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You are now keeping the 7 days of Unleavened Bread. Sabbath is the 3rd day you are to be eating Matzos. But Sunday begins something that each year many will write and protest about.

They will say where are we commanded to count the omer? It is not there and we are not going to do it.

**Lev 23:15-16** You shall count for yourselves — from the day after the Shabbat, from the day when you bring the Omer of the waving — seven Shabbats, they shall be complete. Until the day after the seventh sabbath you shall count, fifty days.

**Deut 16:9–10** You shall count for yourselves seven weeks, from when the sickle is first put to the standing crop shall you begin counting seven weeks. Then you will observe the Festival of Shavuot for the LORD, your God.

According to the Torah (Lev 23:15), we are obligated to count the days from the morrow after the weekly Sabbath during the days of Unleavened Bread to Shavuot or Pentecost. This period is known as the Counting of the Omer. An omer is a unit of measure. In the days of the Temple, an omer of barley was cut down and brought to the Temple as an offering. This grain offering was referred to as the Omer. This grain offering was done after the sunset at the end of the weekly Sabbath during the days of Unleavened Bread.

Every night, we recite a blessing and state the count of the omer in both weeks and days. So on the 16th day, you would say "Today is sixteen days, which is two weeks and two days of the Omer."

The counting is intended to remind us of the link between Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, and Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah. It reminds us that the redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah. But there is a greater lesson here to be learned.

The wave sheaf was waved on this first day of the week.

Lev 23:9 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. They were to bring the Sheaf in to be waved on the day after the Sabbath.

The problem then comes up as to which Sabbath. Was it the weekly Sabbath or the High Day of the first day of Unleavened Bread?

If we only read Joshua 5:10 which is what some do, then they conclude that it must be after the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread. Now the first day of Unleavened Bread comes on the 15 day of Aviv. So they conclude that the wave sheaf day is the 16th. And they base this on Joshua 5:10. Many an Ephramite has blindly followed the Rabbis in this teaching.

But let us all understand and just do some simple math.

The Passover Lamb is killed on the 14th in the late afternoon at 3 PM.

We just read...

**Jos** 5:10 And the children of Yisra'el camped in Gilgal, and performed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening on the desert plains of Yerihco."

They kept the Passover preparations on the 14th day.

We then read

Jos 5:11 And they ate of the stored grain of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened bread and roasted grain on this same day.

The reason they would be eating the stored grain is because this first year they entered the Land of Israel, the Promised Land was a Jubilee year and the Israelites would have stored the grains from two years previous. The Year before would also have been a 49th Year and a Sabbatical year as well. But the Canaanites also had stored food from the winter which was just finishing.

The next line reads:

Jos 5:12 "And the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the stored grain of the land. And the children of Yisrael no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Kenaan that year."

This is the reason some begin the count to Pentecost on the 16th of Aviv.

We are told in Lev 23 to wave the sheaf "On the morrow after the Sabbath the priest waves it."

So which Sabbath is it? Is it the one after the 15th of Aviv, the High day of Unleavened Bread or is it after the weekly Sabbath? The answer is given to you in the scriptures; all we have to do is read.

Lev 23:15-16 And from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, you shall count for yourselves: seven completed Sabbaths. 16 Until the morrow after the seventh Sabbath you count fifty days, then you shall bring a new grain offering to Yehovah.

When you count 50 days the day after the Sabbath that you begin with has to end up on the day after the 7 Sabbath day is completed. Seven Sabbaths are 49 Days and the day after the Seventh Sabbath has to be the 50th day. Therefore the 50th Day is Sunday or the first day of the week, which means that the day you begin to count from has to be a Sunday and now you are forced to conclude that the Sabbath you start your count the day after is the weekly Saturday Sabbath and not the High Day of Unleavened Bread.

Once you understand this teaching then you will be able to understand how the Jubilee year which is the 50th year is also the first year, the same as the 50th day of Pentecost is also the first day.

We all know about the Holy Days of Leviticus 23. We are keeping Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread right now.

But why is the wave sheaf day so important?

Let us now walk through this momentous event that Yehshua played out in real life which was typified by the wave offering.

It is on this day of the 14th when Yehshua was killed.

As we have said the Passover can be on any day of the week from one year to the next.

In the year that Yehshua died, and in fact all the years Yehshua lived He kept each Holy Day by counting them from the Sighted Crescent Moon to begin the month. How can I prove this?

It is simple. The year Yehshua died had to be 3 days and 3 nights from Passover the 14th day

when He was killed until that Saturday afternoon when He was raised from the grave. And this Passover must be 14 days after the Crescent moon was seen to begin the month.

There are only two years that we can consider as candidates for this. One of those years was 28 C.E. and the other was 31 C.E.

We also know that Yehshua was born on September 11, 3 B.C., this was the Feast of Trumpets that year. And that he began his ministry in his 30th year.

**Luk 3:23** And when Yehshua Himself began, He was about thirty years of age, being, as reckoned by law, son of Yoseph, son of Heli,

Yehshua's 30th birthday from 3 B.C. is the fall of 27 C.E. We then read in Luke what came after the test with Satan.

**Luk** 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

"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 proclaim liberty to the captives

And recovery of sight to the blind,

To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

Isa 61:1-3 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,

Because the Lord has anointed Me

To preach good tidings to the poor;

He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted.

To proclaim liberty to the captives,

And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,

And the day of vengeance of our God;

To comfort all who mourn,

To console those who mourn in Zion,

To give them beauty for ashes,

The oil of joy for mourning,

The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness:

That they may be called trees of righteousness,

The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

What is the acceptable year that Yehshua was to proclaim?

Many assume this to be the Jubilee year. But history and knowing when the Jubilee years fell prove this wrong. Could this acceptable year then be a Sabbatical year? When we check all the known sabbatical years then we are able to prove this is in fact true. The year of 28 C.E. when Yehshua read this was in fact a Sabbatical year. So Yehshua began to speak in the acceptable year or the Sabbatical year of 28 C.E.

When we go to http://www.torahcalendar.com/MOON.asp?JDN=1731360&TDAY=1

we can see that in the year 28 C.E. the New Crescent Moon was on a Tuesday Evening and therefore 14 days later would bring us to the 14th day of the 1st month when the Passover Lamb was to be killed which this year was on a Wednesday.

The problem with this year of 28 C.E is that Yehshua was still in his 30th year and had not preached for the 3 years.

Some teach that Yehshua preached for 70 weeks. They also agree that He was 30 in 27 C.E. But in order to end up on a Wednesday crucifixion they cannot do it because the new moon in 29 C.E. which is when the 70 weeks is finished, was on a Monday evening and would be a day early for Passover. http://www.torahcalendar.com/MOON.asp?JDN=1731744&TDAY=1

Now when we look at 31 C.E. the New Moon is visible on the Tuesday April 10, 31 C.E.; Tuesday evening. http://www.torahcalendar.com/MOON.asp?JDN=1732452&TDAY=1 This then means that the Passover lamb would be killed on the Wednesday. It also means there was an extra month added that year.

The reason this is important to understand is that the only sign that we have that Yehshua was and is our Messiah was that He would be dead 3 days and 3 nights.

Mat 12:38-40 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from You." 39 But He answering, said to them, "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Yonah. 40 "For as Yonah was three days and three nights in the stomach of the great fish, so shall the Son of Adam be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Mat 16:1-4 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and trying Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. 2 And He answering, said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'Fair weather, for the heaven is red,' 3 and in the morning, 'Stormy weather today, for the heaven is red and overcast.' You know how to discern the face of the heaven, but you are unable to discern the signs of the times! 4 "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Yonah." And He left them and went away.

We read in Jonah that he was inside the fish for three days and three nights.

**Jon 1:17** But Yehovah appointed a great fish to swallow Yonah. And Yonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.

Knowing that the Passover Lamb was to be killed on the Wednesday in 31 C.E. and that Yehshua was our Passover Lamb killed for us and that He was killed at 3 PM on the 14th Day. The Ninth hour is counted from 6 AM, the 9th hour of this watch; which is 3 PM in the afternoon.

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Yehshua cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

**Luk 25:44** -46 And it was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over all the land, until the ninth hour. 45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the Dwelling Place was torn in two. 46 And crying out with a loud voice, Yehshua said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." And having said this, He breathed His last.

Once Yehshua had died they had to hurry to bury Him as this 14th day was the preparation day for the 15th day which is the day the actual angel passed Over the Israelites in Egypt. It was also the first day of Unleavened Bread which was also called the High Day. And the body had to be buried before this Sabbath and it had to be off the tree before nightfall.

We have now established that the month began with the sighted moon on the Tuesday evening of April 10, 31 C.E. None of the other years match up, not 30 or 29 or 32, 33 or 34. We count out the 14 days to the Preparation day of Unleavened bread when the Passover Lambs would be killed. Yehshua was killed at 3 PM on the 14th day. The next day was Thursday in 31 C.E. and it was the first day of Unleavened Bread. It was the 15th day and a High Sabbath Day. From the time Yehshua was in the grave we now have one night and one day.

Friday is then the preparation day for the weekly Sabbath. Thursday night and Friday day would be the second night and the second day.

Shabbat would begin at sunset Friday night. And Saturday would be the conclusion of Shabbat, which is now the third night and third day since he was in the tomb, just like Jonah who was in the belly of the fish, entombed for 3 days and 3 night.

We then read about the events that occurred on the first day.

Mat 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, toward dawn on the first day of the week,1 Miryam from Magedala and the other Miryam came to see the tomb.

Mar 16:1 And when the Sabbath was past, Miryam from Magedala, and Miryam the mother of Yacaqob, and Shelomah bought spices, to go and anoint Him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they said among themselves, "Who shall roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb for us?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, for it was extremely large. 5 And having entered into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right, wearing a white robe, and they were greatly astonished.

**Lub 24:1** And on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared, 2 and they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 And having entered, they did not find the body of the Master Yehshua.

Joh 20:1 And on the first day of the week1 Miryam from Magedala came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

We can read from all four gospels that the women came in the dark before dawn to the tomb and it was the first day of the week. But the body of Yehshua was already gone.

Shabbat had ended and so Friday night and Sabbath would make the third day and third night that Yehshua was in the grave. The exact same way Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

These scriptures show us that they came on the first day of the week and Yehshua was gone. All of this goes to prove that Yehshua had to be killed on a Wednesday in order to be dead three days and three nights and to not be there on the first day of the week when these women came. It also proves that the month begins with the sighted moon or first crescent moon to begin the month. And the only year that this all could happen according to the sighted moon was 31 C.E.

What happened when Mary did find Yehshua?

Joh 20:10–18 Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

What did Yehshua mean when He said "Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My Elohim and your Elohim.' "?

We have already explained to you about the wave sheaf, but let's again look at it.

Lev 23:10-11 "Speak to the children of Yisrael, and you shall say to them, 'When you come into the land which I give you, and shall reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. 11 'And he shall wave the sheaf before Yehovah, for your acceptance. On the morrow after the Sabbath the priest waves it.

This wave offering was done on this same Sunday Morning that Mary discovered Yehshua.

Joh 20:19–23 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

This same first day Yehshua was now standing amongst the Apostles and was now allowing them to touch Him. He had already performed what had to be done on this first day.

This first day during the Days of Unleavened bread which is the Sunday during the 7 days of Unleavened Bread is called Yom Hanafat Ha'omer (Day of the Waving of the Sheaf). When the Temple stood this day marked the official commencement of the grain harvest (Deut 16:7) and sheaves of barley were cut and brought to the Temple as a wave offering (Lev 23:9-14). This day also marks the beginning of the 50 day count to Shavuot (Pentecost; Feast of Weeks). Yom Hanafat Ha'omer is counted as Day 1 and Shavuot as Day 50.

The reason we must wait for the barley to be at a certain stage of growth is precisely for this wave offering to take place. No barley means we can't do this commandment.

This is why we search for the barley to see if it is going to be Aviv.

#### Deut 16:9 which states:

**Deut 16:9** "From when the sickle commences on the standing grain you will begin to count seven weeks."

From Lev 23:15 we know that the seven weeks between Passover (Hag Hamatzot) and Pentecost (Shavuot) begin on the day when the wave sheaf offering is brought (i.e. the Sunday which falls out during Passover):

Lev 23:15 And you shall count from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day you bring the sheaf of waving; they will be seven complete Sabbaths."

Therefore, the "sickle commences on the standing grain" on the Sunday during Passover, i.e. 2-3 weeks after the beginning of the month of the Abib. If the barley is not developed enough so that it will be ready for the sickle 2-3 weeks later, then the month of the Abib can not begin and we must wait till the following month.

It should be noted that not all the barley ripens in the Land of Israel at the same time. The wave sheaf offering is a national sacrifice brought from the first fields to become harvest ready. However, the first fruit offerings brought by individual farmers can vary in ripeness anywhere from "Abib parched in fire" to fully ripe grain which may be brought "crushed" or "coarsely ground". This is what is meant in Lev 2:14:

Lev 2:14 And when you bring a first fruit offering to Yehovah; you shall bring your first fruit offering as Abib parched in fire or crushed Carmel.

(Carmel is grain which has hardened beyond Abib to the point where it can be "crushed" or "coarsely ground").

The barley is the first fruits offering. It is the wave offering done on this Sunday morning during the days of Unleavened Bread.

Paul has some things to say about this first fruits offerings.

**1Co 15:20–26** But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, and has become the first fruit of those having fallen asleep. 21 For since death is through a man, resurrection of the dead is also through a Man. 22 For as all die in Adam, so also all shall be made alive in Messiah . 23 And each in his own order: Messiah, the first fruits, then those who are of Messiah at His coming, 24 then the end, when He delivers up the reign to Elohim the Father, when He has brought to naught all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He has to reign until He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy to be brought to naught is death.

Yehshua once He came out of the grave became the first fruits of all those who had died. Paul also gives you the order of each time when the dead will be raised up. And each in his own order: Messiah is first and then the first fruits, those who had died before this day since Adam, and next will be those who are of Messiah at His coming, which is the whole meaning of what Shavuot is about.

The first resurrection is with Messiah which are those that are the first fruits when He rose from the dead in 31 C.E. Then those Saints at his coming which is yet future and then all the rest at the end, which is speaking about the final resurrection at Sukkot.

Col 1:12–15 giving thanks to the Father who has made us fit to share in the inheritance of the set-apart ones in the light, 13 who has delivered us from the authority of darkness <sup>a</sup> and transferred us into the reign of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, 15 who

is the likeness of the invisible Elohim, the first born of all creation. <sup>1</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Luk. 11:35, John 8:12, John 12:46-50, Acts 26:18, Eph. 5:8.

Footnote: <sup>1</sup>Heb. 1:6, Rev. 3:14.

You are commanded to come up to Jerusalem 3 times each year at the three hags (feasts). Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot. Each of these three hags represents one part of the plan of Salvation. The first part took place when Yehshua came out of the grave and led that host of captives with Him to Heaven. The captives are those who were in the faith and had died in the faith up until this time in 31 CE.

Shavuot is the next time the dead in the faith will be raised up again at the wave offering that takes place at the time. Then finally all those who have died since the creation of Adam will be raised up at Sukkot. This is Yehovah's plan and this is what each of the Holy Days points to.

Yehshua was the first born of all creation and the first born of the dead.

**Col 1:18** And He is the Head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that He might become the One who is first in all.

Paul again says this in

Act 26:22 "Therefore, having obtained help from Elohim, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying nil else than what the prophets and Mosheh said would come – 23 that the Messiah would suffer, would be the first to rise from the dead, He would proclaim light to the people and to the gentiles." 24 And while saying this in his defence, Festus said with a loud voice, "Sha'ul, you are mad! Much learning is turning you to madness!"

Yehshua was the first to rise from the dead. Why is this so amazing? The answer is found in John. Yehshua stated plainly that not one person has gone up to heaven. None, no one at all.

Even the thief on the tree with Yehshua had not gone up to Heaven, even though Yehshua said

**Luk 23:42-43** And he said to Yehshua, "Master, remember me when You come into Your reign." 43 And Yehshua said to him, "Truly, I say to you today, you shall be with Me in Paradise."

So what did Yehshua mean?

He was speaking of this 4th millennial day which was not going to end until 85 C.E.

Joh 3:1-5 And there was a man of the Pharisees, Nakadimon was his name, a ruler of the Yehudim. 2 This one came to Yehshua by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from Elohim, for no one is able to do these signs You do if Elohim is not with him." 3 Yehshua answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he is unable to see<sup>1</sup> the reign of Elohim." 4 Nakadimon said to Him, "How is a man able to be born when he is old? Is he able to enter into his mother's womb a second time and be born?" 5 Yehshua answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he is unable to enter into the reign of Elohim. 6 "That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You have to be born from above.' 8 "The Spirit breathes where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who has been born of the Spirit." 9 Nakadimon answered and said to Him, "How is it possible for this to take place?" 10 Yehshua answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Yisrael, and do not know this? 11 "Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak what We

know and witness what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 "If you do not believe when I spoke to you about earthly matters, how are you going to believe when I speak to you about the heavenly matters? 13 "And no one has gone up into the heaven except He who came down from the heaven – the Son of Adam.

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Or wind. Footnote: <sup>1</sup>Or perceive.

But now for the very first time someone had come from the grave. The grave is represented as those held captive by Satan.

And Yehshua has now broken this captivity.

**Ερh 4:8** That is why it says, "When He went up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." 9 But what does "He went up" mean, except that He also first went down into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who went down is also the One who went up far above all the heavens, to fill all.

Read what Clarke has to say on this.

## Ephesians 4:8

Wherefore he saith – The reference seems to be to Psa 68:18, which, however it may speak of the removal of the tabernacle, appears to have been intended to point out the glorious ascension of Christ after his resurrection from the dead. The expositions of various commentators have made the place extremely difficult. I shall not trouble my reader with them; they may be seen in Rosenmuller.

When he ascended up on high – The whole of this verse, as it stands in the psalm, seems to refer to a military triumph. Take the following paraphrase: Thou hast ascended on high: the conqueror was placed in a very elevated chariot. Thou hast led captivity captive: the conquered kings and generals were usually bound behind the chariot of the conqueror, to grace the triumph. Thou host received gifts for (Paul, given gifts unto) men: at such times the conqueror was wont to throw money among the crowd. Even to the rebellious: those who had fought against him now submit unto him, and share his munificence; for it is the property of a hero to be generous. That the Lord God might dwell among them: the conqueror being now come to fix his abode in the conquered provinces, and subdue the people to his laws.

All this the apostle applies to the resurrection, ascension, and glory of Christ; though it has been doubted by some learned men whether the psalmist had this in view. I shall not dispute about this; it is enough for me that the apostle, under the inspiration of God, applied the verse in this way; and whatever David might intend, and of whatever event he might have written, we see plainly that the sense in which the apostle uses it was the sense of the Spirit of God; for the Spirit in the Old and New Testaments is the same. I may venture a short criticism on a few words in the original: Thou hast received gifts for men, lakachta mattanoth baadam, thou hast taken gifts in man, in Adam. The gifts which Jesus Christ distributes to man he has received in man, in and by virtue of his incarnation; and it is in consequence of his being made man that it may be said, The Lord God dwells among them; for Jesus was called Immanuel, God with us, in consequence of his incarnation. This view of the subject is consistent with the whole economy

of grace, and suits well with the apostle's application of the words of the psalmist in this place.

Now notice what Gifts Yehshua gave out; this is what Paul is speaking about

**Ερh 4:11** And He Himself gave some as emissaries, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as shepherds and teachers 12 for the perfecting of the set-apart ones, to the work of service to a building up of the body of the Messiah, 13 until we all come to the unity of the belief and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the completeness of Messiah,

**Psa** 68:18 You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive, You have received gifts among men, And even the rebellious, That Yah Elohim might dwell there. 19 Blessed be Yehovah, Day by day He bears our burden, The El of our deliverance! Selah. 20 Our El is the El of deliverance; And to Yehovah, the Master, belong escapes from death.

Yehshua Himself refers to the barley offering when He says in

Joh 12:23 And Yehshua answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Adam to be esteemed. 24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 "He who loves his life shall lose it, and he who hates his life in this world shall preserve it for everlasting life.

Yehshua was our wave offering that died and then came out of the grave and led a host of captives, including that one thief on the tree; that is a host of those who had died and were dead.

#### Read now

Mat 27:50 And Yehshua cried out again with a loud voice, and gave up His spirit. 51 And see, the veil of the Dwelling Place was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth was shaken, and the rocks were split, 52 and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the set-apart ones who had fallen asleep were raised, 53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, they went into the set-apart city and appeared to many.

When Yehshua died the graves were marked just like the Barley is marked off the first night of Passover. When Yehshua rose from the grave, three days and three night later, at the end of Shabbat, these people who were in those marked graves came back to life and walked into Jerusalem and this is the exact same time the barley is harvested on the Saturday evening after sunset. It is then prepared for the offering the next morning at 9 AM.

This is the barley offering, the wave offering in real life. This is what it all means. The Barley being presented represented the rest of the harvest that was to come. In reality those Saints who rose from the grave with Yehshua went to heaven. They were the first ones to come out of the grave and go to heaven as Yehshua had said no one else had gone except the son of man who comes down from heaven. This is why this so amazing and so awesome.

But there is more. There is another wave offering which begins with this Barley wave offering. It is the wave offering done at Pentecost. You will have to wait until then to hear the rest of this story. What an awesome time that will be as this time of Pentecost is speaking about those of us who are alive at that time and all of those who have died and were obedient to the torah and died from this time when Yehshua came out of the grave up until this very special time of this coming Pentecost day.

Now understand what Paul was talking about.

1 Cor 15:51–58 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Mat 24:31 And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

**1 Cor 15:23** But each in his own turn: Christ the firstfruits; then at His coming, those who belong to Him.

1 The 4:13–27 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

We are to count from this great event, when Yehshua took all those who had died before His resurrection and raised them up and took them to heaven with Him as this Barley offering, up to the next time when Yehovah will wake those of us who have fallen asleep since this time in 31 C.E. up until that coming in 2033 I believe. We are to count the omer in like manner as though we are counting down the time to when we will be changed or raised up.

We are to count to Pentecost when this great trump will occur. Many assume this trumpet blast is in reference to the Feast of Trumpets. But they forget about the first Feast of Shavuot when Yehovah descended on the mountain.

Exodus 19:16–20 Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. Then the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

This Wave Sheaf day is so exciting to understand and so amazing to believe because it forebodes

the time when we will be changed and raised up. If you want to call this the Rapture then I can except that if you are obeying Yehovah. If your not obeying Yehovah and you think the laws are done away with then you will not be in this resurrection or rapture. You will be told to be gone you workers of lawlessness, I never knew you.

We will speak more about this as Pentecost draws closer. The Feast of Oaths, the 8th day and the Jubilee year.

When you count from the Wave offering of the barley to Pentecost it is called the counting of the Omer. You are to count each day up to the 50th day. This Sunday that comes during the days of Unleavened Bread is day one. We are to count the Omer. Here is one way that it is done for the first week.

During each of these days Jewish tradition has developed around reading the psalms on certain days. In past years I found this very beneficial and I will do the same this year. It is customary that following the counting of the omer, one recites Psalm 67, for according to tradition that psalm has forty nine words, corresponding to the days of the omer.

And as you do these readings and this counting, keep in mind what this also symbolizes. It is the counting of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years and where we are in that cycle. We are in the 22nd year which corresponds to the 22nd day of counting the Omer.

As I said, this is the most special time of year for me and in years past I couldn't put my finger on exactly why, other than it had something to do with Yehshua's resurrection and waiting in anticipation for Shavuot. While I cannot put into words how my understanding of this has grown, all I can say is that "it clicked!" and "now I get it!", at least more than before. Understanding follows obedience. So OBEY and learn.

All 50 days and the Psalms can be found at the back of our book Remembering the Sabbatical Year of 2016.

## Counting of the Omer

#### WEEK 1

**Today is the 1st day** of the 1st week of seven weeks. Today is the 1st day of the counting of fifty days from the day of the waving of the Omer on the morrow after the Sabbath.

Psa 67:1-7 Elohim does favour us and bless us, Cause His face to shine upon us. Selah. 2 For Your way to be known on earth, Your deliverance among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise You, O Elohim, Let all the peoples praise You. 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You judge the peoples uprightly, And lead the nations on earth. Selah. 5 Let the peoples praise You, O Elohim; Let all the peoples praise You. 6 The earth shall give her increase; Elohim, our own Elohim, blesses us! 7 Elohim blesses us! And all the ends of the earth fear Him!

#### Day Meditation/Declaration Psalm Reading

#### Day 1 The Law of Yehovah 119:1-8

Psa 119:1-8 Blessed are the perfect in the way, Who walk in the Torah of Yehovah! 2 Blessed are those who observe His witnesses, Who seek Him with all the heart! 3 Yea, they shall do no unrighteousness; They shall walk in His ways. 4 You have commanded us To guard Your orders diligently. 5 Oh, that my ways were established To guard Your laws! 6 Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commands. 7 I thank You with uprightness of heart, When I learn the right

rulings of Your righteousness. 8 I guard Your laws; Oh, do not leave me entirely!

**Today is the 2nd day** of the 1st week of seven weeks. Today is the 2nd day of the counting of fifty days from the day of the waving of the Omer on the morrow after the Sabbath.

#### Day 2 Obedience to Law of Yehovah 119:9-16

Psa 119:9-16 How would a young man cleanse his path. To guard it according to Your word? 10 I have sought You with all my heart; Let me not stray from Your commands! 11 I have treasured up Your word in my heart, That I might not sin against You. 12 Blessed are You, O Yehovah Teach me Your laws. 13 With my lips I have recounted All the right rulings of Your mouth. 14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your witnesses, As over all riches. 15 I meditate on Your orders, And regard Your ways. 16 I delight<sup>1</sup> myself in Your laws; I do not forget Your word. Footnote: <sup>1</sup>See also vv. 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 174, Rom. 7:22.

**Today is the 3rd day** of the 1st week of seven weeks. Today is the 3rd day of the counting of fifty days from the day of the waving of the Omer on the morrow after the Sabbath.

Psa 67:1 Elohim does favour us and bless us, Cause His face to shine upon us. Selah. 2 For Your way to be known on earth, Your deliverance among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise You, O Elohim, Let all the peoples praise You. 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You judge the peoples uprightly, And lead the nations on earth. Selah. 5 Let the peoples praise You, O Elohim; Let all the peoples praise You. 6 The earth shall give her increase; Elohim, our own Elohim, blesses us! 7 Elohim blesses us! And all the ends of the earth fear Him!

#### Day 3 Happiness in Law of Yehovah 119:17-24

Psa 119:17-24 Do good to Your servant, Let me live and I guard Your word. 18 Open my eyes, that I might see Wonders from Your Torah. 19 I am a sojourner in the earth; Do not hide Your commands from me. 20 My being is crushed with longing For Your right rulings at all times. 21 You rebuked the proud, cursed ones, Who are straying from Your commands. 22 Remove from me reproach and scorn, For I have observed Your witnesses. 23 Though princes sat, speaking against me, Your servant meditates on Your laws. 24 Your witnesses also are my delight, My counsellors.

**Today is the 4th day** of the 1st week of seven weeks. Today is the 4th day of the counting of fifty days from the day of the waving of the Omer on the morrow after the Sabbath.

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#### Day 4 Determination to obey Law of Yehovah 119:25-32

Psa 119:25-32 My being has been clinging to the dust; Revive me according to Your word. 26 I have recounted my ways and You answered me; Teach me Your laws. 27 Make me understand the way of Your orders; That I might meditate on Your wonders. 28 My being has wept from grief; Strengthen me according to Your word. 29 Remove from me the way of falsehood, And favour me with Your Torah. 30 I have chosen the way of truth; Your right rulings I have held level. 31

I have clung to Your witnesses; O Yehovah, do not put me to shame! 32 I run the way of Your commands, For You enlarge my heart.

**Today is the 5th day** of the 1st week of seven weeks. Today is the 5th day of the counting of fifty days from the day of the waving of the Omer on the morrow after the Sabbath.

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#### Day 5 A prayer for understanding 119:33-40

Psa 119:33-40 Teach me, O Yehovah, the way of Your laws, And I observe it to the end. 34 Make me understand, that I might observe Your Torah, And guard it with all my heart. 35 Make me walk in the path of Your commands, For I have delighted in it. 36 Incline my heart to Your witnesses, And not to own gain. 37 Turn away my eyes from looking at falsehood, And revive me in Your way. 38 Establish Your word to Your servant, Which leads to the fear of You. 39 Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your right rulings are good. 40 See, I have longed for Your orders; Revive me in Your righteousness.

**Today is the 6th day** of the 1st week of seven weeks. Today is the 6th day of the counting of fifty days from the day of the waving of the 0mer on the morrow after the Sabbath.

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#### Day 6 This year is the Last Day of Unleavened Bread Trusting the Law of Yehovah 119:41-48

Psa 119:41-48 And let Your kindnesses come to me, O Yehovah; Your deliverance, according to Your word, 42 So that I answer my reprover, For I have trusted in Your word. 43 And do not take away from my mouth The word of truth entirely, For I have waited for Your right rulings; 44 That I might guard Your Torah continually, Forever and ever; 45 That I might walk in a broad place, For I have sought Your orders; 46 That I might speak of Your witnesses before sovereigns, And not be ashamed; 47 That I might delight myself in Your commands, Which I have loved; 48 That I might lift up my hands to Your commands, Which I have loved; While I meditate on Your laws.

**Today is the 7th day** of the 1st week of seven weeks. Today is the 7th day of the counting of fifty days from the day of the waving of the Omer on the morrow after the Sabbath. Today is Sabbath, the 1st Sabbath of seven Sabbaths. Today completes the 1st week of seven weeks.

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#### Day 7 Is the First Shabbat Confidence in Law of Yehovah 119:49-56

Psa 119:49–56 Remember the word to Your servant, On which You have caused me to wait. 50 This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life. 51 The proud have utterly scorned me, I did not turn aside from Your Torah. 52 I remembered Your right rulings of old, O Yehovah, And I comfort myself. 53 Rage has seized me because of the wrong Who forsake Your Torah. 54 Your laws have been my songs In the place of my sojournings. 55 I have remembered Your Name in the night, O Yehovah, And I guard Your Torah. 56 This has become mine, Because I have observed Your orders.

I want to remind you all that this coming Wednesday April 19, 2017, beginning the evening before is the Last Day or the seventh day of Unleavened Bread. It is another High day and you are not to work on this day. You should gather if you can for services with other of like mind if you can.

You are to eat Unleavened Bread for all seven days. You are not to eat Leavened Bread at all during this time. You are not to work on the first or the 7th day of Unleavened Bread.

May Yehovah bless you with greater understanding as you obey and keep these Holy Days in their proper order and may we also bless Yehovah by our obedience, which shows Him our love for Him.

Joh 14:13 "And whatever you ask in My Name, that I shall do, in order that the Father might be esteemed in the Son. 14 "If you ask whatever in My Name, I shall do it. 15 "If you love Me, you shall guard My commands. <sup>1</sup> 16 "And I shall ask the Father, and He shall give you another Helper, to stay with you forever – 17 the Spirit of the Truth, whom the world is unable to receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. But you know Him, for He stays with you and shall be in you. Footnote: <sup>1</sup>See Ex. 20:6, vv. 21&23, 1 John 5:2-3, 2 John v. 6.

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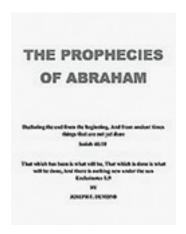
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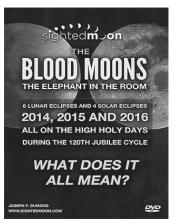
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