned five, the flame and zeal in our hearts will be burning brightly, but our white priestly garments will not be burnt! We will, in no way, be naked or ashamed!

Our Messiah is coming when the Darkness will rule. Most will be asleep and must have adequate amounts of oil—Holy Spirit—to survive this time of darkness and to be ready when He does come.

In closing, let us take a closer look at a warning for the lukewarm church in Laodicea:

*14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.” Revelation 3:14-18*

*19 “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Revelation 3:19-22*

Yehshua, our High Priest, is coming again on the Feast of Trumpets. Those of you who will not keep watch, guard, observe, or seek to understand the Holy Days will find yourselves on fire, running through the streets naked because you refused to keep and earnestly remember the Holy Days of *Leviticus 23* and *25*. Because of this sin, you will not know the times we are in now, nor the day or hour when the Messiah is to come. Not unless, that is, you give careful thought to your ways and repent.

Adam and Eve also discovered they were naked for choosing the wrong tree. They too were cast out of The Garden. When our High Priest comes as the thief in the night, will you be found naked and shut out of The Kingdom because you refused to guard the Sabbaths and failed to earnestly remember them and learn of the mysteries and truths they revealed?

*12 “See! I am coming soon! My reward is with me to repay everyone according to his action. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. 14 How blessed are those who wash their robes so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city! 15 Outside are dogs, sorcerers, immoral people, murderers, idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.” Revelation 22:12-15*

I will conclude this section with some passages from the *Book of Ezekiel* to think about and meditate upon.

*12 “And also, I gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am Jehovah who sets them apart. 13 But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the*

wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which if a man does, he shall even live in them. And they greatly profaned My sabbaths. And I said, I will pour out My fury on them in the wilderness to destroy them.” **Ezekiel 20:12-13**

**16** “...because they despised My judgments and walked not in My sabbaths; and they profaned My sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols.” **Ezekiel 20:16**

**20** “...and keep My sabbaths holy; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am Jehovah your God. **21** But the sons rebelled against Me. They did not walk in My statutes, nor kept My judgments to do them; the judgments which, if a man do, he shall even live in them; they profaned My sabbaths and I said I would pour out My fury on them, to fulfill My anger against them in the wilderness.” **Ezekiel 20:20-21**

**24** “...because they had not done My judgments, but had despised My sabbaths and had profaned My sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers’ idols.” **Ezekiel 20:24**

**8** “You have despised My holy things, and have profaned My sabbaths.” **Ezekiel 22:8**

**26** “Her priests have broken My Law and have defiled My holy things. They have put no difference between the holy and the common, and have not taught between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am defiled among them.” **Ezekiel 22:26**

**38** “And yet they have done this to Me: They have defiled My sanctuary in that day, and have profaned My sabbaths.” **Ezekiel 23:38**

If Yehovah kicked Israel, His First Born, out of the land He gave them for not keeping the Sabbaths—which include the Holy Days and Sabbatical Years—do you really think it is wisdom on your part for you to *also* ignore them?

## Chapter 18 | When Was Yehshua Born?

### Should We Keep Birthdays?

Many times, I am asked if it is okay to celebrate a birthday. So many people want nothing to do with the day a person was born. They associate it with an evil or pagan thing. But is that correct?

Yom Teruah, the Day of Shouting, is about the day the Messiah was born and it is the announcement He has arrived. Stop and ask yourself if Yehovah would really send the Messiah on just any old day? The answer is a resounding “No.” As you just read, many of the Holy Days have one or more meaningful events take place on them.

Those events and those things Yehovah does, are *always done* on the Holy Days.

- Passover: The Days Yehshua was killed
- The Days of Unleavened Bread: Removing sin from our lives.
- Wave Sheaf Day: The Day Yehshua ascended to Heaven as the Wave Offering and taking those saints with Him who were brought back to life at this time.
- Pentecost Sunday: The Day *The Law* was given at Mount Sinai & the same day the Holy Spirit was given in the *Book Of Acts*.
- The Feast of Trumpets: The Day Yehshua came as an infant child—His Birthday.
- The Day of Atonement: The Day Satan is locked away.
- The Feast of Tabernacles: The Wedding Feast of the Bride to Yehovah, the King.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Day Feast: The Great White Throne Judgment

Yom Teruah is the day the Messiah was born and is also the day upon which He will come at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> Millennium and again, at the end of 7<sup>th</sup> Millennium just before the 8<sup>th</sup> one begins.

Christians celebrate His birth on December 25<sup>th</sup> or Christmas, but completely miss the meaning of the actual day. Yom Teruah is the birth of Yehshua. I am going to go over those verses that lead up to that very important time when the angels were blowing their shofars so as to announce it. The Day of Blowing. Hmmm.

Have you ever blown those little party horns on someone’s birthday? You are doing the very thing Yehovah commanded to be done when Yehshua was born. This day—known as the blowing of Trumpets or the Day of Shouting for joy—is recorded in the *Gospel Of Luke* as the Angels praised God at His birth. Yehovah set apart a special day for the day His Son would be born.

*10 And the angel said to them, “Do not fear. For behold, I give to you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For to you is born today, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this is a sign to you. You will find the babe wrapped, lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and*

saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” **Luke 2:10-14**

Let us revisit the story of the birth of the Messiah to gain a clearer understanding.

*1 Since many took in hand to draw up an account concerning the matters which have been borne out among us, 2 even as those who from the beginning delivered to us, becoming eye-witnesses and ministers of the Word, 3 it seemed good to me also, following all things accurately from the very first, to write to you in order, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you might know the certainty of those things in which you have been instructed. 5 In the days of Herod, the king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abijah. And his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. **Luke 1:1-5***

Many use the *Course of Abijah* to teach about the birth of the Messiah. Let’s take a look at it briefly.

### **The Course Of Abijah<sup>10</sup>**

How many of you have heard of the *Course of Abijah*? Did you know it is one of the *only* ways to accurately date the birth of Yehshua in the Bible? 95% of Americans will celebrate the birth of Christ this year, so I thought some might be interested in the biblical case for the timing of the birth of Yehshua, our Messiah.

Most are familiar with the story of the birth of Christ from *Luke 2*. But it is actually *Luke 1* that provides the means by which the timing of the birth of Yehshua can best be determined. In *Luke 1* we have the story of Zacharias, the priest, and his wife, Elisabeth. Zacharias and Elisabeth were well on in years and without children. As it is told in *Luke 1*, Zacharias was performing his duty in the Temple when a messenger angel appeared and informed of the fact, they would have a son and were to name him John. Needless to say, Zacharias was somewhat incredulous, considering their respective ages. As punishment for his disbelief but also, as proof of his message, the angel rendered Zacharias unable to speak until the day the message was fulfilled.

The passage then goes on to say Elisabeth conceived after Zacharias’ Temple service had ended. Six months later, Mary—the mother of Yehshua—conceived. Zacharias then performed his priestly service once again during the *Course of Abijah*, which fell during the latter part of the 4<sup>th</sup> month. From this account, it is a simple matter to determine the general time of the birth of Yehshua. The chart below gives the priestly courses in relation to the conceptions of Elisabeth and Mary.

*35 And the angel answered and said unto her, “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.” **Luke 1:35-37***

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<sup>10</sup><http://www.the13thenumeration.com/Blog13/2012/11/02/the-course-of-abija/>

## PRIESTLY COURSES

Biblical Month Names	Babylonian Month Names	Priestly Course #	Priestly Course Names	Historical Event		Name Meanings		
1	Nisan	1	Jehoiarib			YHVH Contends		
		2	Jedaiah			YHVH Has Known		
2	Iyar	3	Harim			Dedicated		
		4	Seorim			Barley		
3	Sivan	5	Malchijah			My King is YHVH		
		6	Mijamin			From the Right Hand		
4	Tamuz	7	Hakkoz			Thorn		
		8	Abijah			Zacharias' priestly service ends	YHVH is (My) Father	
5	Av	9	Jeshua	1	Elisabeth conceives	He is Saved (Yeh-Shua)		
		10	Shecaniah			Dweller With YHVH		
6	Elul	11	Eliashib	2		El Restores		
		12	Jakim			He Will Raise		
7	Tishrei	13	Huppah	3		Canopy		
		14	Jeshebeab			Dwelling of the Father		
8	Cheshvan	15	Bilgah	4		Cheerfulness		
		16	Immer			He Hath Said		
9	Kislev	17	Hezir	5		Swine		
		18	Aphses			To Break		
10	Tevet	19	Pethahiah	6		Freed by YHVH		
		20	Jehezkeel			El Strengthens		
11	Shvat	21	Jachin	7	1	Mary conceives		
		22	Gamul			He Will Establish		
12	Adar	23	Delaiah	8	2	Weaned		
		24	Maaziah			YHVH is Drawn		
1	Nisan	1	Jehoiarib	9	3	Consolation of YHVH		
		2	Jedaiah			YHVH Contends		
2	Iyar	3	Harim	4		YHVH Has Known		
		4	Seorim			Dedicated		
3	Sivan	5	Malchijah	5		Barley		
		6	Mijamin			My King is YHVH		
4	Tamuz	7	Hakkoz	6		From the Right Hand		
		8	Abijah			Thorn		
5	Av	9	Jeshua	7		YHVH is (My) Father		
		10	Shecaniah			He is Saved (Yeh-Shua)		
6	Elul	11	Eliashib	8		Dweller With YHVH		
		12	Jakim			El Restores		
7	Tishrei	13	Huppah	9	Yeshua became flesh & 'Tabernacled'	He Will Raise		
		14	Jeshebeab			Canopy		
8	Cheshvan	15	Bilgah	References: 1 Chronicles 24:1-19 1 Chronicles 27:1-15 1 Kings 4:7 Luke 1		Dwelling of the Father		
		16	Immer			Cheerfulness		
9	Kislev	17	Hezir			He Hath Said		
		18	Aphses			Swine		
10	Tevet	19	Pethahiah			To Break		
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		24	Maaziah			YHVH is Drawn		
								Consolation of YHVH

Look at this chart again with reference to the 7<sup>th</sup> month when Yehshua was to be born. According to the chart—and bearing in mind the idea it *is* accurate—they have Yehshua being born prematurely in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the 7<sup>th</sup> month, and not at the end of the nine months required for a normal, healthy pregnancy.

What never occurs to most people is Adar Bet. Adar Bet is the 13<sup>th</sup> month in the Calendar. Adar Bet is added approximately every three years so as to best facilitate the Holy Days occurring in accordance with their proper seasons. In other words, a Leap Year. Is it possible to have a Leap Year in these courses of the priestly duties? Yes, it is. Was the year Yehshua born a Leap Year? You cannot use the current Hebrew calendar for this calculation as it had not yet been instituted. This calendar did not come into effect until the 12<sup>th</sup> century C.E.

Unfortunately, we have no real way to be certain if a Leap Year had occurred the year of Yehshua's birth, or not. But let's take another look at the chart above. Yehshua was born at the end of 9<sup>th</sup> months. That is to say, not at the beginning of it, and not after 8½ months on Sukkot. He was born after nine complete months. When Adar Bet is added after the month of Adar, then the birth of Yehshua comes at the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> month, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of Tishrei or Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets. The Feast that is known as *The Day & Hour No Man Knows*. Just as no one knows the day and the hour a child birth is take place. You know the time is close but you just do not know what day and then suddenly the contractions begin unexpectedly.

*Childbirth usually occurs<sup>15</sup> about 38 weeks after conception; in women who have a menstrual cycle length of four weeks, this is approximately 40 weeks from the start of the last normal menstrual period (LNMP).*

If you count the weeks from the precise week Mary became pregnant or conceived, you can then see that, by the end of the month of Tishrei, only 36 weeks have come to pass. And yet, she gives birth after 38 weeks. Now, let us add one Adar Bet or a Leap Month. But bear in mind, even after having done that, there is one more thing everyone is still missing. Elisabeth was in her 6<sup>th</sup> month. It was still the 6<sup>th</sup> month—and not the start of the 7<sup>th</sup>—as the chart is showing you and most people then, consequently, begin to count from.

You have four weeks in that 6<sup>th</sup> month to work from. Mary is told this news during the 6<sup>th</sup> month. After this news, she departs in haste to go and see Elisabeth and, by the time she gets there, Mary is already pregnant. All of this happens during the 6<sup>th</sup> month. So, was it the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week? You are about to prove it for yourself.

Now, let us count the weeks from the beginning of the 6<sup>th</sup> month of Elisabeth's pregnancy.

- Tevet, the 10<sup>th</sup> month: 4 weeks
- Shivat, the 11<sup>th</sup> month: 8 weeks
- Adar 1, the 12<sup>th</sup> month: 12 weeks
- Adar 2, the 13<sup>th</sup> month: 16 weeks
- Nisan, the 1<sup>st</sup> month: 20 weeks
- Iyar, the 2<sup>nd</sup> month: 24 weeks

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<sup>15</sup><https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pregnancy>

- Sivan, the 3<sup>rd</sup> month: 28 weeks
- Tammuz, the 4<sup>th</sup> month: 32 weeks
- Av, the 5<sup>th</sup> month: 36 weeks
- Elul, the 6<sup>th</sup> month: 40 weeks

We can then assume that the 6<sup>th</sup> month was ½ over and that Mary conceived in the middle of the 6<sup>th</sup> month. 38 weeks later takes you to the end of the month of Elul and the birth of Yehshua on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Tishrei, the Feast of Trumpets. Just as we quoted, our source above said it would be 38 weeks *after* conception.

Suffice it to say, we know, in all certainty, Yehshua was *not* born on December 25<sup>th</sup>. And, we also now know He was *not* born on Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles.

*6 And they were both righteous before God, walking blameless in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. 7 And they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren. And both were advanced in their days. 8 And it happened in his serving in the order of his course, before God, 9 according to the custom of the priests, it was his lot to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10 And all the multitude of the people were praying outside at the time of incense. 11 And an angel of the Lord appeared to him as he was standing on the right of the altar of incense. 12 And seeing this, Zacharias was troubled, and fear fell on him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not fear, Zacharias. For your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you shall have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth. 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall neither drink wine nor strong drink. And he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb." Luke 1:6-15*

## Chapter 19 | The Feast Of Shouting

Look at what Yeshua said about John, the Baptist:

*7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what did you go out to see? 8 A man clothed in soft clothing? Behold, they who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yea, I say to you, 'and one more excellent than a prophet.' 10 For this is the one of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You.' 11 Truly I say to you, 'Among those who have been born of women there has not risen a greater one than John the Baptist.' But the least in the kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven is taken by violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you will receive it, this is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 11:7-15*

*16 And he shall turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. 18 And Zacharias said to the angel, "By what shall I know this? For I am old, and my wife is advanced in her days." 19 And answering, the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands before God. And I am sent to speak to you and to show you these glad tidings. 20 And behold, you shall be silent and not able to speak until the day that these things shall be performed, because you did not believe my words which shall be fulfilled in their time." Luke 1:16-20*

Compare the doubt of Zacharias to the words of Mary when the angel greeted her. A stark contrast and a warning for us.

*21 And the people waited for Zacharias and marveled that he stayed so long in the temple. 22 And when he came out, he could not speak to them. And they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he was making signs to them, and remained speechless. 23 And as soon as the days of his service were accomplished, he departed to his own house. 24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived and hid herself five months, saying, 25 "So the Lord has dealt with me in the days in which He looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." Luke 1:21-25*

Notice that Zacharias did not know Elisabeth until "after" he had completed his time at the Temple. And then, in the next verse it says, "IN" the 6<sup>th</sup> month.

*26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, named Nazareth. Luke 1:26*

He shall be called "Yah with us." "God with us." "Yehovah, Yehovah is Salvation—Yeshua."

*36 And behold, your cousin Elisabeth also conceived a son in her old age. And this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible. 38 And Mary said, "Behold the servant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. 39 And Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah. 40 And she entered into the house of Zacharias and greeted Elisabeth. Luke 1:36-40*

*41 And it happened as Elisabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb. And Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And from where is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For lo, as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believes, for there shall be a perfecting of those things which were told her from the Lord." Luke 1:41-45*

*46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He looked on the humiliation of His slave woman. For, behold, from now on all generations shall count me blessed. 49 For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name. 50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. 51 He has worked power with His arm, He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart. 52 He has put down rulers from their seats and exalted the lowly, 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, and He has sent away the rich empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, 55 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever." Luke 1:46-55*

*56 And Mary stayed with her about three months, and returned to her own house. 57 And the time was fulfilled to Elisabeth for her to bear. And she bore a son. 58 And her neighbors and her kinsfolk heard how the Lord had magnified His mercy with her, and they rejoiced with her. 59 And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and were calling it Zacharias, after his father's name. 60 And his mother answered and said, "No, but he shall be called John." 61 And they said to her, "There is none of your kindred that is called by this name." 62 And they made signs to his father as to how he would have him called. 63 And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, saying, "His name is John." 64 And they all marveled. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosened. And he spoke and praised God. Luke 1:56-64*

*65 And fear came on all who lived all around them. And all these things were talked about throughout all the hill country of Judea. 66 And all those who heard laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child shall this be?!" And the hand of the Lord was with him. 67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, 68 "Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people 69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, 70 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from eternity; 71 that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, 72 to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant, 73 the oath which He swore to our father Abraham, 74 that He would grant to us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear 75 in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. 76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest, for you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, 77 to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, 78 through the tender mercy of our God; by which the Dayspring from on high has visited us, 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. 80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit and was in the deserts until the day of his showing to Israel." Luke 1:65-80*

*1 And it happened in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (This taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee to be taxed (out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David). 5 And he took Mary his betrothed wife, being with child. 6 And while they were there, the days for her deliverance were fulfilled. 7 And she brought forth her son, the First-born, and wrapped Him, and laid Him in a manger—because there was*

*no room for them in the inn. 8 And in the same country there were shepherds living in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. Luke 2:1-8*

After Sukkot, the weather changes and becomes rainy and cold. No one is out in the fields at this time. But rain or shine, everyone is willing to bear the elements right up until the end of Sukkot. The Feast of Trumpets takes place 15 days before Sukkot.

*9 And lo, the angel of the Lord came on them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. And they were grievously afraid. 10 And the angel said to them, "Do not fear. For behold, I give to you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For to you is born today, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this is a sign to you. You will find the babe wrapped, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:9-14*

The Feast of Shouting. Here it is and no one sees it. The announcement of the Arrival of the Messiah. The Feast of Shouting.

*15 And it happened as the angels departed from them into Heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Indeed, let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has happened, which the Lord made known to us. 16 And hurrying they came and sought out both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. 17 And seeing, they publicly told about the word spoken to them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard marveled about the things spoken to them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these sayings, meditating in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as was spoken to them. 21 And when eight days were fulfilled to circumcise the child, His name was called JESUS, the name called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. Luke 2:15-21*

All males are to be circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day after their birth. But do people actually read and understand what is being said here? If they did, then they would not be arguing that Yehshua was born at Sukkot and circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of the Feast. Read what is said in the *Book Of Leviticus*.

*2 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, "If a woman has conceived seed and has borne a male, then she shall be unclean seven days; as on the days of her menstrual impurity she shall be unclean. 3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. 4 And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying thirty-three days. She shall touch no holy thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying are fulfilled." Leviticus 12:2-4*

The word "sanctuary" is the Temple, and Mary would not have been allowed to enter therein, in her impurity. So, it was not until 40 days (7 + 33) after the birth of Yehshua that they brought him before the High Priest of the Temple, as we read of in *verse 22*. From the time of His birth, until 40 days later, they sojourned in Bethlehem.

*22 And when the days of her purification according to the Law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to that said in the Law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Luke 2:22-24*

*25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. And this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel. And the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 And it happened to him, being instructed by the Holy Spirit, he was not to see death before he would see the Christ of the Lord. 27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And as the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do according to the custom of the Law concerning Him, 28 even he received Him in his arms and blessed God, and said, 29 "Lord, now You will let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word. 30 For my eyes have seen Your Salvation 31 which You have prepared before the face of all the peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the nations, and the glory of Your people Israel." 33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken by him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this One is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign spoken against 35 (yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also), so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*  
**Luke 2:25-35**

*36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in many days, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity. 37 And she was a widow of eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, serving God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And she coming in at that instant gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those in Jerusalem eagerly expecting redemption. Luke 2:36-38*

*39 And when they had finished all things according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. 40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom. And the grace of God was on Him. 41 And His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the Feast. 43 And fulfilling the days, as they returned, the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know. 44 But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey. And they looked for Him among the kinsfolk and acquaintances. 45 And when they did not find Him, they turned back to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 And it happened that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them and questioning them. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 And seeing Him, they were amazed. And His mother said to Him, "Child, why have you done so to us? Behold, your father and I have looked for you, greatly distressed." 49 And He said to them, "Why did you look for Me? Do you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 And they did not understand the word which He spoke to them. 51 And He went with them and came to Nazareth, and He was subject to them. But His mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:39-52*

## Chapter 20 | The Constellation Virgo

The subject of when the new month is to start has been intensely debated for centuries, and with both sides presenting compelling arguments and proofs so as to win over the opposition. More confusing still, it is the Bible that both sides use and it can be nothing short of confounding to those who are not especially adept at searching out the scriptures. In the end, the average follower of Messiah is forced to admit they just do not know. Or, they say that when the Messiah returns, only then will He sort it all out and only then will we do as He says. One passage they use to support this argument is as follows:

**34** “...and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying: ‘Know the LORD!’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.”  
**Jeremiah 31:34**

But that is a copout. It shows they are too lazy to actually do the additional research necessary to discover the truth and then, follow that truth and obey it.

I too, was once one of these confused followers. I had no idea. And, I had no idea how to search the matter out either. I wanted to know the truth and know, in all surety, how not be misled. It took me months to arrive at any kind of conclusion that held any weight, to my way of thinking. But even at that, hindsight being 20/20, I now can clearly see how those conclusions were based on slim evidence at best.

But the conclusion in question in this context is the one I have adhered to since 2005. Am I right with regard to this line of thinking? I am not so inclined to just assume I am always right. Therefore, I constantly look for reinforcement to back-up any position I hold, or, to change my position when I see when I am in the wrong. To admit I am wrong is very difficult for me at times and is almost always met with resistance on my part—sometimes very strong resistance at that.

As many of you did in the past or still do at present—when we first began to learn about the Holy Days—we all followed the Hebrew Calendar to learn when the Holy Days fell on any given year. I was strongly challenged in my thinking with respect to this matter in the year 2004-2005. As a result, I arrived at the conclusion I should be keeping the Sighted New Moon or the Crescent Moon and *not* the Conjunction Moon with regard to ushering in and proclaiming the beginning of any given month.

I based my conviction on the evidence that one cannot know when the Messiah is to return, despite the fact I do believe He is to return on the Feast of Trumpets. After keeping the Holy Days for 22 years (since 1982), I came to know the meaning of each of the Holy Days. The Feast of Trumpets is the *only* Holy Day teaching us when He is to return on. The scripture that follows in the *Gospel of Matthew* only makes sense when you use the Crescent Moon to begin the month—which one most assuredly must do so as to accurately declare the Sabbath of the Feast of Trumpets.

**36** “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”  
**Matthew 24:36**

And yet, we have in our possession calendars that inform us of exactly when the Feast of Trumpets is many years in advance. So, we *do* know, and yet, **Matthew 24:36** maintains we can't possibly know. So, from this, I concluded that by using a New Sighted Moon—which can't be known until it is actually seen in Jerusalem on the day it appears—that we must use the Sighted Moon method to determine the new month for any and every given month. It was simple and made perfect sense to me.

But how do we qualitatively prove this by responsibly and hermeneutically using Scripture to do so—like a workman approved?

I want to now proceed to offer you the necessary proofs that will conclusively prove to you which way is the correct way to determine the New Moon and thus, the beginning of a given New Year and—having once done that—properly equip you in your ability to determine when each one of the Holy Days is to fall. It is important to keep the Sabbath on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. Saturday. It is also *just as important* to keep the other Holy Days—which are the High Holy Days or annual Sabbaths—on the precise days we are commanded to keep them and not whenever we want to or feel like it. It is not our choice as to when they should be. It is our heavenly Father's choice and His *alone*. Our choice is always a matter of whether *or not* we will obey.

### **So, What IS This Proof?**

When I first read Ernest Martin's book about the birth of Yeshua, I was and *still am* blown away by the things I discovered. In his book, *The Star That Astonished the World*, Mr. Martin establishes for us, via Astronomy, exactly the day and *even the hour* our Messiah was born—a feat of which I felt was 100% impossible until I read his book and was able to see how he arrived at the conclusions he did. You can procure a copy at: <http://www.askelm.com/>.<sup>16</sup> In the process of proving his points, he touches on the subject of the New Moon, not to settle an argument as to when it was—whether Conjunction or Sighted—but so as to illustrate to us the truth behind a prophecy we are all quite familiar with. In fact, I suspect we are all well-acquainted with most, if not all the prophecies pertaining to the birth of the Messiah.

That being said, I will not be the one to tell you which method by which to determine the New Moon is correct. You must decide for yourself which method is the correct. I will just simply show you what Mr. Martin showed me. Once I understood the full import of what he was saying, all confusion as to whether it should be calculated according to the Conjunction Method or the Sighted Method was laid to rest.

We are told of the birth of the Messiah in the *Gospels of Matthew* and *Mark*. Did you know it was also recorded in the *Book of Revelation*?

But first, let me quote you what it says in E. Raymond Capt's book, *The Glory Of the Stars*. This is also an excellent, “must have” book to add to your library.

*1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language*

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<sup>16</sup><http://www.askelm.com/>

Where their voice is not heard. **4** Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun. **Psalms 19:1-4**

**14** Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; **15** and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth;" and it was so. **16** Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. **17** God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, **18** and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** So, the evening and the morning were the fourth day. **Genesis 1:14-19**

**31** "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the belt of Orion? **32** Can you bring out Mazzaroth (Zodiac) in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs? **33** Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you set their dominion over the earth?" **Job 38:31-33**

**25** "To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. **26** "Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; Not one is missing." **Isaiah 40:25-26**

**4** He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. **Psalms 147:4**

The Stars were put there by Yehovah, and each one was named by Him. Remarkably, they have been given the same names *in every language* throughout the world. Although pronounced differently, they mean the very same thing in each language. The constellations were named by Adam, Seth, and Enoch and then, were passed on down to us through Noah. They were given to them by Yehovah as prophetic reminders each night of things still yet to come and can be read in any language around the world today.

### **Chapter One—Constellation of Virgo (the Virgin)<sup>17</sup>**

Virgo is pictured as a woman with a branch in her right hand and some ears of corn (Barley) in her left hand. The name of this sign in Hebrew is "Bethulah," which means "a virgin." In Arabic, "Adarah," "the pure virgin." in Greek "Parthenos," "the maid of virgin pureness." All the traditions, names and mythologies, connected with this sign, recognize and emphasize the virginity of the women.

In the Zodiac of Denderah, in Egypt, Virgo is also represented with a branch in her hand. To the Egyptians, the woman was represented as Isis, the wife of Osiris and was called "Aspolia," which means "ears of corn" or "the seed." The Greeks, likewise, ignorant of the Divine origin and teaching of this sign, represented Virgo as "Ceres" with ears of Corn in her hand.

The corn and the branch denote a two-fold nature of the Coming Seed. The first coming as the incarnate fulfillment of **Isaiah 7:14**

"Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

**Matthew 1:23** "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

The bright star in the ear of corn in her left hand is called in Arabic, "Al Zimach," meaning

<sup>17</sup>The Glory Of the Stars by Raymond Capt. Chapter 1: Constellation Virgo, p.33

“the branch.”

Zechariah writes of this branch in:

**Zechariah 3:8** For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH.

*It is significant that Christ referred to Himself as the corn, or seed of wheat, which needed to fall and die in order to attain its proper fruitfulness. **John 12:23-24***

*One of the stars in the branch is called “Al Mureddin,” which means, “who shall come down?” or, “who shall have dominion?”*

**Psalms 72:8** states, “He shall have dominion also from sea to sea.”

*The star is also known by the Chaldee word, “Vindermatrix,” which means “the son” or “branch who cometh.” An emblem of Christ, much employed by the prophets, was the branch, root, bough or sprout of a plant. Thus, we find Christ described as the Rod from the stem of Jesse and a Branch out of his roots. (**Isaiah 11:1**) He is the branch of Righteousness, the Branch of the Lord, God’s servant the Branch. (**Jeremiah 23:5; Isaiah 4:2; Zechariah 3:8; 6:12**)*

*It should be pointed out that Virgo, in a broader prophetic sense, represented “the Virgin, the daughter of Zion (**Isaiah 37:22**) which is another name for the nation of Israel (the entire 12 tribes). Throughout the Old and New Testament, Israel is often spoken of as the figures of a woman: the “wife” of Yehovah; the “virgin” of Zion. (**Jeremiah 14:17; 18:13; Amos 5:2; 2 John 1:1**)*

Mr. Capt goes on to prove how the entire Zodiac, in its properly interpreted form, is a *Love Letter* from our Creator to us and can be read each night if we would only take the time to do so. It opens the door to a deeper understanding of what He has been saying to mankind down through the ages.

I have, in the past, always wrongly assumed the Zodiac to be of a strictly pagan origin. But later, I came to realize that it is a message from Yehovah to us and was perverted via pagan worship and practices. The *Good News* being, Yehovah’s message has not changed. But the way in which we have been taught to look at His message has. It became perverted. Similar to the snake on the pole that Moses made. Yehovah told him to make it, but it was the people in King Hezekiah’s day who were worshipping the snake and the pole and *not* Yehovah. So, Therefore, King Hezekiah saw to it that it was destroyed.

Now, let us read in the *Book of Revelation* how the Apostle John read these very same stars.

*1 Now, a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. 2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. **Revelation 12:1-6***

If we peer intently into the Zodiac, we can make out where Virgo the Virgin is adjacent to another constellation of the serpent, which just so happens to have its head juxtaposed right alongside the Virgin. Coincidence? No, prophetic! These two constellations are speaking to us about the birth of the Messiah and how King Herod tried to have Him killed as soon as he was born.

Next, we have a Zodiac in Heaven with a moving Moon also mentioned. Be sure to make a mental note to yourself as this is critical to your entire understanding of things of this nature and how they relate, by and large, to what has been revealed thus far. We are talking about the Moon in the Constellation Virgo, at a moment in time—the day the Messiah was born. That day was the Feast of Trumpets. That year in history was the entire purpose behind the book Mr. Martin wrote.

This Moon in Virgo was how he determined the exact hour and day in which the Messiah was born. In doing so, he settled the argument as to how to decide which Moon we should use to determine the beginning of the month by. Ironically, he was not trying to prove anything about the Moon. The primary focus of his book was about the Messiah's birth. I am not sure he even realized what he said when he said it. But the proofs put forth in his book provide us with overwhelming evidence *of* and set a precedent *for* how we are to determine the New Moon.

## Chapter 21 | The Moon Below Her Feet

The Feast of Trumpets, as most of us know, is on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month. And the beginning of the Feast of Trumpets or, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Feast of Trumpets, is determined by the New Moon. The argument is not *whether or not* to keep the Feast of Trumpets, but is instead, which New Moon we use in order to correctly determine the 1<sup>st</sup> day. That is to act in accordance with a Conjunction New Moon (the dark or invisible Moon that is in line with between the Earth and the Sun to where it cannot be seen) or a Sighted New Moon Crescent (which reflects the first rays of the Sun after it has moved *out of* conjunction).

I don't want to allow for anything getting lost in the translation, so I am going to quote what Mr. Martin says verbatim, starting on page 82 of his book and finishing on page 90. Here is what he has to say:

*The<sup>18</sup> essential factor in interpreting the symbol of **Revelation 12:1-5** is the identification of the woman. What is John signifying by mentioning her? This much is certain: The woman in the first three verses is featured as being in Heaven and both the Sun and the Moon are in association with her. After the dragon casts down a third of the stars of heaven (**Revelation 12:4**), the woman is then found on earth (verses 6 and 14). But the important factor is the birth of the man-child and the woman's relationship with the heavenly signs while she is symbolically in heaven (the first three verses of **Revelation 12** shows the Sun clothing her, and the Moon under her feet and the twelve stars on her head.)*

*The "birth" of the Messiah is associated with this heavenly spectacle. Since some noted heavenly bodies are a part of the picture, it could well be that John intended the woman to represent a constellation that the two primary luminaries transverse, and that she was a part of the zodiacal system which gives headship to the signs (the Twelve Stars were a "crown" upon her head). Recall that interpreting astronomical signs dominated the thinking of most people in the first century, whether the people were Jews or Gentiles. Indeed, the word "sign" used by the author of the book of Revelation to describe this celestial display was the same one used by the ancients to denote zodiacal constellations. [Liddell and Scott., Lexicon, 1448.]*

*This is made clearer when one looks closely at the text. Since the Sun and Moon are amidst or in line with the body of this woman, she could be, in a symbolic way, a constellation located within the normal paths of the Sun and Moon. The only sign of a woman which exists along the ecliptic (the track of the Sun in its journey through the stars) is that of Virgo the Virgin. She occupies, in bodily form, a space of about 50 degrees along the ecliptic. The head of the woman actually bridges some 10 degrees into the previous sign of Leo and her feet overlap about 10 degrees into the following sign of Libra, the Scales. In the period of Jesus' birth, the Sun entered in its annual course through the heavens into the head position of the woman about August 13, and exited from her feet about October 2. But the Apostle John saw the scene when the sun was "clothing" or "adorning" the woman. This surely indicates that the position of the Sun in the vision was located somewhere mid-bodied to the woman, between the neck and the knees. The Sun could hardly be said to clothe her if it were situated in her face or near her feet.*

*The only time in the year that the Sun could be in a position to "clothe" the celestial woman called Virgo (that is, to be mid-bodied to her, in the region where a pregnant woman carries a child) is when the Sun is located between about 150 and 170 degrees along the ecliptic. This "clothing" of the woman by the Sun occurs for a 20-day period each year. This 20-degree spread*

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<sup>18</sup>The Star That Astonished the World by Ernest Martin, pp. 82-90

could indicate the general time when Jesus was born. In 3 B.C., the Sun would have entered this celestial region about August 27 and exited from it about September 15. If John in the **Book of Revelation** is associating the birth of Jesus with the period when the Sun was mid-bodied to the woman called *Virgo* (and this is no doubt what he means), then Jesus would have to be born within that 20-day period. From the point of view of the Magi who were astrologers, this would have been the only logical sign under which the Jewish Messiah might have been born, especially if he were to be born of a virgin. Even today, astrologers recognize that the sign of *Virgo* is the one which has reference to a messianic world ruler to be born from a virgin. [Devore, *Encyclopedia of Astrology*, p. 366.]

This heavenly woman called *Virgo* is normally depicted as a virgin holding in her right hand a green branch and in her left hand a sprig of grain. In the Hebrew Zodiac, she at first (in the time of David) denoted Ruth who was gleaning in the fields of Boaz. She then later became the Virgin when the prophecy of **Isaiah 7:14** was given in the time of King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah. This virgin held in her left hand a sprig of grain. This was precisely where the bright star called *Spica* is found. Indeed, the chief star of the constellation *Virgo* is *Spica*. Bullinger, in his book, *The Witness Of the Star* (pp. 29-34), said that the word *Spica* has, through the Arabic, the meaning “the branch” and that it symbolically refers to Jesus who was prophetically called, “the Branch” in **Zechariah 3:8** and **6:12**. And Bullinger (and Seiss in his book, *The Gospel Of the Stars*) maintain that this sign of *Virgo* designates the heavenly witness for the birth of the Messiah (Jesus). They say that *Virgo* should actually begin the zodiacal signs that give the story of the Messiah. This may be. The Apostle John may have given the same indication as far as the first full sign of the zodiac is concerned. He depicted the woman of **Revelation** as having a crown of Twelve Stars on her head.

This could well show that the woman (*Virgo*) is the constellation of headship for all the twelve signs. The “head” position of *Virgo* is actually located within the last ten degrees of *Leo*. It was in this very region where the story of the career of the Messiah would begin that Bullinger and Seiss were referring to. Thus, the story of Jesus and His mission on earth, as related by these heavenly symbols, should logically begin with his birth from a virgin and conclude with him being crowned king in the final sign of *Leo* the Lion (with its chief star being *Regulus*—the King Star). This is no doubt what the apostle John was trying to show through the symbols found in **Revelation Twelve**.

The birth of this child in **Revelation 12** (whom John identified with Jesus) should have occurred while the Sun was “clothing” the woman, when the Sun was mid-bodied to *Virgo*. This period of time in 3 B.C. covered 20 days (August 27 to September 15). If Jesus were born within that 20-day period, it would fit most remarkably with the testimony of Luke (relative to the birth of John the Baptist and the eighth Course of Abijah). Indeed, the chronological indications associated with this priestly course of Abijah place Jesus’ birth exactly within this period. But there is a way to arrive at a much closer time for Jesus’ birth than a simple 20-day period. The position of the Moon in John’s vision actually pinpoints the nativity to within a day—to within a period of an hour and a half (within 90 minutes) on that day. This may appear an absurd assessment on the surface, but it is quite possible. (Bold and underline Emphasis mine)

The key is the Moon. The Apostle said it was located “under her feet.” What does the word “under” signify in this case? Does it mean the woman of the vision was standing on the Moon when John observed it or does it mean her feet were positioned slightly above the Moon? John does not tell us. This, however, is not of major consequence in using the location of the Moon to answer our question because it would only involve the difference of a degree or two. The Moon travels about 12 degrees a day in its course through the heavens. This motion of one or two degree by the Moon represents on earth only a period of two to four hours. This difference is no

*problem in determining the time of Jesus' birth. What is vital, however is that this shows the Moon as a New Moon. (Emphasis Mine, Bold and Underline)*

*Now, note this point. Since the feet of Virgo, the Virgin represent the last 7 degrees of the constellation (in the time of Jesus this would have been between about 180 and 187 degrees along the ecliptic), the Moon has to be positioned somewhere under that 7-degree arc to satisfy the description of **Revelation 12**. But the Moon also has to be in exact location when the Sun is mid-bodied to Virgo. In the year 3 B.C., these two factors came to precise agreement for about an hour and a half, as observed from Palestine or Patmos, in the twilight period of September 11. The relationship began about 6:15 p.m. (sunset), and lasted until 7:45 p.m. (moonset). This is the only day in the whole year that the astronomical phenomenon described in the twelfth chapter of **Revelation** could take place.*

*This also shows one other important point. The Moon was in crescent phase. It was a New Moon day, the start of a new lunar month. (Emphasis Mine, Bold and Underline) While ordinary people in modern times who are not professional astronomers have little knowledge of the solar, lunar, planetary and stellar motions, the people from the first century up to the Industrial Revolution were well accustomed to them. Even people of little education were generally knowledgeable of the main motions of the astronomical bodies—even more than most college educated people today. When anyone of early times read **Revelation 12:1-3**, an astronomical relationship was realized at once. There was no doubt that a New Moon display was being shown to them. And when the woman of the sign was interpreted as Virgo the Virgin, and with the Sun mid-bodied to the Virgin, they clearly saw a New Moon day occurring sometime in late summer.*

*The Apostle John said this heavenly relationship occurred at the time of Jesus' birth. And in 3 B.C. this exact combination of celestial factors happened just after sunset only on one day of the year. It was on September 11. It could not have occurred at any other time of the year. Indeed, even one day before on September 10—the Moon would have been located above the virgin's feet with the crescent not visible, while one day farther—September 12—the Moon had moved too far beyond the feet of the virgin, at least 25 diameters of the Moon east of her feet. Thus, only one day applies. That day was just after sunset on September 11.*

*The Apostle John is actually presenting to his readers something of significance in a symbolic way. **Revelation 12:1-3** certainly shows a New Moon day that could only be observed from earth just after sunset and the day was September 11. This matter fits well with Luke's description of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Recall that, "There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over the flocks by night." And the angel said "Unto you is born this day (which began at sundown) in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." (**Luke 2:8-11**) Jesus was born in early evening, and **Revelation 12** shows it was a New Moon day.*

*What New Moon could this have been? The answer is most amazing. It is almost too amazing! September 11, 3 B.C. was Tishrei One on the Jewish calendar. To Jewish people this would have been a very profound occasion indeed. Tishrei One is none other than the Jewish New Year's Day (Rosh ha-Shanah, or as the Bible calls it, The Day of Trumpets—**Leviticus 23:23-26**). It was an important annual holy day of the Jews (but not one of the three annual festivals that required all Palestinian Jews to be in Jerusalem).*

*What a significant day for the appearance of the Messiah to arrive on earth from the Jewish point of view. And remarkably, no other day of the year could astronomically fit **Revelation 12:1-3**. The Apostle John is certainly showing forth an astronomical sign which answers precisely with the Jewish New Year Day. John would have surely realized the significance of this astronomical scene that he was describing.*



The preceding 3½ pages were taken from pp. 82-90 of *The Star That Astonished the World* by Ernest L. Martin.

The computer image utilizes the Julian Calendar which counts the year “zero” in its calculations. 3 B.C. is the year -2 in Julian years. So, this is the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 3 B.C. and the Sun has just set and is mid-body of the constellation Virgo and the Moon is now becoming visible to the naked eye. When I magnify this Moon above, we can see below that it is a Crescent Moon below her feet and again, this is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month *and* the Feast of Trumpets.



To clarify Gregorian Years and Julian Years, you need to understand that there is *no* “year zero” when using the Gregorian counting going from Common Era to Before Christ Era. But Julian years uses a year zero nonetheless. Look at the two systems below to better understand how they differ in their counting.

Gregorian Count: 3 A.D., 2 A.D., 1 A.D., 1 B.C., 2 B.C., 3 B.C.

Julian Count: 3 A.D., 2 A.D., 1 A.D., 0, 1 B.C., 2 B.C., 3 B.C.

As you go back in time before the year zero, the Julian system changes the year by one year—that is, compared to the Gregorian system—in that the Julian system uses the year zero in its counting.

I contacted Mr. Wadsworth, a Biblical Astronomer, and he confirmed the findings of Mr. Martin. In fact, many planetariums around the world have made changes to their planetary shows *based on* the findings of Mr. Martin. This is no small thing!

Other noteworthy books on this subject that are sure to be of interest to you, are as follows:

- *The Gospel in the Stars* by Joseph A. Seiss
- *The Witness of the Stars* by E.W. Bullinger
- *The Glory of the Stars* by E. Raymond Capt
- *Mazzaroth* by Frances Rolleston, written in 1865. A rare book.
- *365 Starry Nights* by Chet Raymo
- The works of Bob Wadsworth Biblical Astronomer and Researcher. With more videos and newsletters to keep you informed.

But, to confirm this to myself, I also installed a computer program called *Dance of the Stars*, recommended by and purchased from Mr. Wadsworth. And, another software program called *Starry Nights*, which you can get at [www.starrynight.com](http://www.starrynight.com). I too, was able to prove to myself this same event occurring on the same day. The Moon Conjunction was September 9<sup>th</sup>. September 10<sup>th</sup> was a 1% Moon, which would have been difficult to see with the sun setting only moments before and not yet below the feet of Virgo. September 11<sup>th</sup> was a 4% Visible Crescent Moon and, as you can see in the picture above, the Moon is *below* the feet of the constellation Virgo.

I have now presented you with the facts concerning the birth of Messiah on the Feast of Trumpets in 3 B.C. I have also presented proof of a Crescent Moon as described by the Apostle John. I believe we can now substantiate—with sufficient, biblical evidence to boot—that a New Crescent Moon is what begins each month, followed by the countdown to each of the Holy Days as outlined in ***Leviticus 23***.

It is the Crescent Moon that is the variable in how the month begins. It can be seen on one of two nights. Each month is either 29 or 30 days in length as the Moon circumnavigates the Earth. It takes the Moon 29.5 days to travel around the Earth. Because there is no such thing as a ½ day, each month is either 29 or 30 days in length adding or subtracting that ½ day each month. This is why no man can know the exact day when the Crescent Moon will be sighted. Will they see it on the 29<sup>th</sup> or on the 30<sup>th</sup>? No one knows for certain in advance.

The exact time the Moon will be sighted after the Sun has set is the other variable. If the haze is not too thick and there are no clouds, then sometime between sunset and moonset the Crescent Moon can be seen. We just never know when, or at what time, exactly.

And this now proves the veracity of the Hebrewism spoken of in *Matthew 24*.

**36** *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”*

**Matthew 24:36**

## Chapter 22 | Born On the Feast Of Trumpets

Having stated all in which we have now shared with you, is it possible to know the date of the Messiah's Second Coming?

*1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 **But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.** 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5*

We who profess to be followers of Yehovah are to understand these things. We are not to be stumbling about in the darkness like the rest of the world is. We are to be ready so as not to be surprised as if a thief in the night had sneaked up on us in stealth mode. When we keep the Holy Days and have the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, then we know who the "Thief in the night" is. It is Yehshua who comes on the Feast of Trumpets.

We are supposed to be watching for Him on this night. It is the night that Two Witnesses are needed to confirm the Crescent Moon. In knowing what the Holy Days represent, we can then understand that the expression, "**But of that day and hour no one knows,**" is again, a Hebrewism or a Hebrew Idiom. It is an expression which is known and readily understood within the framework of the cultural context of ancient Bible times.

*32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So, you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away 'til all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 36 **'But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.'** 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left." Matthew 24:32-41*

*42 "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 24:42-51*

In this passage, our Messiah says a number of things, but most people stop at, “***But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.***”

They don’t read or grasp what is being said when He says, “**Watch, therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.**” Here, we are told to watch and be hypervigilant. And yet, many of us who presume to be His sheep don’t know the hour. But can we at least say we now know the day? And... why *can’t* we know the hour? Let this be food for serious thought. In the meanwhile...

Yeshua then admonishes us concerning the *thief in the night*:

**43** “...*he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.* **44** *Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*” **Matthew 24:43-44**

Again, we are told at *an hour* we do not expect. But also, He *does not* say we won’t know the day. But, as for the evil servant *only* He says, “The master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of.”

He makes the distinction that it is the *evil servant* who will not know the day or the hour. WHY? Because that evil servant (namely, the Five Foolish Virgins) will not be keeping the Holy Days and watching as they (we) are commanded to be in the business of doing on this most critical day of days. Because of their (our) spiritual blindness and hardness of heart, they (we) will not expect the Messiah to come on this day—the Feast of Trumpets—which is all about His Second Coming on this very day—the Day of Shouting.

I will quote Paul again:

***I But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 1 Thessalonians 5:1***

Why did Paul not need to address the Thessalonians concerning the times and seasons? What is he talking about here? Paul is talking about the Holy Days they kept in strict accordance with the biblical calendar—that is, during the appropriate seasons. They were keeping the Holy Days correctly, in other words.

So, what does this all mean? For one, it means the Holy Days are *shadow pictures* of good things yet to come.

***16*** *So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.* **Colossians 2:16-17**

**4** *Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. 5* *They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.”* **Hebrews 8:4-5**

In other words, let *no man* judge you in food, drink, Festivals, or with regard to New Moons or Sabbaths...

*I For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices **repeated**, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. **Hebrews 10:1***

*4 Who are you to judge a Servant who is not yours? For if he stands, he stands to his Master, and if he falls, he falls to his Master, for it is appointed to his Master to be able to establish him. 5 There is one who distinguishes one day from another and there is another who judges all days the same, but let every person be certain in his own mind. **Romans 14:4-5***

The Thessalonians were keeping the Holy Days correctly and understood the true meaning and full import of each day. Each Holy Day represented a part of our Father's *Plan of Salvation* for mankind. I think we all know this by now. But do we forget that the Sabbatical Years and the Jubilee Years are *also* shadow pictures of good things still to come?

The evil servant (those of us who will not obey Yehovah, His *Torah/His Laws*) will *not* know the Day or the Season for the simple reason he or she will refuse to or fail at keeping the Holy Days at the correct times, on the correct days, or even at keeping them at all.

The evil servants, who have believed and/or been taught amiss, will be thinking He will come back at *any* time, *any* hour, and on *any* day. They will be blown about by every wind and wave of false doctrine that comes down the pike and hinging their faith regarding His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming on every baseless theory and scenario that comes along.

The good servants, however, will have already made themselves ready. Their garments for the Wedding Feast will have been washed and made as white as the driven snow; as well as pressed, laid aside and ready-to-wear at a moment's notice on the given day leading up to the exact given hour. They will be ready because these Good and Faithful Servants (or Five Wise Virgins) will be watching for the Feast of Trumpets.

Read *Matthew 25* and *Matthew 22* word for word, line upon line, and precept upon precept to make yourself ready. But also, take note of the servants who are working to increase the talents or money left to them by the king. Translated and decoded this means to increase the measure of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon us (and at work within us) backdating to the time in which we were first called. It could not hurt either to pray for a double or extra measure of Yehovah's Spirit as well, just to be on the safe side.

How much have you grown spiritually and grown rich in the Fruits of the Spirit? If we do not first come to possess the Fruits of the Spirit and, instead, seek only after the Gifts of the Spirit (signs and wonders), we may become puffed up. Without the Fruits, there still remains a good chance He will say, "Depart from me, I never knew you." Exactly how alive and on fire *is* His Spirit within you? How zealous are you to learn of and share His Word with others? How much do you hunger and thirst after Him and, like Isaiah, say, "Here I am, send me?!"

But getting back to the hour and the day. What day are we talking about? As I have stated before, it is the Feast of Trumpets. This is *the day* the Messiah is to return. This is the day Yeshua was born in 3 B.C. And because it is the Feast of Trumpets, this is why we won't know the exact hour. All the research I have presented you with points to the Feast of Trumpets beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month, or Tishrei. More specifically, it begins when the New Moon can first be seen in Jerusalem. This is Tishrei 1 and the Feast of Trumpets.

In times past, once the New Moon was spotted, at least Two Witnesses had to immediately report back to the Temple and inform the Guard who would, in turn, notify the High Priest. The High Priest would then call upon the Two Witnesses to come forward to be questioned so he could ensure they saw the Silver Crescent of the New Moon and that the Sun had set before they saw it. Once the High Priest was satisfied, he would summon the Sanhedrin and announce the Feast of Trumpets was at hand and command the trumpets to be blown, thus announcing the Feast of Trumpets to all.

In like fashion, we are told in the *Book of Malachi* that the Two Witnesses are going to come before the Day of the Yehovah.

*5 Behold, I am sending you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Jehovah. 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the sons, and the heart of the sons to their fathers, that I not come and strike the earth with utter destruction. Malachi 4:5-6*

Daniel also talks about the Two Witnesses at the time of the End, after the King of The North destroys the King of The South. In this verse the word translated as “sanctuary” should be translated as “saints.” It is the saint who will be trampled.

*13 Then I heard a certain holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that one who spoke, “Until when shall the vision last, concerning the daily sacrifice and the transgression that astounds, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled?” Daniel 8:13*

In *Revelation* we read what these Two Witnesses are to do and how they are to die after 3 ½ years of work. They die on the Feast of Passover which means they begin to work on the Feast of Trumpets the same way in which we have Two Witnesses come forward on the Feast of Trumpets to testify to the sighting of the Moon, which then is the start of the Day of Shouting when the Messiah is to come.

There are many who will sharply disagree with my conclusions. But please give careful thought to the all of what I have just shared as I apply it to the here and now. Everyone is waiting for this “shout out” to usher in the Feast, but are still tied up at their jobs, working overtime, juggling more than one job, or stuck in a juggernaut on the freeway after getting off work. But they have already made their garments white, spotless and have pressed them. Even the food for the Feast has been prepared well in advance and is ready and waiting.

And yet, no one knows when the Shofar (Trumpet) is to blow. So, they keep on working. Two in the field working side by side. One will be taken. One will remain. Two women kneading bread side by side. One will be taken. One will remain. When the Messiah returns on the Feast of Trumpets, no one will know the hour nor the day. How so? Because they won’t know again, if the Moon is going to be sighted the “day of” or the following day. (I am referring to a Crescent Moon with only a 1% visibility. A Moon with 2% or more should be easily seen.) But they *will* know the Feast Day is *at hand* and *very close* to being announced. Once the Crescent Moon is sighted, there is a brief procedure to go through before it is declared official.

Finally, the heads-up is given, the Shofars are blown, and the Messiah returns. If those who are chosen are taken while their fellow workers are left behind, how can this be a Feast Day if they are still working? If it was a Conjunction Moon, it would have been predicted in advance and a day or two before.

But, because it is a Sighted Visible Crescent Moon signifying the onset of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the new month—and given the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month is the Feast of Trumpets and a Holy Day (coupled with the fact we are talking about the 7<sup>th</sup> month, which is called Tishrei)—they will not know the Day or the Hour it is to begin because it is Sighted and they will not know for certain whether it is the “day of” or the following day that the Feast begins. This is why the brethren will still be found working alongside those who are not in the way of keeping the Holy Days at the right time or during the right month.

We know Yehshua followed the pattern of the Spring Holy Days, right down to the last detail, at His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming. Therefore, we can expect Him to fulfill the Fall Holy Days, in keeping with His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, right down to the last detail as well.

Prepare your garments *now* by seeing to it they are white spotless, without blemish or wrinkle, and ready to be thrown on when the Shofar is finally blown. Don't be the one—or let your children and/or grandchildren be the ones—told by the Groom “I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.” Don't be counted amongst the Five Foolish Virgins who forgo keeping the Holy Days and knowing the time of His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. Get ready now! He is coming, *and coming soon!* Will you be ready?

## Chapter 23 | The Sanhedrin

Because it is *so all-important* to understand what Yeshua meant by the Hebrew Idiom of “No one knows that day and hour,” we must now take a close look at a most reliable Jewish source to become more well-versed in making this our aim. I am including this as a greatly needed supplemental resource because I know there will still be those of you who want to argue against this understanding. All the more reason then, to leave no stone unturned by more thoroughly unearthing, explaining, and proving these truths to you.

When Yeshua was at the Temple, they used Two Witnesses to sight the Moon back then. I would like to open with the following statement which attests to the fact that, before the Two Witnesses were required, there was a time when the witness and testimony of one well-respected Jew was deemed sufficient. This comes from the writings of Rambam on the Crescent Moon.

*Accordingly, in the early generations, testimony regarding the sighting of the new [moon] <sup>19</sup>was accepted from any Jew [without further enquiry], for any Jew can be presumed to be an acceptable witness unless one knows with certainty that he is unacceptable. When the followers of Baithos began conducting themselves in a debased manner and would hire people to testify that they had seen the moon when in fact they had not, the court decreed that it would accept testimony regarding [the sighting of] the new [moon] only from witnesses whom the court knew to be acceptable. Moreover, they would examine and question their testimony. It was the de facto system used in Second Temple times by both the Pharisees and the Temple Priesthood. This is Neusner’s translation:*

*RoshHa. 1:7 A. A father and his son who saw the new moon should go [to give testimony]. B. It is not that they join together with one another [to provide adequate testimony], C. but so that, if one of them should turn out to be invalid [as a witness], the other may join with someone else [to make up the requisite number of witnesses]. D. R. Simeon says, “A father and his son, and all relatives, are valid to give testimony about the new moon.” E. Said R. Yose, “M’S H B: Tobiah, the physician, saw the new moon in Jerusalem-he, his son, and his freed slave.” F. “And the priests accepted him and his son [as witnesses to the new moon], but they invalidated the testimony of his slave. G. “But when they came before the court, they accepted his [testimony] and that of his slave, but they invalidated that of his son.”*

This demonstrates how there were two rival courts and both required Two Witnesses, although they had different standards as to who fulfilled all criteria of what constitutes a reliable witness. This is, of course, not definitive proof of what the *Torah* requires in its entirety, but is based strictly on the understanding held by prominent religious leaders of the 1<sup>st</sup>-century. That they had to have Two Witnesses to sight the Moon each month. Taken in its historical context, however; this is not debatable, but is both common knowledge and factual.

The fact the Temple Priests and Pharisees agreed on the basic principle—albeit while disagreeing on some of the specifics—is proof that the Moon originally had to be sighted so as to begin the month.

Again, notice how in *both* cases they were looking for the New Moon to begin the month.

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<sup>19</sup>[https://www.chabad.org/library/article\\_cdo/aid/527614/jewish/Why-Do-We-Still-CelebrateHolidays-for-Two-Days-in-the-Diaspora.htm](https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/527614/jewish/Why-Do-We-Still-CelebrateHolidays-for-Two-Days-in-the-Diaspora.htm)

The teachings of Rambam also attest to the following:

*7 What is the process through which the testimony regarding the sighting of the moon is accepted?<sup>20</sup> Anyone who saw the moon and is fit to testify should come to the court. The [judges] should bring them all to a single place, and should make a large feast for them, so that people will come regularly. The pair [of witnesses] who arrive first are examined first according to the questions mentioned previously. The one of greater stature is invited [into a private chamber] first and asked these questions. If his testimony is accurate according to [the data that the court arrives at through] calculations, they invite his colleague in. If their statements are comparable, their testimony is substantiated.*

*[Afterwards,] the remaining pairs are asked questions of a broader nature. [In truth,] their testimony is not required at all, [and they are being asked] only so they will not depart disheartened, so that they will come frequently [in the future].*

*Once the court sanctifies the new month, it remains sanctified regardless of whether they erred unwittingly, they were led astray [by false witnesses], or they were forced [to sanctify it]. We are required to calculate [the dates of] the festivals based on the day that they sanctified [as the beginning of the new month].*

*Even if [a person] knows that [the court] erred, he is obligated to rely on them, for the matter is entrusted to them alone. The One who commanded us to observe the festivals is the One who commanded [us] to rely on them, as [implied by **Leviticus 23:2**]: “Which you will pronounce as days of holy convocation.”*

As it stands now, we have a number of people in Israel sighting the New Moon and they have become well trusted and highly reliable experts at it. Each of them makes a record of this information and then shares it with those who are of this understanding throughout the world. We also rely upon others searching for the Barley by which to begin the year and make a special point to be on the lookout and share those reports as well.

Today, we do not have a Sanhedrin by which to proclaim the beginning of a given month. But we *do* have people in Israel who can be likened to the Two Witnesses. It is these faithful and true witnesses that we continue to rely upon today. And, it is from their sightings that we are then able to count the days that lead up to each one of the Holy Days and determine when they are to be kept.

*2 Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, “The feasts of Jehovah, which you shall proclaim, holy convocations, even these are My appointed feasts.” **Leviticus 23:2***

We, the people, must proclaim Yehovah’s Feasts. He will make the New Moons visible and the ripeness of the Barley apparent to us or, He will hide them from us. But when we are eyewitnesses to them, then the Holy Days are to be proclaimed.

As you can now see, the Crescent Moon could not be accurately determined by the Court of the Sanhedrin in and of itself. It was, instead, reliant upon the Two Witnesses faithfully reporting on a monthly basis that they had seen the Crescent Moon—especially the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> months, when the Holy Days would fall.

<sup>20</sup><http://www.chabadps.com/m/dailystudy/?tDate=6/12/2015&type=rambam1#footnote8a947919>

The current Hillel Calendar—of which all the Jewish Holy Days are now calculated from—only came into being after A.D. 358 and they were only instituted by Rambam in the 11<sup>th</sup>-century.

## Chapter 24 | Why Is the Feast Of Trumpets Kept On 2 Days?

Why is the Feast of Trumpets kept on two days? How did this come to be? Yehovah says to keep it on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month. Why do the Jews observe this tradition of keeping it for two days also?

*Whereas Shabbat happens every seven days without any input from us,<sup>21</sup> God commanded the children of Israel to fix the dates of the months and years. (Exodus 12:1) This means that the power to determine when the holidays fall was given to Moses and his successors—the rabbinical courts. Originally, there was no fixed calendar. Each month, the Sanhedrin (supreme court) in Jerusalem would determine whether the previous month had been 29 or 30 days long, depending on when the new moon of the following month was first sighted.*

*There was no way to determine the exact day of a coming festival (Yom Tov) in advance, because every festival falls on a particular day in a month, and the month would begin only when the new moon of that month was sighted.*

*Once the Sanhedrin had determined that a new month had begun, the information was broadcast from Jerusalem to distant Jewish outposts via huge bonfires which were lit on designated mountaintops. Lookouts stationed on other mountaintops would see the fires, and would then light their own fires, creating a chain of communication that led all the way to Babylon, and to even more distant communities. If there was a Yom Tov that month, communities across Israel and in the Diaspora would then know when to celebrate it.*

Take note here: the only reason they needed bonfires was to get the message quickly to the other Jewish communities far away to let them know when and if the Moon was sighted. If they were using the *Calculated Method*, they would not need the bonfires (or the messengers) because everyone would be doing as they do today. BUT THEY WERE NOT USING THE CALCULATED HEBREW CALENDAR BACK THEN. IT ONLY CAME INTO USE IN THE 11<sup>th</sup>-CENTURY A.D.

*But a problem arose. The Samaritans, a sect who denied rabbinic authority and were constantly at odds with the Jews, started lighting fires on the wrong days in order to manipulate the calendar.*

*To prevent confusion, the fire-on-mountaintop method of communication was discontinued, and instead, messengers were dispatched to Babylon and other far flung Jewish settlements.*

*Since news traveled a lot slower that way, distant communities would not know when Rosh Chodesh (the “Head of the Month”) had been declared in time to celebrate the festival on the proper day.*

*It was therefore decreed that, outside of the Land of Israel, people would celebrate every Yom Tov for two days: the day of the month the holiday would be if the previous month had been a 29-day month, and the day of the month it would be if the previous month had been a 30-day month.*

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<sup>21</sup>[https://www.chabad.org/library/article\\_cdo/aid/527614/jewish/Why-Do-We-Still-CelebrateHolidays-for-Two-Days-in-the-Diaspora.htm](https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/527614/jewish/Why-Do-We-Still-CelebrateHolidays-for-Two-Days-in-the-Diaspora.htm)

This proves that the original method used to begin the month was the observation of the first visible crescent of the moon. The Feast of Trumpets was kept on the first day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month as we are told in Leviticus 23.

*24 Speak to the sons of Israel saying: In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath, a memorial summons, a holy convocation. **Leviticus 23:24***

Those living in the Diaspora would not know for sure when the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month would be because they waited for word from the Temple. For this reason, they kept the Feast for two days until they knew for certain, give or take a couple of days, when word would arrive.

## Chapter 25 | 3 Days & 3 Nights

Another way to prove whether or not the Crescent Moon falls on the start of the month (or if it is the Conjunction) is to look at the crucifixion of Yehshua. But, in order to do this, we must understand the chronology of events surrounding Passover during the year He was crucified.

Yehshua was crucified on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> month at the end of the Preparation Day for Passover. We are told there is only *one sign* that conclusively proves Yehshua is our Messiah.

*38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, "Master, we want to see a sign from you." 39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign. And there shall be no sign given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the huge fish, so the Son of Man shall be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it, because they repented at the proclaiming of Jonah, and behold, One greater than Jonah is here. 42 The Queen of the South shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it, for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, One greater than Solomon is here." Matthew 12:38-42*

When we refer to the account in the *Book of Jonah*, we are made aware of the following:

*16 Then the men feared Jehovah exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to Jehovah, and vowed vows. 17 And Jehovah had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Jonah 1:16-17*

*1 And Jonah prayed to Jehovah his God out of the fish's belly, 2 and he said, "I cried to Jehovah from my distress. And He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried for help, and You heard my voice. 3 For You cast me into the depths of the seas, and the current surrounded me. All Your breakers and Your waves passed over me." 4 Then I said, "I am cast off from Your eyes, yet I will look again toward Your holy temple. 5 Waters encompassed me, even to the soul; the depth closed around me; the seaweed was bound to my head. 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was around me forever; yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O Jehovah my God. 7 When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Jehovah; and my prayer came in to You, into Your holy temple. 8 They who take heed to lying vanities forsake their kindness; 9 but I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will fulfill that which I have vowed. Salvation belongs to Jehovah!" 10 And Jehovah spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out on the dry land. Jonah 2:1-10*

This sign that Yehshua gave was the *only* sign He gave that *unequivocally* indicated He was the true Messiah—again, it was the *only* sign given. That is, the sign prophesying the Messiah would be in the grave three days and three nights.

The only sign our Savior and Messiah gave—who was killed on the tree the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan—was that He would ascend from the grave three days and three nights later, *just as* Jonah came forth from the fish three days and three nights later. In other words, what many assume to be Good Friday–Easter Sunday.

If we persist in believing Yehshua was killed at 3pm on Good Friday and rose from the grave Easter Sunday, then we are all spiritually inept.

Let's begin by counting Friday as one day. It was not because it was at the end of the day when He died, but let us just count it out anyway. We have Friday day and Friday night as the 1<sup>st</sup> day and night. Then, we have Saturday day and Saturday night as the 2<sup>nd</sup> day and night. Next, we have Sunday day and Sunday night as the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and night. If you believe in Good Friday and Easter Sunday, do you not see a problem here? It is impossible to derive three days and three nights from this equation when even your *own* tradition maintains He rose Sunday morning.

By examining the three days and three nights of when Yehshua died, we can know for sure whether or not the Good Friday–Easter Sunday scenario, is correct and at, the same time, determine if the Crescent Moon was used to begin the month.

### **WEDNESDAY THE 14<sup>th</sup>, THURSDAY THE 15<sup>th</sup>, FRIDAY THE 16<sup>th</sup>, SABBATH THE 17<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY THE 18<sup>th</sup>**

I would ask that you begin by reading *John 18* from start to finish. To give *John 18* context, *Chapter 17* gives an account of the Last Supper and they (the Disciples and Yehshua) have just made their way to the Mount of Olives—the place where Yehshua is arrested.

We need to explain this for some to understand and realize that the day begins *when* the Sun sets. At Sunset is the start of the day. The night portion is the first 12 hours and then the morning or daylight is the onset of the next 12 hours of *that same day*.

We read in the *Book of Genesis*:

*3 And God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. 4 And God saw the light that it was good. And God divided between the light and the darkness. 5 And God called the light, "Day." And He called the darkness, "Night." And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

**Genesis 1:3-5**

*6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse, and divided the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. 8 And God called the expanse, "Heavens." And the evening and the morning were the second day. Genesis 1:6-8*

*9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear;" and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land, "Earth." And He called the gathering together of the waters, "Seas." And God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth tender sprouts (the herb seeding seed and the fruit tree producing fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself) upon the earth;" and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth tender sprouts, the herb yielding seed after its kind, and the tree producing fruit after its kind, whose seed was in itself. And God saw that it was good. 13 And the evening and the morning were the third day. Genesis 1:9-13*

*14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to divide between the day and the night. And let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years. 15 And let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day and the smaller light to rule the night, and the stars also. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night; and to divide between the light and the darkness. And*

*God saw that it was good. 19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. Genesis 1:14-19*

*20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms having a living soul; and let birds fly over the earth on the face of the expanse of the heavens." 21 And God created great sea-animals, and every living soul that creeps with which the waters swarmed after their kind; and every winged fowl after its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters of the seas and let the fowl multiply in the earth." 23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. Genesis 1:20-23*

*24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after its kind, cattle, and creepers, and its beasts of the earth after its kind;" and it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth after its kind, and cattle after their kind, and all creepers upon the earth after their kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 And God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth." 27 And God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth." Genesis 1:24-28*

*29 And God said, "Behold! I have given you every herb seeding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree seeding seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the heavens, and to every creeper on the earth which has in it a living soul every green plant is for food;" and it was so. 31 And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Genesis 1:29-31*

In each of the six days of Creation, Yehovah states that the evening, and then the morning, were *both* parts of the *same* day. This then leaves us with an evening—and also the day part—as that which constitutes the 7<sup>th</sup> day upon which Yehovah rested.

*1 And 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. 2 And He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He had rested from all His work which God created to make. Genesis 2:1-3*

And to make absolutely sure you understand this Sunset to Sunset construct, Yehovah then states it categorically in the *Book of Leviticus*:

*26 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 27 "Also, on the tenth of this seventh month, this is a day of atonement. It shall be a holy convocation to you. And you shall afflict your souls and offer a fire offering to Jehovah. 28 And you shall do no work in that same day, for it is a day of atonement, in order to make an atonement for you before Jehovah your God. 29 For any soul who is not humbled in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. 30 And any soul who does any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. 31 You shall do no kind of work. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 32 It shall be to you a sabbath of rest, and you shall humble your souls. In the ninth of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall keep your sabbath." Leviticus 23:26-32*

You now have biblical proof that the day begins at sunset on the “day of” and then, ends at sunset the very next day. Therefore, the Sabbath begins at sunset, and *not* when three stars

can be seen or in accordance with other folklore traditions. Sunset to Sunset is the operative and immutable rule here and *never* the exception.

Yehshua also stated there were to be 12 hours in a given day. If there are 12 hours in a day, then there are *also* 12 hours that make up a given night.

*9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble because he sees the light of the world." John 11:9*

So, the three days in question consist of three 12-hour periods of daylight and nighttime respectively. Now, let's begin by following the chain of events that took place at this time in chronological order.

Yehshua had eaten the Last Supper and washed the feet of His Disciples after sunset when the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan had begun. In the evening of this same 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan, they had all made their way to the Mount of Olives. It was there that Yehshua prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was also there where He was arrested and subsequently brought before Annas and Caiaphas the High Priests while it was yet dark. And while it was still dark, they also sent Yehshua to Pontius Pilot.

*28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the praetorium. And it was early. And they did not go into the praetorium, that they should not be defiled, and that they might eat the Passover. John 18:28*

As a matter of principle—they would not enter into the Praetorium so as not to defile themselves before Passover, which starts at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> day when the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Nisan, the first month, begins.

Again, in *John 19* we are told this transpired on the Preparation Day of Passover. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan.

*24 And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots on them, as, to what each should take. 25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. Mark 15:24-25*

This 3<sup>rd</sup> hour occurred at 9am during the day portion of the 14<sup>th</sup>. At this juncture, Yehshua had been delivered up to Annas and Caiaphas. He was then brought before Pilot, then Agrippa, and back to Pilot. This all took place during the night and the very early morning hours. Finally, at 9am, He was nailed to the tree.

*13 Then when Pilate heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement (but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha). 14 And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your king!" John 19:13-14*

*44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in the middle. 46 And crying with a loud voice, Jesus said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." And when He had said this, He breathed out the spirit. Luke 23:44-46*

The 6<sup>th</sup> hour was at 12pm and the 9<sup>th</sup> hour was at 3pm in the afternoon—all of which, again, took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan.

Then, when Yehshua had died, the Priest asked to have everyone's legs broken in order that those being crucified might die faster so they could be taken down from the tree they were hung on before the High Holy Day of Passover began on the 15<sup>th</sup> day *at sunset*.

*30 Then when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up the spirit. 31 Then the Jews, because it was Preparation, begged Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away, so that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the sabbath. For that sabbath was a high day. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. John 19:30-33*

*36 For these things happened that the scripture should be fulfilled that says, "Not a bone of him will be broken" John 19:36 | Aramaic Bible In Plain English*

After Yehshua died on the tree about 3pm, which was the 9<sup>th</sup> hour, (there are 12 hours in a day) then Joseph of Arimathea had to cross over the Kidron and go back to the Praetorium to ask Pilot for the body of Yehshua. He then had to come back, accompanied by the centurion who had pierced Yehshua through with his spear to make sure he was dead. By this time, it was the 10<sup>th</sup> hour. With roughly two hours remaining until sunset, they could *now* remove the body and place it in the tomb. They did this *just before* sunset as the High Holy Day was about to begin.

*38 And after these things, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus (but secretly for fear of the Jews) begged of Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave permission. Then he came and took the body of Jesus. 39 And Nicodemus also came, who at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. 40 Then they took the body of Jesus and wound it with linens with the spices, as is the custom of the Jews to bury. 41 And in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one yet had been placed. 42 There, then, because of the Preparation of the Jews, because the tomb was near, they laid Jesus. John 19:38-42*

The 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan is the High Holy Day John spoke of.

*5 On the fourteenth day of the first month, between the evenings, is Jehovah's Passover, 6 and on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Jehovah. You must eat unleavened bread seven days. 7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no work of labor. Leviticus 23:5-7*

I want you to now look at this next verse very carefully:

*53 And he took it down and wrapped it in linen. And he laid it in a tomb that had been cut in the stone, in which no man had before been laid. 54 And **that day was the Preparation, and the sabbath drew on.** 55 And also, women were following, who were accompanying Him out of Galilee, who watched the tomb, and how His body was placed. Luke 23:53-55*

*56 And they returned and they prepared spices and ointment. And they rested on the sabbath day according to the commandment. Luke 23:56*

Verse 53 informs us it is *still* the 14<sup>th</sup> day when Yehshua was killed and they laid Him in the tomb. It was the Preparation Day for the High Holy Day. That High Holy Day was also a

Sabbath. That Sabbath that was about to come, fell on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month and it was the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread. This is why they rushed to place His body in the tomb.

Notice how in *verse 56* they worked to prepare the spices and ointments. This could not be done on the High Holy Day. But it was done on Friday, which was also the Preparation Day for the weekly Sabbath which they rested on. Notice it says they “returned” *after* the High Holy Day and prepared the ointment on the Friday Preparation Day:

*1 And on the first of the sabbaths, while still very early, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. Luke 24:1*

This account of the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Sabbath is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Feast of Weeks when they began the counting of the Omer.

*1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, had bought sweet spices so that they might come and anoint Him. 2 And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came upon the tomb, the sun having risen. 3 And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back, for it was very great. 5 And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right, clothed in a long white garment. And they were frightened. Mark 16:1-5*

*6 And he said to them, “Do not be frightened. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen, He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him. 7 But go tell His disciples and Peter that He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see Him, as He said to you.” 8 And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb. For they trembled and were amazed. Neither did they say anything to anyone, for they were afraid. 9 And when Jesus had risen early the first day of the Sabbath, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. Mark 16:6-9*

*1 The first of the sabbaths Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, darkness still being on it, and she saw the stone taken away from the tomb. 2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” 3 Therefore, Peter and that other disciple went forth and came to the tomb. 4 So, they both ran together. And the other disciple outran Peter and came first to the tomb. 5 And stooping down he saw the linens lying, yet he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came following him and went into the tomb. And he saw the linens lying there. 7 And the gravecloth that was on His head was not lying with the linens, but was wrapped up in one place by itself. 8 Therefore, then, that other disciple also went in, the one who came first to the tomb. And he saw and believed. 9 For as yet they did not know the Scripture that He must rise again from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went away again to themselves. John 20:1-10*

*11 But Mary stood outside of the tomb, weeping. And as she wept, she stooped down into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white sitting there, the one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 And they said to her, “Woman, why do you weep?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” 14 And when she had said this, she turned backward and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why do you weep? Whom do you seek?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried Him away from here, tell me where you have laid Him and I will take Him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned herself and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Master!) 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brothers and*

say to them, I ascend to My Father and Your Father, and to My God and your God.” **John 20:11-17**

But later that same day, Yeshua appeared to them and encouraged the Disciples to touch Him and examine the holes in His hands and feet.

*18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that He had spoken these things to her. 19 Then the same day at evening, being the first of the sabbaths, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace to you!” 20 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Then Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you. As My Father has sent Me, even so I send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”* **John 20:18-22**

*36 And as they spoke this, Jesus Himself stood in their midst, and said to them, “Peace to you!” 37 But they were terrified and filled with fear, for they thought they saw a spirit. 38 And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? 39 Behold My hands and My feet, that I am He! Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see Me have.” 40 And when He had spoken this, He showed them His hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe for joy, and wondered, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” 42 And they handed to Him a piece of a broiled fish and of a honeycomb. 43 And He took it and ate before them. 44 And He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and in the Prophets and in the Psalms about Me.”* **Luke 24:36-44**

*45 And He opened their mind to understand the Scriptures. 46 And He said to them, “So it is written, and so it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be proclaimed in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I send the promise of My father on you. But you sit in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.” 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany. And lifting up His hands, He blessed them. 51 And it happened as He blessed them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into Heaven. 52 And worshiping Him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.* **Luke 24:45-53**

At first Mary could not touch Him, but later that same day, Yeshua told His Disciples to touch Him and examine the holes in His hands and feet.

You now know the complete chronology of the events surrounding the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Yeshua.

He was arrested on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> day, or Tuesday evening. He was then tried and hung on the tree at 9am Wednesday morning, which, again, still fell on the 14<sup>th</sup> day. At 3pm, He died and at roughly 5 or 6pm—just before sunset—He was buried. All of this occurred on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month. From Sunset Tuesday evening until Sunset Wednesday.

Wednesday evening, after sunset, was then the start of the High Holy Day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread. It was the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month. Thursday day was also the very same Feast Day. This, in turn, was then the 1<sup>st</sup> night and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the counting of the three days and three nights.

Thursday night and Friday day constituted the weekly Preparation Day for the weekly Sabbath. This was the day the ointment was prepared. This was the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month. It was also the 2<sup>nd</sup> night and the 2<sup>nd</sup> day Yehshua was in the Earth. Friday night and Saturday day was the weekly Sabbath and the 3<sup>rd</sup> night and the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. This, in turn, was the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month.

At this time, the women came on the 1<sup>st</sup> day while it was still dark to apply the ointment. But Yehshua was already gone. He would have risen from the tomb at the end of the Sabbath and just as the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week was about to begin at sunset. The 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week would have been Saturday night and Sunday day and this was the 18<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month.

It was at 9am—the time of the morning sacrifices—that Yehshua ascended to Heaven as the Wave Sheaf Offering on that Sunday morning. Once He presented Himself (and those He brought with Him from the grave) He then returned to the Earth the same day on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week where He met up with the Disciples.

We have now established Wednesday as the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan and the day Yehshua was crucified. We have provided you with the appropriate biblical scriptures to prove our position and we can plainly see now how Good Friday and Easter Sunday are *not* the days He was killed or rose from the grave on.

We will now take a look at two additional teachings that further reinforce and prove Wednesday to be the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Nisan. On that basis, we will then demonstrate to you how the year Yehshua was killed began with a Crescent Moon—that is, the Moon by which to usher in a given month.

In fact, we are going over these teachings with you to establish the fact that *any and every* given month is ALWAYS to begin with the Crescent Moon sighting. Once proven, we then know the 7<sup>th</sup> month *also began* with the Crescent Moon sighting. And too, it is the 7<sup>th</sup> month that attests to the Feast of Shouting (aka., the Feast of Trumpets) on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month.

Moreover, it is because of the need to sight the Moon—which can occur on one of two days—that we get the expression “No man can know the day or the hour.” This truism is also the clue given to us regarding when the Messiah shall return. The Feast of Trumpets *also* teaches us that on this Feast Day was when the Messiah was first born and will come again on this very same day.

## Chapter 26 | The Road To Emmaus

*21 But we had trusted that He was the One who was about to redeem Israel. And besides all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Luke 24:21*

When I read this scripture for the first time, on the surface it appeared to totally dismiss my understanding of when the Messiah was killed and rose from the grave. And yet, I thought the answer was going to be fairly easy to resolve. It was not and it required a lot more digging on my part than I ever would have expected. But the understanding I got from it is nothing short of astounding to me. And yet, the passage above in the *Gospel of Luke* is what is being used by Christians as their foundational scripture justifying their excuses for militantly clinging to Sunday as their day of worship.

Yes, I knew Easter Sunday was why they kept Sunday as “the Lord’s Day,” but I had not realized or understood that it was primarily because of the single verse above in the *Gospel of Luke*. They adamantly continue to claim *Luke 24* is irrefutable proof that Jesus rose on Easter Sunday morning. Therefore, with this glaring discrepancy in front of me—coupled with the realization of just *how* powerful this one verse has proven to be with respect to Christians everywhere using it to justify their position—I had no choice but to resolve this issue once and for all.

I strongly feel it could help *so many* to finally, at long last, understand the truth from this point forward—that is, if we could just prove, beyond all reasonable doubt, the truth of what is actually written.

I have read of how *Luke 24* is considered to be irrefutable and incontestable proof Jesus rose on Sunday and below are the scriptures to support that proof of which so many Christians base and hinge their faith upon. I normally use the *MKJV*. But I also refer to several other Bible translations with respect to the same verse. In this teaching I am going to give you the version quoted for each scripture. Because it really *is* that important.

*1 But at early dawn on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. Luke 24:1 | ISV*

This one verse tells us that Sunday was the day all the events spoken of in *Luke 24* took place on. The *MKJV* has this to say:

*1 And on the first of the sabbaths, while still very early, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. Luke 24:1 | MKJV*

*13 On the same day, two of Jesus’ followers were walking to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. Luke 24:13 | ISV*

This verse now confirms, without a doubt, that the men were walking on that very same day, Sunday. There is no wiggle room to get around when this took place. It was Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week.

Next, we read in the *Gospel of Luke* the verse that proves Sunday to be the Resurrection Day and I am going to use the *MKJV* for this verse as well.

*21 But we had trusted that He was the One who was about to redeem Israel. And besides all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Luke 24:21 | MKJV*

He was killed on Good Friday, and was in the grave just before the Sabbath and He rose “today” (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day) Easter Sunday. That is, the three days and the three nights. How so? This verse in the *Gospel of Luke*, as they walked to Emmaus, proves it. He rose from the grave on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week and here again in *Luke 24:21*. We then read how today (Sunday) was the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. Done deal, case closed, and their account is airtight. Or is it?

In order for them to be right, then many other scriptures must surely be wrong. But that does not matter, just so long as they get to keep doing what they have always done.

But let me ask, do you study to prove your position so you do not have to change and, therefore, become unteachable and set in your ways? Or, better yet, do you study so as to become a work-in-progress, “workman approved” right up until your dying day to where, if need be, you must change your position from time to time? Why? So that you come into an ever-deepening understanding of the spiritual truths Yehovah wishes to show you as you continue to mature in Him and transition from the Milk of the Word (the Elementary Teachings) to eating Solid Food, which is Discernment. In other words, do you wish to have Yehovah-breathed discernment when it comes to spiritual matters, or do you wish to keep “...ever-learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth?” (*Hebrews 5:12; 2 Timothy 3:7*)

That being said, we have a Good Friday Crucifixion and now we have our (so called) proof of the Easter Sunday Resurrection.

*21 “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.” Luke 24:21*

“It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day” since Jesus was crucified and placed in the tomb. This was the day the two men were expecting Jesus to rise from the dead. This was their day of expectation. And we now have yet another verse to further solidify our case for an Easter Sunday.

*46 “He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day.” Luke 24:46*

This is not connected directly with the men on the road to Emmaus, but Luke—via the inspiration of the Holy Spirit—has now referred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> day as being Sunday, FOUR TIMES! And yes, this was the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, what we call Sunday today (*verse 1*). And yes again, this journey to Emmaus was “that same day” (*verse 13 | KJV*).

There are even Messianics today who believe because of what is written in the *Gospel of Luke*, that—in order for there to be three days and three nights in the grave *and* to have the account in the *Gospel of Luke* also be correct—Yehshua had to be killed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day and that this day was Passover. They say this because they believe Jesus ate the Passover meal with His Disciples.

In other words, what they are saying is this: Jesus kept Passover with the Disciples and did so on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month—a Thursday. He was then killed and put in the Earth on the 15<sup>th</sup>

day. And now, as a result, they count three days and three nights to Sunday morning. I am not saying this because it has to make sense. I am saying this because this is what many are now teaching. Again, it has everything to do with this scripture in the *Gospel of Luke*.

This question we are asking with respect to **Luke 24:21** is critical for all of us to understand so that each of us can explain it to those who base their faith on this false teaching derived from the *Gospel of Luke*.

Let us now begin to look more closely at this passage and see what is *really* being said. Was that Sunday morning, in truth, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and therefore, the official day of the Resurrection? If it was, then the preceding chapter—where we let the facts speak for themselves regarding the three days and three nights, based on all the scriptures we previously quoted to you—is dead wrong.

First, the **KJV** states, “And beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.” (**Luke 24:21**) Now the word “today” as defined in *Vincent Word Studies* says, “The best texts omit to-day.” As I began delving deeply into researching this verse and came across this finding, I suddenly knew exactly what I had to do. I had to refer back to what the Greek actually had to say on the matter.

The Greek word for “since” after “the 3<sup>rd</sup> day” in **Luke 24:21** actually means “away from.” *Away from* is, by definition, the same as the word, “after.”

*Strong’s #575* says, “A primary particle; ‘off,’ that is, away (from something near), in various senses (of place, time, or relation; literally or figuratively): —(X here-) after, ago, at, because of, before, by (the space of), for (-th), from, in, (out) of, off, (up-) on (-ce), since, with. In composition (as a prefix) it usually denotes separation, departure, cessation, completion, reversal, etc.”

Yeshua died late on a Wednesday afternoon and was laid in the grave at sundown on Wednesday as Thursday was just beginning. He was in the grave three days and three nights. That is, Wednesday night, Thursday night, and Friday night *and...* Thursday day, Friday day, and Saturday day using our biblical reckoning of days and nights. He rose at the end of the Sabbath just before sunset as the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week was about to begin.

Therefore, He was in the grave three days and three nights and rose after three days and three nights while the Sabbath was still underway. So, He rose on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, on Saturday. Sunday is then the 4<sup>th</sup> day. The 4<sup>th</sup> day is “away from” the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. That being said, it is abundantly apparent the verse is *literally* saying they were walking and talking after the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, which was Sunday.

However, have other well-respected translators understood this point as well? Contrary to popular belief, YES! Let us now take a good look at three of them in relation to **Luke 24:21**.

*Moffatt Translation* by James Moffatt:

“...but he is dead, and that is three days ago!”

The *Bible in the Basic English Version* says:

“In addition to all this, he has now let three days go by from the time when these things took place.”

The *James Murdock Translation* has it:

*“And lo, three days [have passed], since all these things occurred.”*

The *New Berkeley Version (In Modern English)* by Gerrit Verkugl maintains:

*“Moreover, three days have already passed, since all these events occurred.”*

The *Syriac New Testament Version* (translated into English from *The Peshitta*) by James Murdock reveals:

*“...and lo, three days have passed since all these things have occurred.”*

The Syriac text can be confirmed by two of the oldest manuscripts in *Estrangelo Aramaic*: the *Sinaitic Palimpsest* and the *Curetonian Syriac*.

*21 But we hoped that it was he who should redeem Israel. Yea and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things came to pass. Luke 24:21 | ASV*

*21 But we were hoping that he would be the Savior of Israel. In addition to all this he has now let three days go by from the time when these things took place Luke 24:21 | BBE*

*21 We had hoped that he would be the one to set Israel free! But it has already been three days since all this happened. Luke 24:21 | CEV*

*21 But we were hoping that he was the one to save Israel; and behold, it is three days since all these things happened. Luke 24:21 | Lamsa N.T.*

The *Interlinear Hebrew Greek Bible* says the following:

*But (4594) with all (575, 3739, 5023) these things (1096) third (235) this (1135) day (5100) comes today (1537,2257) since these things occurred (1839, 2248, 1096).*

Suffice it to say, there is exceedingly ample evidence to support that **Luke 24:21** in the **KJV**—if correctly translated—should read as follows:

*21 “Today is after the third day since these things were done.” Luke 24:21*

As the information above so clearly illustrates, the oldest and multiple original manuscripts consistently demonstrate that “away from” is the correct word for “since,” and clearly shows us that three days have now passed—Sunday being the 4<sup>th</sup> day since Jesus was laid in the grave.

Again, if we just look at the word translated as “today,” *Strong’s Concordance* has this to say:

**G4594**: *semeron* | say'-mer-on

*Neuter (as adverb) of a presumed compound of the article G3588 (“tau” changed to “sigma”) and G2250: on the (that is, this) day (or night current or just passed); genitively now (that is, at present, hitherto): –this (to-)day.*

This word, “semeron” could be translated as, “That is, this Day” or, “That is, this night.” Or, “That is this current night” or, “That is just passed.”

On that basis, here is a legitimate translation using *just* this version of *Strong's* and using one of the proper translations they provide.

*21 But we were hoping that he was the one to save Israel; and behold, it is three days "That is just passed" since all these things happened. Luke 24:21*

Understand that there is (or was) an agenda at work here to make Sunday "The Day" of worship. A Saturday Sabbath did not suit the purpose of those possessing the authority to be in the way of doing away with any and all things Jewish in favor of a Sunday Resurrection and a Sunday Sabbath. This fit their erroneous and baseless understanding of a Friday Crucifixion and a Sunday Resurrection.

We can read what Constantine had to say about this back in 325 C.E.

*"...it appeared an unworthy thing that in the celebration of this most holy feast we should follow the practice of the Jews, who have impiously defiled their hands with enormous sin, and are, therefore, deservedly afflicted with blindness of soul... Let us then have nothing in common with the detestable Jewish crowd; for we have received from our Saviour a different way."*<sup>22</sup>

*Theodoret's Ecclesiastical History* records the *Epistle of Emperor Constantine*, concerning the matters transacted at the Council, addressed to those Bishops who were not present:

*"It was, in the first place, declared improper to follow the custom of the Jews in the celebration of this holy festival, because, their hands having been stained with crime, the minds of these wretched men are necessarily blinded... Let us, then, have nothing in common with the Jews, who are our adversaries... Let us... studiously avoiding all contact with that evil way... For how can they entertain right views on any point who, after having compassed the death of the Lord, being out of their minds, are guided not by sound reason, but by an unrestrained passion, wherever their innate madness carries them... lest your pure minds should appear to share in the customs of a people so utterly depraved... Therefore, this irregularity must be corrected, in order that we may no more have any thing in common with those parricides and the murderers of our Lord... no single point in common with the perjury of the Jews."*

Roughly one billion Protestants/Evangelicals and another billion Catholics believe Jesus Christ was crucified and entombed on a Friday afternoon—Good Friday—and raised to life again at daybreak on Easter Sunday morning, 1 ½ days later.

When we add the word TODAY as a definitive expression, it means: right now, this day. Sunday is three days later and serves only to legitimize the objectives of those who intentionally seek to instate Good Friday as the Day of Christ's Crucifixion. But this is *not* what the Greek is saying. It is saying that three days have now passed since all these things took place.

In the *Aramaic New Testament*, it says the following:

*And we were hoping that He was about to save Israel. And behold, three days have passed. Luke 24:21*

The footnote for the scriptural account reads as follows:

<sup>22</sup><https://derek4messiah.wordpress.com/2008/02/20/resurrection-passover-and-constantine/>

*(The Aramaic) Peshitta clearly reads, “Three days have now passed,” but the Greek reads “this is the third day.” The reader can decide whether Greek translators stated this to bolster a Sunday resurrection or whether it was a simple translation oversight.*

Brethren, I just cannot stress this enough! There is a running bias in far too many of the Bible translations out there to give cause and support to the sorely mistaken notion of a Sunday Resurrection. This verse in the *Gospel of Luke*—and the extent to which it has been so widely mistranslated—is a prime example. Nevertheless, the three days and three nights had already passed and the day they were walking along the road to Emmaus occurred right after these events.

The very same anti-Jewish sentiment was also at work during the time the *Bible* was being translated into Latin. It was even in place when the Judeo-Christian faith was in a state of transition from Jerusalem—under the Disciples—to Rome 300 years later, under the stewardship of Constantine. A conspiracy, if you will, to justify Easter Sunday and get away from that Jewish Passover. We explain this even more in depth in our newsletter on this very same subject.<sup>23</sup>

But for now, I will conclude on this note and let you decide for yourselves what you now believe, based on the evidence we have provided you with thus far. But please bear in mind **Luke 24:21** also confirms a Wednesday Crucifixion.

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<sup>23</sup><https://sightedmoon.com/the-road-to-emmaus-proof-to-support-easter-sunday-not/>

## Chapter 27 | Palm Sunday & 6 Days Before Passover

We have now explained the three days and three nights. We also went over the expression, “And this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> day” in our chapter, *The Road to Emmaus*. It is here where we noted the word “today” was never in the original text and that it was saying instead, that three days have now passed.

But there is also one other assortment of scriptures professing believers will use in order to convince you the Crucifixion did not occur on Wednesday, but Thursday. We already have an abundance of scriptural support for the Wednesday Crucifixion, but let us examine the scriptures that some are basing their arguments on and see if they have any merit or not.

“They say” Yehshua rode into Jerusalem on a colt on Palm Sunday. “They say” this was on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. That would then make Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>—but not the 14<sup>th</sup> as I am maintaining. In order for Wednesday to be the 14<sup>th</sup> they say, this would mean Yehshua rode into Jerusalem on the colt on the Sabbath and thereby, *broke* the Sabbath. Therefore “they say,” it is impossible for Wednesday to have fallen on the 14<sup>th</sup>. It had to have happened on Thursday instead and I am, therefore, “sorely mistaken” in my assertions.

Oftentimes and tragically, there are those who, even with such errant claims, gain a lot of traction when they either cherry-pick God’s Word or conveniently leave out other scriptures on a given subject and build a fence (or doctrine) around just a single passage of Scripture. Never forget that Satan knows Scripture better than most—if not all—of us. He even used Scripture to tempt Yehshua with at every point. But Yehshua did not argue with or debate him according to His own logic and reasoning. Instead, Yehshua just cited and leveled scriptures as counter-arguments right back at him. Let us be found doing the same, in season and out of season.

Both the Jewish Passover beginning on Nisan 15—and the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Feast of Unleavened Bread which begins at the same time—are filled with meaning for Christians *and* Messianic Jews alike. The preparations for this Feast of the LORD actually begin several days beforehand. In ancient times—and in Yehshua’s day, when the Temple still stood—the lambs chosen for sacrifice had to be inspected for four consecutive days. This began on Nisan 10. The lambs were brought into Jewish households and carefully observed so as to be certain there were no blemishes or disease found in them which would, in turn, disqualify them for the Passover sacrifice. Just as the lambs were carefully observed and inspected, so was Yehshua, who became our Passover and the Lamb of God.

We read in the *Book of Exodus* of the onset of Passover. What we are going to focus on in this study is when that lamb was taken and then killed. Many are muddying the waters and blurring the lines regarding this matter, and this is why we are taking such a long, hard look at this.

*1 Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: “On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb*

*shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. 8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Exodus 12:1-8*

Yeshua is known to be the *One and only* Lamb of God.

*29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29*

*36 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" John 1:36*

*4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." 6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. Revelation 5:4-7*

Every detail of the Passover Exodus event is replayed now in the Crucifixion of Yeshua. He was the Lamb of Yehovah and the Lamb who had to be carefully and closely examined and then killed. And just as that lamb was taken into the households of those who were about to kill it, so Yeshua was taken to the Temple and thoroughly examined during those days leading up to His death and, like a lamb without blemish or defect, He was found *not guilty*.

*13 Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in His words. Mark 12:13*

*59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, 60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. Matthew 26:59-60*

*1 Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." 3 Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him and said, "It is as you say." 4 So, Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man." Luke 23:1-4*

*13 Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, 14 said to them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; 15 no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed, nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. 16 I will therefore chastise Him and release Him" 17 (for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast). Luke 23:13-17*

*22 Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go." Luke 23:22*

These are the events that show us the examination and consequent slaughter of Yehshua. He was *and is* that one and only Lamb of Yehovah. Moreover, He was found guiltless just as the Passover Lambs that passed inspection were.

Now, let us look at the chronology of these events which again, will prove He was killed on the Wednesday and rose again, three days later, toward the end of the Sabbath.

*55 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. 56 Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, "What do you think—that He will not come to the feast?" 57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him. John 11:55-57*

### Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Day 1

Passover is nearly at hand and we read in the *Gospel of John*:

*1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. John 12:1-2*

Passover that year, fell on a Thursday. It was the High Holy Day John makes mention of in **John 19:31**. Passover is eaten after the sunset at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> day when the lambs are killed. Yehshua was killed and was our Passover Lamb. He was killed at 3pm on Wednesday afternoon, the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. The very same time the Passover Lambs are slaughtered and then roasted in preparation for the meal that evening.

The Passover meal would then be eaten that night. Again, see our chapter, *3 Days & 3 Nights*. Now, let us count back six days.

- Wednesday: Day One
- Tuesday: Day Two
- Monday: Day Three
- Sunday: Day Four
- Saturday: Day Five
- Friday: Day Six—the day Yehshua arrived at the house of Lazarus, Mary, and Martha.

### Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Day 2

Notice that Mary made Yehshua supper. Therefore, the 6<sup>th</sup> day is already past, sunset has just gotten underway, and they are now relaxing into the Sabbath Friday evening. They are enjoying a Sabbath meal. Then, in verse three, we read of the oil being poured on the feet of Yehshua by Mary and of how Judas then rebuked her and was, in turn, himself rebuked.

*3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. 4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, 5 "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in*

*it. 7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. 8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." **John 12:3-8***

John then goes on to tell us of the crowd that pressed in to see both Yehshua and Lazarus. This was not at supper time, but had to have been on the Sabbath, the very next day.

*9 Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. **John 12:9-11***

We must point out something here that nearly everyone misses. This Sabbath Day when Yehshua was brought into the home of Lazarus—including the multitude that came on the Sabbath to see both Him and Lazarus—did, in fact, fall on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month when the Israelites were commanded to select lambs and bring them into their homes. This is what Mary, Martha and Lazarus had done. Moreover, so did the crowd that arrived on the following day, or, the Sabbath. They all targeted Yehshua and proceeded to question and examine Him.

The *Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke* make no mention of this meeting taking place in the home of Lazarus. But, all three of them *do* begin with Yehshua coming from Bethpage to the Mount of Olives, just before Jerusalem. At this point, it is now Sunday, or what countless Christians have referred to as Palm Sunday.

### **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Day 3**

Continuing in the *Gospel of John* from where we just left off, John has the following to say the next day after these men came to see them at Lazarus's house.

*12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!'" 14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. 17 Therefore, the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason, the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!" **John 12:12-19***

In the *Gospel of Mark* we find a similar account and are given some additional information:

*1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; 2 and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. 3 And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." 4 So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. 5 But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" **Mark 11:1-5***

*6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So, they let them go. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So, when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. **Mark 11:6-11***

This day again, was Sunday—namely, Palm Sunday—the day Yeshua made a grand entrance through the gates of Jerusalem, riding on a colt. He then proceeds to make His way up to the Temple—while being followed and flanked by a large procession—takes a look around, and then does an about-face to return to Bethany due to the fact the hour was *already* late.

### **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Day 4**

Mark then continues by telling us of the following day's event, which happens to now be Monday.

*12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it. 15 So, they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 16 And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. 17 Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations?' But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. 19 When evening had come, He went out of the city. **Mark 11:12-19***

### **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Day 5**

We have now come to the day's end of the very same Monday. Mark then goes on to tell us about the events that took place on Tuesday.

*20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." 22 So, Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore, I say to you, 'whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.'" **Mark 11:20-25***

You can read of all the events that happened that particular Tuesday in the *Gospel of Mark* up until *Chapter 13*. Next, however, we read about Yeshua leaving the Temple and heading back over to the Mount of Olives where He then explains to His Disciples about the End-Times.

*1 Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here?!" 2 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down." 3*

*Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?” 5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you. 6 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many. 7 But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet.”* **Mark 13:1-7**

Mark then goes on to say in the *Gospel of Mark* that, after two days, it will be the day of Passover. This was, again, on *that* Tuesday. Therefore, we can count two days to Thursday when Passover was, and it is two days away.

*I After two days it was the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put Him to death.* **Mark 14:1**

In the *Gospel of Matthew*, we read the same statement, only this time, by Yehshua Himself.

*I Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples, “You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”* **Matthew 26:1**

### **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> Of Nisan, Day 6**

Further on, in the *Gospel of Matthew*, we read about them getting ready to keep the Passover and this is still that same Tuesday day. It then moves into Tuesday evening, which is the start of the next day, or the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan.

*17 Now on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?” 18 And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.”’ 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover. 20 When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. 21 Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” 22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?”* **Matthew 26:17-22**

I have to take this moment and deviate for one second. Many use this verse to justify keeping Passover on the wrong day. Below is a commentary on this one verse. It is now Tuesday and at sunset will be the beginning of Wednesday and the Preparation Day. Passover is still two days away. Passover has been predetermined to take place the following day on Thursday. The entire 7 Days of Unleavened Bread—plus the Preparation Day beforehand—are spoken of as the 8 Days of Unleavened Bread or, are spoken of as the 8 Days of Passover.

### **The Cambridge Bible (For Schools & Colleges)**

*17. The first day of the feast of unleavened bread] This was the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, which commenced after sunset on the 13<sup>th</sup>; it was also called the preparation (paraskeu ) of the passover. The feast of unleavened bread followed the passover, and lasted seven days, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of Nisan. Hence the two feasts are sometimes included in the term “passover,” sometimes in that of “unleavened bread.” On the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> of Nisan every head of the family carefully searched for and collected by the light of a candle all the leaven, which was kept and destroyed before midday on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The offering of the lamb took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> at the*

*evening sacrifice, which on this day commenced at 1:30; or if the preparation fell on a Friday, at 12:30. The paschal meal was celebrated after sunset on the 14<sup>th</sup> (i.e. strictly on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nisan).*

*The events of the Passover are full of difficulty for the harmonist. It is, however, almost certain that the “Last Supper” was not the paschal meal, but was partaken of on the 14<sup>th</sup>, that is, after sunset on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. It is quite certain, from John 18:28, that Jesus was crucified on the preparation, and although the synoptic narratives seem at first sight to disagree with this, it is probably only the want of a complete knowledge of the facts that creates the apparent discrepancy.*

The key verse here is, “And when evening came, they sat down to eat this supper meal.” But it was not the Passover meal, as it was still one day away. Remember that, shortly before Sunset, Yehshua said it was still two days away. It is now Tuesday evening after Sunset, which is the start of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan—the day Yehshua is to be killed on the very same day, and at the very same time the lambs are killed.

It is on this fateful Tuesday evening, that is now the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month—which ends when the lambs are slaughtered at 3pm Wednesday in the afternoon—that the chain of events leading up to His arrest takes place.

- Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Nisan, Yehshua arrives at the house of Mary, Martha & Lazarus.
- Saturday Sabbath was the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Nisan. Yehshua examined.
- Sunday was the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan. Yehshua rides the colt into Jerusalem.
- Monday was the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Nisan.
- Tuesday was the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Nisan.
- Wednesday was the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Nisan and the Preparation Day of the Passover.

The Lamb was anointed and examined during the preceding Sabbath on Nisan 10. And, this final day when the household lamb is to be slaughtered—Nisan 14—Pontius Pilot will fail to find fault in Yehshua the Sacrificial Lamb, three times.

Sunday was *not* the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Nisan that year. The Sabbath was. And, most importantly, the Lamb of God was selected and taken into the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary on the 10<sup>th</sup> day—as were all the other lambs for Passover that year. Yehshua was taken into the home of people He loved dearly and who loved Him dearly in return.

When people assume or presume Sunday is the 10<sup>th</sup> day because of Yehshua riding on the colt, they then create the confusion we presently are experiencing. Many believe today that, because Sunday was the 10<sup>th</sup> (in their estimation), that Yehshua must have been killed on Thursday. This is wrong as we have just proven to you.

Therefore, we must go back to the beginning statement. It is this opening statement that causes the deception. In the exact same way, Satan deceived Eve in the Garden of Eden. Satan never categorically or outright denies the facts; he instead, twists them just enough to cause doubt and confusion.

That opening or beginning statement I mentioned earlier posits that Palm Sunday is the 10<sup>th</sup> day when the Lamb is selected. Therefore, the 14<sup>th</sup> is Thursday. The deception then continues.

How so? In having already told you the 10<sup>th</sup> day was Palm Sunday, only to solidify that deception by saying, if it did not fall on Sunday, then would Yehshua still ride the colt into Jerusalem on the Sabbath? Obviously not. But many have long since (or now) presumed amiss—and would also have you believing—the ride into Jerusalem had to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. And yet, by now, you have bought into the lie, fallen for the deception, and more than likely, have serious doubts and misgivings about many things at this late date.

Yehshua, The Lamb of God, was handpicked by Lazarus, Martha and Mary—along with the 12 Disciples—that Sabbath evening when He was invited into their homes. This was the start of Nisan 10 when the lambs were selected. The next morning, that very same Sabbath, many Jews came to examine Him and meet Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. Then, on Sunday, Nisan 11, Yehshua rode into the Jerusalem on the colt.

We have now thoroughly covered the six days John spoke of and shown you the proper understanding of them. The *3 Days & 3 Nights* chapter confirms Yehshua was crucified on Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. The *Road to Emmaus* chapter confirms Yehshua was crucified on Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. And the *Six Days Before Passover* chapter confirms Yehshua was crucified on Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan.

We have examined these things to show that the day Yehshua was killed was, in truth, on a Wednesday at 3pm in the afternoon. We can now see if the year this took place was, in fact, 14 days *after* a Crescent Moon by which to usher in the month.

## Chapter 28 | A Crescent Moon To Begin the Month

We have been emphasizing the importance of knowing how the month begins and that it begins with the 1<sup>st</sup> Visible Crescent of the Moon sighted *just after* sunset.

We have now established from the *Gospel* accounts that Wednesday must fall on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month in order for three days and three nights to have come to fruition in time for the women and the Disciples to see Yehshua on the 1<sup>st</sup> day while it was still dark. We have also established that the six days prior to Passover spoken of in the *Gospel of John* also further serve to confirm a Wednesday Crucifixion date.

Now, we must look and see if there is a Crescent Moon visible in Jerusalem that results in a Tuesday evening and Wednesday day, 14 days later for the Preparation Day.

We read that Yehshua was beginning His 30<sup>th</sup> year when He started His ministry after being baptized by John the Baptist. We have also proven in the chapter that makes reference to *The Moon Below Her Feet* that Yehshua was born on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 B.C. and the time He began His ministry was *after* the Feast of Trumpets in 28 C.E.

*23 And Jesus Himself was beginning to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) son of Joseph, son of Heli. Luke 3:23*

From the time of the Feast of Trumpets in 3 B.C. up until the year 28 C.E., a span of 30 years came and went. At the Feast of Trumpets in 29 C.E., Yehshua had completed 30 years of age with regard to His sojourn on Earth and was now going on His 31<sup>st</sup> year at that time.

### 28 C.E.

Yehshua then read from the scroll of the *Book Of Isaiah* on Passover in 28 C.E., which is the acceptable year of the Lord, or the Sabbatical Year.

*18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me; because of this He has anointed Me to proclaim the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and new sight to the blind, to set at liberty those having been crushed, 19 to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19*

When we count the Passovers, we can see there were three years that passed from the start of His ministry to the final Passover when He was crucified.

*13 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. John 2:13*

*23 And as He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, at the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the miracles which He did. John 2:23*

Next, we read about His travels and, in *Chapter 5*, about another Feast occurring at the time Yehshua pilgrimaged again into Jerusalem. This is now the year 29 C.E.

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **John 5:1**

## 29 C.E.

The next Passover about to take place is now described in **John 6** and then, the Feast of Tabernacles follows in **John 7**—which brings us to 30 C.E.

4 And the Passover was near, a feast of the Jews. **John 6:4**

2 And the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near. **John 7:2**

## 30 C.E.

The next mention of Passover can be found in the *Gospel Of John* and this brings us right to the time Yeshua was crucified during Passover in 31 C.E.

55 And the Jews' Passover was near. And many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover in order to purify themselves. **John 11:55**

When we cross-check the Torah Calendar dates for 31 C.E., we can see that in the month they claim to be the 1<sup>st</sup> month, there was a Crescent Moon on Tuesday night and Wednesday day. But this makes the 14<sup>th</sup> land on a Tuesday—that is, unless the Moon was not seen and they had a 30-day month the month before.

When we look into this matter with respect to the prior month, we learn it was, *indeed*, already a 30-day month and therefore, could not be extended one more day. What this means is that the calendar month shown in *TorahCalendar.com*<sup>24</sup> (please go to the link to look) *does not* work.

But let's say they had a 13<sup>th</sup> month that year. This would make what the Torah Calendar is maintaining to be the 1<sup>st</sup> month, the 13<sup>th</sup> month instead. This would then make the 2<sup>nd</sup> month, according to them, the 1<sup>st</sup> month<sup>25</sup>. (please go to the link to look)

When we look at this month as if it was the 1<sup>st</sup> month, the Crescent Moon was seen on Wednesday evening—thus, making the 14<sup>th</sup> day a Wednesday and matching the exact day when Yeshua was killed. The 15<sup>th</sup> of this month also had a Blood Moon on it.

We do not have this dynamic occurring or in place for the year 30 C.E. or the year 29 C.E.; but we *do* have the same potential dynamic occurring in the year 28 C.E. as I have described above by adding a 13<sup>th</sup> month to the previous year. We have only two years that possess the potential for the Crescent Moon falling on the Wednesday evening and then—counting 14 days to the Preparation Day of Passover—still landing on the Wednesday. The year 28 C.E. is too early, and is the year He began His ministry. The other year that includes a Crescent Moon by which to begin the month (with Nisan 14<sup>th</sup> landing on a Wednesday) is indeed 31 C.E., which is exactly what the *Gospels* show us when we lay out the chronology properly.

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.torahcalendar.com/Calendar.asp?YM=Y31M1>

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.torahcalendar.com/Calendar.asp?YM=Y31M2>

## Chapter 29 | Recap Of What We Have Now Learned

- “No man knows the day or the hour” is a parable or a riddle and not to be taken literally as an absolute matter of fact. We can indeed know within a day or two of His potential day of arrival.
- God is not willing any should perish and is calling upon the many. But because of man’s hardness of heart, He will only be choosing a select few when all is said and done. For it is written: “Many are called, but few are chosen.” But also, “Narrow is the road that leads to life and broad is the road that leads to destruction.”
- When speaking in public—and also to His Disciples—Yehshua spoke in parables so they would be able to hear and see, but would not be able to understand. It was only afterward, in private, that Yehshua revealed the true meaning of His parables. And it was only after they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that the Disciples began to really understand all they had witnessed when they compared the scriptures with their time spent with Him. It is Yehovah God *alone* who opens the minds of His people to understand His truths.
- In order to be one of the Five Wise Virgins—and to be known by God in Spirit and in Truth—we must keep *The Commandments*. Those who will not keep *The Commandments* are lawless by doing so and are not known by God.
- In order to receive the Holy Spirit, we must repent from not keeping *The Commandments*. God only imparts His Holy Spirit when we keep His *Commandments*. The Holy Spirit is the Oil the Five Foolish Virgins did not have enough of.
- We have learned that, in order to love God and to show Him you love Him, you must keep His *Commandments*. Those who say they love Him but do not keep *The Commandments* are liars. This is the will of God that we keep His *Commandments*.
- We have learned that what was nailed to the cross was our sin debt and *not The Law* itself.
- The Holy Days lay out the *Plan Of Salvation*. Passover showed us the Messiah was going to be killed and ascend into Heaven with the other saints who had died before. In contrast, Pentecost showed us the day *The Law* and the Holy Spirit are given and when the next group of saints will be raised up from the dead, in the twinkling of an eye. This phenomenon will play itself out either by being raised from the dead first or those alive changed in the twinkling of an eye to meet the Messiah in the air. The Feast of Trumpets is the Day Yehshua was born and the same day He will come again at “...a day and hour no one knows.” Satan is to be locked away on the Day of Atonement, the day our sins are blotted out. The Feast of Sukkot represents the Wedding Feast we all hope to be a part of. Lastly, the 8<sup>th</sup> Day Feast represents the Great White Throne Judgment.
- The *thief in the night* was the High Priest who only came out at night to make sure the Priests on duty were still awake. He did this *especially* during the Feast of Trumpets.
- The Feast of Trumpets is the day Yehshua was born. This is the Day of Shouting at and rejoicing over *both* His comings—that is, in relation to not only when He was first born, but also, to His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.
- This Feast of Trumpets is also known as “The day and hour no man knows.”

- The *Course of Abijah* proves Yehshua was born on the Feast of Trumpets.
- The Constellation Virgo and *Revelation 12* show the Messiah was born on a Crescent Moon at the onset of the 7<sup>th</sup> month.
- The Feast of Trumpets continues to be kept for two days by the Jews because they do not know for sure which day is to be the Holy Day. This is due to the fact it is based on the sighting of the Crescent Moon by which to begin the month.
- Yehshua was killed on a Wednesday, Nisan the 14<sup>th</sup>. We know this because the Crescent Moon was seen Wednesday evening, 14 days prior.
- The Three Days and Three Nights—along with the Six Days leading up to the Crucifixion—also prove the Wednesday Crucifixion and, in turn, the sighting of the Crescent Moon 14 days earlier on the Wednesday evening by which to begin the month.
- One of the expressions Yehshua is most known for, “No man can know the day or the hour,” was a Hebrew Idiom referring *directly to* the Feast of Trumpets, which comes on a day and at an hour no one can possibly know in advance until the actual day the Crescent Moon is sighted and the Two Witnesses attest to having seen this Moon. *Only then* can this Feast Day begin pointing to (and celebrating) the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of the Messiah.
- This Feast of Trumpets fell on the very same day, the year Yehshua was born on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 B.C. and it is on this very same day He is going to return on in the near future. If you are not keeping this Holy Day, alongside all the other Holy Days, then you will be told: **“Depart from me, I never knew you,”** by the Bridegroom who comes for His Virgins to whisk them away.
- Those without the Oil will be shut out from the Kingdom of Heaven because they did not know *when* to look for Him. They did not know to look on the Feast of Trumpets.

## I NEVER KNEW YOU

NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, LORD! LORD! SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY, LORD! LORD! DID WE NOT PROPHECY IN YOUR NAME, AND THROUGH YOUR NAME THROW OUT DEMONS AND THROUGH YOUR NAME DO MANY WONDERFUL WORKS?

**AND THEN I WILL SAY TO THEM I NEVER KNEW YOU!  
DEPART FROM ME, THOSE WORKING LAWLESSNESS!**

MAT 7:21-23

## FOOLISH VIRGINS

AND WHILE THEY WENT TO BUY, THE BRIDEGROOM CAME. AND THEY WHO WERE READY WENT IN WITH HIM TO THE MARRIAGE, AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT.

AFTERWARDS THE OTHER VIRGINS CAME ALSO, SAYING, LORD, LORD, OPEN TO US. BUT HE ANSWERED AND SAID...

**TRULY I SAY TO YOU,  
I DO NOT KNOW YOU.**

THEREFORE WATCH, FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW EITHER THE DAY OR THE HOUR IN WHICH THE SON OF MAN COMES.

MAT 25:10-13

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