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March 23, 2024

The Month of Chum

Let me begin this section with two reports about the barley that have come in this week.

The first report is from Devorah and is dated March 21, the day after she went out. March 21 represents the 10th day of the month, as some are now using it to determine if the barley is Aviv or not. When you read Devorah's report, you will notice—or you should notice—that she does not find any ripe barley. You will also notice that she does not go to the Negev but only stays in the Jordan Valley. She also does not provide any pictures with her report. When Randy and I were there in the Jordan Valley, on February 25, 2024 the barley was in the worm and dough stage. We were not able to get back to report on this area on Wave Sheaf Day as we were in the Negev at that time. But the fields we looked at were very close to be ready to be made into a Wave Offering. Check Point Charley was in the head but they were empty.

The second report I am going to share with <u>you is from Brian Convery</u>, who just went to Israel and has now returned and posted his report with pictures. Listen to what he is saying about the barley condition. He states categorically that it is shattering and provides video evidence. He also states the fields are now all a golden brown.

You are to judge, so look and judge. This Sabbath is March 23, 2024. It is the 12th of what some are calling the 1st month and what the majority are calling the 12th or 13th month. After you read their reports I will continue to our teaching about what is Aviv, which I had prepared before I had seen these two reports.

Dear Friends,

We're glad to be back from our 2nd Barley Inspection of the season, and want to thank the Creator for His protection, and all of you, for your heartfelt prayers and support. The purpose of this inspection was to determine whether the barley in the Plains of Jericho (Joshua 5:10-12), became Aviv by the10th of this Biblical Month (21 March 2024). The reason being, that some understand Chodesh HaAviv to be the month in which the barley becomes Aviv intime for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread). This understanding is based on the fact that the barley is described as being Aviv at Chag HaMatzot (Ex 9:31, Lev 23:10, Joshua 5:10-

12), that Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering) is when the sickle begins on the standing grain (Dt16:9), and that we're supposed to bring the reshit (first) of our harvest to the Priest (Lev 23:10) at this time.

Just to remind you, Aviv Barley is when the barley has finished developing (Ex 9:31,Ex 23:15, Lev 23:10, Lev 23:14, Dt 16:9, Dt 16:16-17, Joshua 5:10-12), however there's still a lot of moisture remaining in the seeds. Therefore, if one were to harvest at this stage, the heads (that's the top part of the stalk that holds the seeds), would either need to be left in the sun to finish drying, or they can be dried immediately by parching them with fire (Lev 2:14, Lev 23:14, Joshua 5:10-12, Rut 2:14, 1 Samuel 17:17, 1 Samuel 25:18, 2 Samuel 17:28).

We carried out this inspection on 20 March 2024, which was the 9th day of the Biblical Month. We focused our inspection on the Plains of Jericho (Joshua 5:10-12), which is today referred to as the Jordan Valley, because we know that the barley should be Aviv by Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) in this region(Joshua 5:10-12). You are invited to watch the <u>video</u> of us testing the seeds on the inspection.

JORDAN VALLEY

00:10 - Field #1 - Planted

This planted field was in the worm stage. The farmer had smushed the stalks into bundles, presumably he plans on cutting them soon for silage.

03:40 - Field #2 - Volunteer

This volunteer field is right across the street from Field #1, and was also in the worm stage.

06:29 - Field #3 - Planted

This planted field had mostly empty seeds, with a few in the worm and Aviv stages.

16:39 - Field #4 - Volunteer

This volunteer field is right across the street from Field #3, and was mostly empty, with a few in the worm and Aviv stages.

19:36 - Field #5 - Planted

This planted field had a lot of empty and worm stage seeds. SDE TRUMOT (Just North of the Jordan Valley)

27:13 - Field #6 - Volunteer

This volunteer field had mostly empty seeds with a few in the worm and Aviv stages.

33:38 - Field #7 - Planted

This planted field had a lot of empty seeds with a few in the worm and Aviv stages.

Those of you who have been following our reports for a while, know that we tend not to share when we plan on beginning the year. Instead, we provide this first-hand reliable report on the development of the barley, along with some Bible passages for your consideration. We hope this report has been helpful to you in deciding when to begin the year, and remember, it's important to begin the year in the month which you believe to be Chodesh HaAviv (Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18, Dt 16:1), regardless of what month you may currently be in, as one's understanding is constantly increasing.

As the barley is going to continue ripening very quickly now, we don't see a need to carry out more Barley Inspections this season. However, we are looking forward to being in touch with you again as we get closer to theupcoming New Moon Observation (9 April 2024). Be sure to subscribe to our <u>newsletter</u> and <u>social media</u> platforms, so you receive the information regarding the upcoming New Moon Observation, as soon as it comes out.

We want to once again thank the Creator for His protection, and all of you, for your heartfelt prayers and support. And a special thanks to everyone who participated in this Barley Inspection with us. You not only served as a witness to the state of the barley, but also shared many valuable observations and insights, which contributed to its overall success. That being said, the observations, interpretations, and opinions presented in this report, are those of Devorah Gordon, and may or may not represent those of the other participants on this inspection.

Our second report from Abib of God.

Thursday March 20, 2024

Good Morning Dear Brethren and the rest of you as well.

Nice to be home, it is good to be home in my little piece of the earth.

And yes, many of you guys who view this Page and our website are brethren in our calling from Father unto His Son Jesus/Yeshua the Christ/Messiah. But there are a lot of folks who are not part of that calling who use the information we provide in our postings. And that is a welcomed and a good thing is it not.

And then there are some who need special noting from time to time; like grifters, wolves in sheep's clothing, and such placed in the Abib Calendar narrative here at the end of the age to distort, contort, and outright deceive. They have a vital task in separating the chaff from the actual grain. They like their father are used to test our resolve quite often. And let us not forget the Tares and Mixed Multitude who use every opportunity they can to display their unbiblical rants.

Please understand this is not a condemnation of them all, but just a simple understanding of the facts surrounding their patterned purpose.

It is good to be home. Can't repeat it enough. An eventful trip in many ways. From being put on the nofly list to Israel by one of our adversaries and to meeting old friends it has been quite satisfying watching the spirit of our Elohim connect all the dots in this wonderful Month of Abib. But I hate the flights and time spent in airports. The flight back is 13.5 hours in the air on just the Tel Aviv to Miami leg of it. This lovely one had people hacking and gagging on phlegm buildups and let's not forget some puking in the isles. It has been a very busy year putting up posts daily and starting with the reporting back in October. The only reason we intensified it after October is because the early rains had started in many locations in the Land. Thus, the seed in the ground germinated for another Abib Growing Cycle. Some understand the tremendous importance of the early rains stating in October and some are completely clueless to this fact. Like a good attentive farmer, we then follow the grain growth through the season to its maturity. That is a must if you want to be able to project when you will need the manpower for a harvest.

The NW Negev is as beautiful as I have ever seen it. A patch quilt and mosaic of all the different shades from green to yellow in the maturing process of the grains growing there. Just think what it will look like come the actual wavesheaf day on March 31st.

Once again, it is important to state clearly, we do not cut a wavesheaf, nor wave one. For me the function was fulfilled with the actions of my Savior when He qualified to be the First of the Firstfruit of many brethren and then beaten out prior to shedding His blood as the Passover Lamb of Fathers household.

We are tasked with getting the timing of it correct so we can keep the appointed times of meeting with our Elohim in the annual rehearsals/holy days they have declared. And yes, it is designed to start immediately after the Wavesheaf has been accepted when the farmers returned home after their keeping the Passover events at the Temple in Jerusalem. It has a spiritual reality of it which puts the exclamation mark on it.

In many respects the same physical activity is in play with those in Judaism who conduct inspections. Neither do they cut a wavesheaf offering but for a different reason. There is no Temple to bring it to in following the command to do so. Thus, they too only need to get the timing correct. I say only not in a light way. But a specific and truthful way just like us.

In both camps some have integrity and some do not. Once again, all part of the testing here at the end of the age.

I promised you some videos so I have attached a few of them that most are looking to review.

The very first is of a field of wheat which has been taken over by the red strain wild barley. I have never seen such a beautiful sight as this one this year. The wheat is at the Leviticus 2:14 minimum but the wild barley is easily shattered and can be ground into flour. Just look at the size of this field of red strain wild. It towers over the stiff-necked wheat just as it should. By the way there are over 3 dozen confirmed groupings of wild barley found in Israel. They are even different in genetic structure from ones that grow on south facing hills, with those that grow on north facing hills. And many such differences are found in the Land.

You have heard me talk about this strain of wild barley since a few years after we started making in Land inspections. It is always the healthiest and as a friend of mine says strongest of the strains. You have also heard me relate this to the spiritual equivalent of our Lord and Savior. The red streaks running through the seeds tell me they reflect the shed blood of Him as a result of the beatings/winnowing He took as my Wavesheaf Offering prior to being killed as the Passover Lamb. Look at the volumes of it here in the distance still standing as opposed to the spot I am standing in which was knocked down by the rain.

Then another video of wild barley at my first stop outside of Kiryat Maliki on route 3 in the NW Negev. By the way the intersection of 3 and 232 (Hodaya) is all yellow in color as it is one of our traditionally early locations, year in and out.

Then just a simple reminder of what many fields look like in the upper Jordan Valley and south ridge of the Jezreel Valley. This is wheat with wild barley growing in it. Both are in the dough stages. After that is a comparison photo from yesterday from the same general location in the Upper Jordan Valley from one of the photographers we follow. See how easy it is. They can do the leg work for you if you know how to read grain. For instance, how do we know this wheat holds aviv standard seeds? Look at the awns starting to spread. Wheat gets very ugly and scraggly when it is moving through stage 8 dough growth.

Then we have a witness from where Todd was crowned king of this location a few years ago. It is once again aviv. By the way that is an inspectors inside joke.

And one more look at a domestic 2 row and 6 row barley field in the NW Negev that is aviv. Now look at the other signs in it. We have wild barley aviv and bowing. Those are the big beautiful heads in the forefront. And look at the wild oats blowing in the wind as well. They are empty hulls as is the pattern in a good location. The wild oats drop seeds about 2 weeks before the barley reaches true maturity when in good agricultural ground. Just a beautiful sight isn't it you old timers! There are many similar ones this year in the Negev.

And let's not forget or ignore in the process the incredible weather ahead for Jerusalem and the rest of the Country plays in it. Here is the 10-day forecast for Jerusalem starting with today. It wasn't like that on Monday night up into Tuesday. Gramma would say: "it rained cats and dogs." The maturing process will even escalate more rapidly now. That is a simple agricultural fact. With these high temps in Jerusalem at the top of the Judean Mountains just think of the heat in the lower level grain growing regions.

Once again, the NW Negev has clearly won the race to receive the crown of the First of the Firstfruits this year. It isn't even close. Thousands of acres of barley and wheat have been cut in the past 2 weeks for silage and hay. There are still thousands of acres in and entering the dough stages still standing but will not be allowed to reach the age which they can be machine harvested: or in simple terms, 9-11 percent moisture content. Thus, thousands of acres of Leviticus 2:14 plus domestic grain to date. Also, large swaths of wild barley by itself in and at the aviv stage. Some past it as well, all growing in agriculturally used soils. Yes, it is the Month of Abib.

By the way I will get back with emails soon. Thanks for your patience, it's been quite hectic. Someone tried to hack our email accounts but were caught before they could. Thus, I could not see them until returning home.

From Bridget, Brenda, Linda and myself we hope you have a wonderful festival season ahead. And as the saying goes: "until we meet again" our peace we give to you!

March 21, 2024, was the 10th day of the second month. It was also the first month for some who declared last month an Adar Beit or a 13th month.

There is a new Takanot that we are eagerly watching to be enacted while searching for the barley. That the barley must be Aviv on the 10th day of the month or it is an Adar Beit. Without any scriptural command in Leviticus to follow this, some have created a new takanot and

mai'asim out of the command to bring in the lamb on the 10th day of the month. This was never a command to bring in the barley on the 10th day of the month. So, we are watching to see how those who promote and follow this newest takanot are going to implement it.

This year, in 2024, we see two of the "Christian" barley searching groups implementing this new Takanot and keeping Passover this week on March 26. At the same time, the two Karaite barley searcher groups and all those on the Hillel calendar are keeping Passover next month, which is April 22 and 24, depending on their beliefs. For those following Devorah right now, it is the 12th month, and for those following the main body of Karaites and Yoel HaLevi, this is the 13th month.

It certainly is a mess, isn't it?

This note is for the silent majority who are searching for the truth and weighing the evidence. I will show you the evidence in a moment. I am not accusing anyone here. I am pointing out some facts that need to be remembered.

Have you considered how we got to this position with so many different groups all claiming to be following Yehovah? At the exact same time, this confusion with the calendar is present, we have also entered the 10 days or years of Judgment, the time when the Saints are to be sealed and also when they will be martyred.

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, Until when, Master, holy and true, do You not judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?Rev 6:11 And white robes were given to each one of them. And it was said to them that they should rest yet for a little time, until both their fellow servants and their brothers (those about to be killed as they *were*) should have their number made complete.

<u>Revelation 7:</u>14 And I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are the ones who came out of the great tribulation and have washed their robes, and have whitened them in the blood of the Lamb.

<u>Revelation 13:</u>15 And there was given to it to give a spirit to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might both speak, and might cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

<u>Revelation 17:</u>6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with a great marveling.

Matthew 10:21 And brother will deliver up brother to death, and *the* father *his* child. And the children shall rise up against *their* parents and cause them to be put to death.

<u>Matthew 23:34</u> Therefore, behold, I send prophets and wise men and scribes to you. And you will kill and crucify *some* of them. And some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city; 35 so that on you may come all *the* righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Berachiah, whom you killed between the temple and the altar.

John 16:2 They shall put you out of *the* synagogue. But an hour is coming that everyone who kills you will think that he bears God service.

<u>Hebrews 11:40</u> for God had provided some better thing for us, that they should not be made perfect without us.

These final 10 years of judgment usher in the 7 Trumpet plagues of Revelation 8. But before Revelation 8 begins, there is this one little verse stopping the Trumpet plagues until something else first takes place.

First, notice the very first trumpet plague.

The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer

Rev 8:1\_ And when He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in Heaven for about half an hour.

Rev 8:2\_ And I saw the seven angels who stood before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

Rev 8:3\_ And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer. And many incenses were given to him, so that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints on the golden altar before the throne.

Rev 8:4\_ And the smoke of the incense *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God from the angel's hand.

Rev 8:5\_ And the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar, and cast *it* into the earth. And voices and thunderings and lightnings and an earthquake occurred.

# The Seven Trumpets

Rev 8:6\_ And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Rev 8:7\_ The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mixed with blood, and they were cast on the earth. And the third *part* of trees was burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

The very first Trumpet plague, in which one-third of all the trees and all the grass are burned up, is prevented from happening until the sealing of the Saints takes place in Chapter Seven.

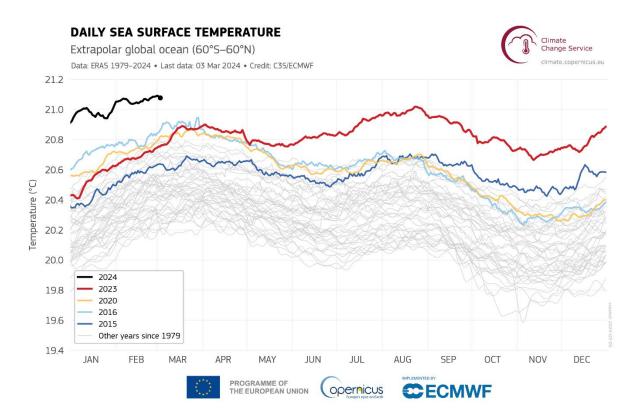
Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth so that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Rev 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Rev 7:3 saying, Do not hurt the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred *and* forty-four thousands, having been sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel.

Notice in the chart below precisely how hot it has been not just in the first three months of this year but also over last year.



We are in the final ten years...the final time of judgment after six millennia. And we are watching for the sealing of the Saints to take place before the Trumpet Plagues begin. How does this happen? As you just read there is a large earthquake.

In our article about the <u>Mark of Yehovah</u>, we show you what His mark is. I encourage you <u>to</u> <u>sign up for free</u> and read this entire article. Let me take out this next section to show you something.

Again, we have a mark on the forehead by Yehovah who mourns over the evil being done. We now have the following 6 verses in Revelation concerning the mark:

17 "and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (Revelation 13:17)

11 "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." (Revelation 14:11)

2 "And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God." (Revelation 15:2)

2 "So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image." (Revelation 16:2) 20 "Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone." (Revelation 19:20)

4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years." (Revelation 20:4)

Next, we are going to look up the word "signs". There were 83 verses given, so I looked for signs that related to hands and foreheads.

1 "Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine." 3 And Moses said to the people: "Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out of this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. 4 On this day you are going out, in the month Abib. 5 And it shall be, when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month. 6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters. 8 And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'This is done because of what the Lord did for me when I came up from Egypt.' 9 It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the Lord's law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt. 10 You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year." (Exodus 13:1-10)

Here we have a sign that would be on our hand and a memorial on our forehead (between our eyes). What is that sign? In Exodus, it was the keeping of Passover was a sign on our hands and

between our eyes. In Exodus 31, it is not just the days of Unleavened Bread, but all the Sabbaths, plural, which are a sign that we are to keep from year to year.

12 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 13 "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you. 14 You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed." 18 And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God. (Exodus 31:12-18)

We also have the following verses explaining to us that these commandments are to be bound in our hand and to be kept in front of minds always and for ever.

1 "Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, 2 that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. 3 Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, 'a land flowing with milk and honey.' 4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

1 "Therefore you shall love the Lord your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always... (Deuteronomy 11:1)

18 "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20 And you shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates, 21 that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth. 22 "For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do-to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him– 23 then the Lord will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves. 24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the

wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory. 25 No man shall be able to stand against you; the Lord your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you. (Deuteronomy 11:18- 25)

10 "Therefore I made them go out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. 11 And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, 'which, if a man does, he shall live by them.'12 Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctifies them. 13 Yet the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes; they despised My judgments, 'which, if a man does, he shall live by them'; and they greatly defiled My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14 But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought them out. 15 So I also raised My hand in an oath to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, 'flowing with milk and honey, the glory of all lands, 16 because they despised My judgments and did not walk in My statutes, but profaned My Sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. 17 Nevertheless My eye spared them from destruction. I did not make an end of them in the wilderness. 18 "But I said to their children in the wilderness, 'Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols. 19 I am the Lord your God: Walk in My statutes, keep My judgments, and do them; 20 hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God.' (Ezekiel 20:10-20)

With the preceding verses, we can easily see that the mark of Yehovah is the keeping of His laws, Sabbaths and Holy Days. When we keep them, they become a Sign on our Hand and a Sign between our Eyes. "The hand" signifies the way we live, our way of life, the way we work or conduct ourselves. The expression, "Between our eyes," signifies the way we think and how we will treat others. It is our heart, our innermost being, our thoughts. With this understanding we can now read the following verses in Revelation with a clearer understanding.

3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." (Revelation 7:3)

4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. (Revelation 9:4)

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, (Revelation 13:16)

1 Then I looked, and behold, a\* Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. (Revelation 14:1)

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4)

4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. (Revelation 22:4)

1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

Notice here in Thessalonians that the mystery of lawlessness (not keeping Yehovah's Laws) is at work. The lawless one is Satan performing signs and lying wonders, unrighteous deceptions on those who would not love the truth of Yehovah and keep his laws. On them Yehovah will send strong delusion that they should continue to believe a lie. What Lie? Satan is the father of all lies.

44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." (John 8:44)

If you are not keeping the commandments, then you are a liar if you also say, you obey Yehovah. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1 John 2:4)

So, keeping the Holy Days at the wrong time is the same as keeping the Sabbath at the wrong time.

We are commanded to keep the month of Aviv and to keep the Passover IN THE MONTH OF AVIV. It was in the month of Aviv that the Exodus took place. All 5 groups this year have different views about what is Aviv and when it is Aviv. You must wade through all the talk and discover what Yehovah tells you is Aviv. Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to it, and he was not allowed into the Promised Land because of that one small thing. And this in spite of all the other great things he did. Was it not a little thing to hit the rock instead of speaking to it? He was, after all, told to hit the rock once before.

Is keeping Passover in the wrong month a little thing or a big thing?

Deu 16:1 Observe the month Abib, and keep the Passover to Jehovah your God. For in the month of Abib, Jehovah your God brought you forth out of Egypt by night.

I want you to focus in on this word Aviv. In the Paleo Hebrew, the original meaning of this word Aviv, is:

B) Bba% (Bba% ABB) ac: ? co: Grain ab: ?

**b**<sup>m</sup>) **Biba**% (**Biba%** A-BYB) - **Green Grain:** The new green ears of growing grain as the parent seeds attached to the stalk (pole) of the next generation of crops. Also Abib, the name of a month in the Hebrew calendar. [freq. 8] |kjv: abib, corn| { $\frac{H24}{2}$ }

It is the month when you have NEW GREEN EARS of barley. It is the month of GREEN EARS. This is what Aviv means. If all the fields are turning brown, then the barley is no longer green ears but they are now ripe or brown ears.

If you go to Abib of God on Facebook, you will see all the pictures they are posting as of March 19, 2024, in which the barley fields are now all brown. The fields in the north will still be green, but those in the south are now turning brown. They are not Aviv or green ears.

Somewhere in our understanding we all have, including myself, accepted the meaning of the word Aviv to be ripe heads of barley turning brown. But this is not what the Bible says "in the month of Aviv" means. It is the month of Green Ears. But the barley must be far enough along that there is an Omers worth of green heads that can be roasted and then turned into flour. This is a very thin line. Passover did not take place in the month of Brown Heads of Grain.

Even the ancient barley ceremony harvested the barley after the Sabbath during the days of Unleavened Bread. This ancient ceremony demonstrates the barley had nothing to do with the 10th of the month like the lambs. This ceremony demonstrated the resurrection of Yehshua and the Saints, who were the first of the first fruits, as Paul describes them, who came back to life. This was a huge miracle in 31 AD when it came to fruition. All those years leading up to this time were rehearsals of this major event that only Matthew 27:50 even mentions. No one else did, and yet it is the greatest event to have taken place. Yehshua and the host of captives came back to life. Without this event, we would never understand the meaning of the Wave offering at Shavuot, but because we do understand what the Barley Wave Sheaf Offering represented, we can with certainty understand the wheat two loaves of bread Wave Offering and what it means. And because of the Jubilee Cycles, we can also know exactly when this event will be fulfilled in our lifetime.

This is why it is so important to understand that the month of Aviv is the month of Green Ears, not the month of Brown ears. In Hebrew, the word brown is Chum. I was going to return to Israel and show all the fields of Chum ears to demonstrate this to you, but others are already doing so without knowing it.

This was a very tough year for determining the barley. It required faith and knowledge of the barley's life cycle. It is the first year in the final ten years of judgment. It is the first trumpet

plague year. Before that trumpet begins, the Saints must be sealed, and then there will be a great earthquake. There are only 12,000 from each tribe.

Now that you understand the word Aviv means green ears, return to reading the report from Abib of God and decide if this is the month of Green ears or the month of Brown ears. And if you see the pictures Abib of God is posting then what will the barley fields look like next month? The farmers have already begun to harvest. Does that in itself not tell you something? They are harvesting before Wave Sheaf Day for those keeping Passover this month and they are harvesting over a month to early for those keeping Passover in April.

Deu 16:1 Observe the month Abib, and keep the Passover to Jehovah your God. For in the month of Abib, Jehovah your God brought you forth out of Egypt by night.

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# Rejoicing Over the Two Witnesses The Megillah

March 24-26, 2024, will be the Festival of Purim, when the story, the Megillah of Ester, will be read. It is a national holiday in Israel. It is normally kept on the 15th day of Adar or the 12th month of the year.

The Story of Ester is a great story. I have often used Mordechai's line of:

Est 4:12 And they told Mordecai Esther's words.

Est 4:13 And Mordecai commanded them to answer Esther, Do not think within yourself that you shall escape in the king's house more than all the Jews.

Est 4:14 For if you are completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall arise to the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house shall be destroyed. And who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for a time like this?

Who knows whether or not you have been called for such a time as this? But unless you get up and act, unless you begin to do something, we will never know. What is about to happen is going to happen, and Yehovah is going to act. But if you do not do your part, then Yehovah will get someone else to do it, and you and your family will die, and the other person will get the glory you could have had.

What has now become a national holiday is not found in Leviticus 23, where Yehovah tells us when to keep Holy Days and when He will meet with us. We read how the day of Purim came about in the book of Ester itself.

Est 9:17 And on the thirteenth day of the month Adar, and on the fourteenth day of the same, they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

Est 9:18 But the Jews at Shushan gathered on the thirteenth of it and on the fourteenth of it. And on the fifteenth of the same, they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

Est 9:19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, who lived in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and a day of sending portions to one another.

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Est 9:20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews in all the provinces of the King Ahasuerus, near and far,

Est 9:21 to establish among them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,

Est 9:22 as the days in which the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions to one another, and gifts to the poor.

Est 9:23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to them

Est 9:24 because Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, the lot, to finish them and to destroy them.

Est 9:25 But when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked plot which he had plotted against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the wooden gallows.

Est 9:26 Therefore, they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore, for all the words of this letter, and which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come to them,

Est 9:27 the Jews ordained, and took on them and on their seed, and on all such as joined themselves to them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their time every year,

Est 9:28 and that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city, and these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

Est 9:29 And Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Purim.

Est 9:30 And he sent the letters to all the Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth,

Est 9:31 in order to confirm these days of Purim in their set times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had ordered them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed the matters of the fastings and of their cry.

Est 9:32 And the order of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim. And it was written in the book.

I do not have a problem with keeping a Memorial Day to some event—something like the 4th of July or, in Canada, the 1st of July. But the moment a memorial takes on a similar status as Yehovah's Holy Days, I have a problem. In Israel right now, they are planning to make October 7, a national memorial day of the horrific events that took place on that day. I have no problem with this.

We also have another national day of mourning or Remembrance Day, which is the day before Independence Day.

# From grief to joy: Why Israel marks Remembrance Day the day before Independence Day The sudden transition from mourning to celebration is tied to events that marred the birth of the state, historians reveal.

By MAYA MARGIT/THE MEDIA LINE MAY 4, 2022 00:31

<u>Sirens wailed across Israel T</u>uesday evening to mark the start of Remembrance Day, evoking the memory of thousands of lost loved ones – soldiers and victims of terror – that have died.

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To date, some 24,068 soldiers have died due to their service since 1860; this figure also includes members of underground militias that existed before the state was formed. At the same time, 4,217 civilians have been killed in terrorist acts since 1881.

Israel's Remembrance Day, called Yom Hazikaron in Hebrew, is a solemn occasion when places of entertainment are closed and wreath-laying ceremonies are held at war memorials throughout

the country. A second siren sounds the next morning at 11:00, for two minutes, marking the start of the main memorial ceremony at the military cemetery on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.

A few hours later, on Wednesday evening, Israelis will suddenly cross over from grief to celebration, as the country fetes its 74th Independence Day, called Yom Ha'atzmaut in Hebrew.

This abrupt transition is linked to a significant event that marred the birth of the State of Israel, according to historians. Dr. Mordecai Naor, an author and researcher specializing in the history of the state of Israel and the Jewish people, told The Media Line that marking the two days consecutively happened "by chance."

"The disaster in Gush Etzion took place during Israel's War of Independence one day before the state was founded," Naor said, referring to what is more widely known as the Kfar Etzion massacre on May 13, 1948.

In this attack, about 129 Jewish people – the exact numbers is disputed – were killed by Arab and Jordanian forces at Kibbutz Kfar Etzion, which is located in the Judean Hills beyond the Green Line that demarcates Israel's pre-1967 borders. The massacre took place following a two-day battle between Jewish and Arab forces. Jewish residents of the kibbutz, who reportedly had surrendered, were said to have been rounded up in a courtyard and shot. Their remains eventually were interred at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.

While Israel's Independence Day celebrations were enshrined into law as a state holiday in 1949, Yom Hazikaron was only enacted into law many years later. "Up until 1963, marking Memorial Day just before Independence Day was a custom and not a law," Naor explained. "As the years went by, the link between the two days grewand people began to say that it is impossible to celebrate Israel's [independence] without also remembering the heavy price it paid."

A torch-lighting ceremony held on Wednesday evening marks the conclusion of Memorial Day and the official beginning of Independence Day. The custom of lighting torches is inspired by ancient Jewish practices, Naor said.

"It was impossible to say when holidays began [in ancient times], so in Jerusalem it was decided that city mayors would light torches that would be visible from one mountain to the next," he said. "The next mountain would continue and another torch would be lit and so on and so forth, and it was said that this torch lighting eventually reached Babel, or modern-day Iraq."

Naor, 87, was 13 years old when Israel was formed and remembers attending Independence Day parades as a child. For the first 20 years of celebrations, large military parades dominated the day, but the practice was later limited to Air Force and Navy displays. The reason for this change is purely practical, he said.

The parades were stopped, Naor said, "because the Israel Defense Forces was against it and said that it completely disrupted their military activities. Thousands of soldiers would take part in it and would have to prepare for it two months in advance."

Dr. Hezi Amiur, curator of the Israel Collection at the National Library of Israel, told The Media Line that most of the customs found in today's ceremonies developed in the very first days of the State of Israel.

"The founders of the state, meaning David Ben-Gurion and his generation, were very aware of the importance of ceremonies," Amiur explained. "They knew that they were forming the culture of the new state and that what they were doing would come to define its character for many years to come."

Like Naor, he noted that the sudden segue from mourning to celebration was not intentional, at least initially.

"Israel's independence was declared on May 14, 1948, and one day earlier Gush Etzion fell," Amiur said. "It was one of the biggest blows to Israel during the War of Independence."

The remains of those who were killed in the massacre were interred on Mount Herzl in November 1949 together with hundreds of other Israeli soldiers who fell during the War of Independence. They were the first to be buried in what would later become Israel's national military cemetery.

"One year passed and the families of those who were killed held a memorial service at Mount Herzl one day before Independence Day; they had graves there," Amiur said. "Because the wound of the Kfar Etzion massacre was so deep it ended up becoming the official Memorial Day for fallen soldiers."

Whether or not you keep Purim, I must point out something.

We read in Exodus how Yehovah promised to protect our properties while we kept the Feasts.

Exo 34:23 Three times in the year your men shall appear before the Lord Jehovah, the God of Israel.

Exo 34:24 For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders. Neither shall any man desire your land when you shall go up to appear before Jehovah your God three times in the year.

We also read in Proverbs that Yehovah will make our enemies at peace with us "IF" we please Him.

Pro 16:7 When a man's ways please Jehovah, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

On Friday, May 14 1948, Israel declared its independence Day. The next day, on Shabbat, a coalition of Arab states allied with Palestinian factions attacked Israeli forces in what became the first of several Arab-Israeli wars.

When I understand that the Yom Kippur War began on the Day of Atonement and that the Oct 7 ambush and slaughter took place on Shemini Atzeret, both were surprise attacks on His Feast Days, I have to ask, where is Yehovah, and why is He not keeping His promise to protect them during the Feasts?

But then I realized that, as we explained last week, the Hillel calendar is out of sync by at least 19 days. Has Yehovah withdrawn His protection because the Hillel calendar does not keep the Holy Days when Yehovah wants them?

We have written a number of times to warn you that the Hillel Calendar has a forced Adar Beit in 2030. According to the 19-year Metonic Cycle, they will add an extra month in 2030. In 2030, Passover on the Hillel calendar will be April 18, 2030.

Since 2016, we at sightedmoon.com have kept Passover one month ahead of the Karaite due to our belief that we must offer the first of the barley by Wave Sheaf Day. This year, 2024, we find ourselves two months ahead of both the Karaites and the Hillel Calendar.

We then look at Revelation 12 and ask the question, why do those who keep the commandments not flee with the woman into the wilderness?

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who bore the man child .

Rev 12:14 And two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman, so that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the serpent's face.

Rev 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water like a flood after the woman, so that he might cause her to be carried away by the river.

Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman. And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

This situation is caused by two factions keeping two different times for the calendar—the very same thing we see happening right now.

I also believe the two witnesses were killed at Passover. Some people have suggested it was Christmas because of the fact that the world would be giving gifts at the time of their death. Ramadan 2030 is from January 3rd to February 3. So that date is also not one to consider because neither it nor Christmas are around Passover. Rev 11:6 These have authority to shut up the heaven, that it may not rain in the days of their prophecy. And they have authority over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

Rev 11:7 And when they complete their testimony, the beast coming up out of the abyss will make war against them and will overcome them and kill them.

Rev 11:8 And their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Rev 11:9 And many of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will see their dead bodies three days and a half, and they will not allow their dead bodies to be put in tombs.

Rev 11:10 And the ones who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, and will make merry, and will send one another gifts, because these two prophets tormented those living on the earth.

Rev 11:11 And after three days and a half, a spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet. And great fear fell on those seeing them.

If we are ahead of the Hillel calendar in 2030 as we are now, then Purim takes place on the 13th-15th of Adar, which is the same time we would be keeping Passover that year.

<u>Purim is a Jewish observance on</u> the 14th day of the month of Adar in the Jewish calendar, which is in February or March in the Gregorian calendar. It commemorates a time when Jewish people were saved from death in the Persian empire around the fourth century BCE, according to the Book of Esther.

Many Jewish communities start the celebrations around sunset on the 13th day of Adar, while others observe Purim on the 15th day of Adar. Four common activities on Purim are:

 $\cdot$  Listening to a public reading, often in a synagogue of the Book of Esther, or the Megilla (also referred to as Megillah).

- Sending a gift of food to at least one friend.
- Giving charity to the poor.
- Eating a festive meal.

People often give lavishly wrapped baskets of food to friends and money or food to those in need or charitable organizations. The main beverage is wine and people may drink large amounts during the festive meal. Public parades and puppet show performances illustrating the Book of Esther are held in Israel. These are also held in some areas in the United States with a large Jewish population.

Purim is a public holiday in Israel but not in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom or the United States. Non-Jewish schools, stores, businesses and organizations are open as usual and public transit systems operate to their regular schedule. Jewish organizations may be closed.

One of the studies I did had the two witnesses killed on the 10th day of the first month. They would be dead for 3 1/2 days which then brings you into the 14th day of that month. This all lines up with Passover events, but for those on the Hillel Calendar this would be the days of Purim when they are giving out gifts on the 13-14th of Adar.

The issue about the calendar and endtime events is crucial for you to understand in these very last days. Study them, watch them, and pray to Yehovah to help you to understand and to distinguish truth from fiction. You are commanded to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Pray Yehovah help you to work it out.

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# The Jewish calendar is out of sync. Fix it

The next 'Blessing of the Sun' will occur in April 2009-19 days ahead of schedule. By STEPHEN GABRIEL ROSENBERGMAY 21, 2007 18:56We observant Jews count the Omer - 50 days from Pessah to Shavuot - because the Torah commands us to. Every night we've been reciting the number of days and weeks that have passed and look forward to the coming festival, rightly called Shavuot, or Weeks. In Greek it is Pentecost - the counting of 50. This counting of 50 days between festivals seems to have been an ancient custom among farmers. Many of the festivals are two months apart. If the farmer celebrated seven days of harvest festival, added an extra day, as the eighth day of Shemini Atzeret is added to Succot, and if he then counts 50 days, he is on to the eve of the next festival. This basic count of 59 days, or just two full months, would have applied between Pessah and Shavuot if we counted as the pre-rabbinic Ethiopians did, taking "from the morrow of the Sabbath" (Leviticus 23:15) to be the day after the whole festival, thus bringing Shavuot to 15th of Sivan. It was the Pharisees who changed all that so as to bring Pentecost forward to coincide with their date for the Theophany at Mt. Sinai. THE JEWISH calendar has been a lunar one, confirmed by the sighting of the new moon, at least from the time of the little tablet, the so-called Gezer Calendar excavated in 1908, considered to be of the 11th century BCE, which counted the agricultural year in consecutive months, four of them in pairs. In matters of time, the month is a natural phenomenon, as are the day and the solar year, although the three are difficult to correlate. The month is actually 29.530588 days long and the solar year 365.2422 days, which makes calculation difficult. In the early Roman Empire the year was still counted as a lunar one and correlation with the seasons was chaotic and unwieldy. It was so until the time of the Emperor Julius Caesar, who was advised by astronomers to scrap the lunar count and fix a solar year of 365 and 1/4 days. That fraction of a day was not practical so it was decreed to have three years of 365 days, and one of 366 days every four years. Known as the Julian Calendar, it had the desired effect of regulating the days and months with the seasons. The new reckoning was introduced in 45 BCE and was expected to be correct for time everlasting. But it was not to be. THE CALENDAR year was more than 11 minutes too long, which meant an increase of one day in about 130 years. Thus by medieval times, after a period of say, 1,000

years, the calendar year was already seven days in advance of the sun. By the time reform came, under Pope Gregory XIII, the calendar was 10 days ahead of the solar system, and consequently in March 1582, the new Gregorian Calendar took 10 days out of the month of October of that year. It was not an easy reform to swallow, and Great Britain was the last major country to adopt it, not doing so until nearly 200 years later in 1752. It was then that popular riots called for "the return of our 11 days," that led to the Treasury being forced to move the tax year 11 days forward from the quarter-day of March 25 to April 5. As the Julian year had been too long by about three days in 400 years, the Gregorian Calendar solved the problem by declaring that the leap day should be ignored at every century year and only used in those centuries divisible by 400, as is still the practice today. SO FAR, so good, but how does that impact on the Hebrew calendar? We are very meticulous in our counting, as for instance in counting the Omer between Pessah and Shavuot; and, after all, we did invent the seven-day week. It is now adopted all over the world, while the 10-day week of the ancient Egyptians and the five-day week of the more recent French Revolution never took hold. Our calendar has been a very ingenious one, having solved the problem of relating the lunar counting to the solar reality, and ensuring that festivals did not fall on unsuitable days of the week, like Yom Kippur on a Friday or Pessah on a Monday. But its very ingenuity should not lead us into thinking it infallible. When confirming the calendar by sighting of the moon became impractical, tradition has it that a fixed calendar was set down by the Patriarch Hillel II in 358 or 359 CE. It is not certain that this was so as, for instance, Maimonides does not mention it, though he says that monthly sightings did cease some time before the end of the Babylonian Talmud. Although some flexibility may have continued, it is clear that by the time of the Geonim in the ninth century a fixed calendar was being adhered to. That calendar, like all previous ones, divided the year into four tekufot or seasons, which conformed to the solstices and equinoxes of the earth around the sun. The first division was the *tekufa* of Nissan, or the spring season. It was in that season that the festival of Pessah had to fall, as the Torah tells us to "Observe the month of Aviv (Spring) and make Passover" (Deuteronomy 16:1), so the calculation of the four seasons was of paramount importance. ALTHOUGH we do not know when the fixed calendar started, whether in the fourth century or not, it is our guiding light today and 26 years ago it told us that the "Blessing of the Sun" was to be on April 8, 1981. It is a ceremony held every 28 years, when the sun is considered to be in the same position as the one it held in the days of Creation, that is, on a Wednesday. If the year is held to be 365 days long, then the date of its "birth" - its birthday - falls on the same day of the week every 28 years. But when we celebrated that in 1981, the tekufa date was April 8, or 18 days after the true astronomical equinox of March 21. In other words, the Jewish calendar was 18 days out of sync with the heavenly facts. How did this happen? Quite simply because the original calculations, whether by Hillel II or others, were based on the Julian Calendar of their time and, as we have seen, the Julian Calendar would now also be about 15 days out of line with the sun. Does this really matter? As the tekufa of Nissan, or Spring, continues to progress ahead of the sun, by more than 11 hours a year, we shall find that in time it will approach nearer and nearer to the astronomical summer, and the festival of Pessah will no longer fall in our tekufa of Nissan. It can be calculated that this will occur in about 640 years, and then we will be in breach of the Torah law. The festival may still be in the spring, but the tekufa of Spring will be in the summer. SO GREAT BRITAIN was not the last country to adopt the Gregorian correction of the Julian calculations. The Hebrew calendar has not yet recognized the discrepancy but it is something we should consider very carefully and quite soon, for the next "Blessing of the Sun" will occur in two years' time, in April 2009, so it would be sensible to reform the calendar before then, so that our prayers will be in line with God's Creation, and not 19 days ahead of it. As in England, that change may well cause riots in the streets, this time in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak - but

is it sensible to let this time bomb go on ticking any longer? The writer is a Fellow of the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem.

# A "Massive Altar" For The Red Heifer Sacrifice

# Has Been Constructed In Israel

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Since the time of Moses, only nine red heifers have been sacrificed. Now, a "massive altar" for the tenth red heifer sacrifice has been built in Israel, and there is a tremendous amount of speculation that it could happen soon. In <u>September 2022</u>, five red heifers were flown from the state of Texas to the land of Israel. Since that time, one of them has been disqualified, but the other four continue to be candidates for a red heifer sacrifice. As I discussed <u>last week</u>, there was "a practice run of the purification ceremony" in 2023. But an official ceremony must be conducted before the heifers get too old to be used for such a sacrifice.

So will a red heifer be sacrificed in Israel in 2024?

According to CBS News, a "massive altar" has already been constructed. In the video <u>that I</u> <u>have embedded below</u>, you can see footage of this altar starting at the two minute mark...

I was absolutely floored when I first saw that.

A red heifer sacrifice would need to happen on the Mount of Olives, and the land where the sacrifice would take place is owned <u>by Rabbi Yitshak Mamo</u>...

According to those working on the project, the ceremony of the red heifer needs to be performed on the Mount of Olives, and in a place that would have looked directly into where the Temple stood. The land directly east of the Temple Mount, purchased 12 years ago, meets both of those standards.

Rabbi Yitshak Mamo owns that land on the Mount of Olives. Mamo is with Uvne Yerusalim, a group that preserves Israel's history and works to educate future generations.

Concerning the specifics of the land, he told CBN News, "It had to be exactly at the front of the place that the priest that made this ceremony can see the Holy of the Holy Place."

But the clock is ticking.

If the heifers get too old, they will no longer qualify.

During <u>a recent public appearance</u>, Mamo explained that "we are very close to the third year of these cows"...

"If there is any [mathematicians] here, so you can understand that we are very close to the third year of these cows," reveals Mamo. "Which means that with the help of God, we will get permission from God and from the people to make the ceremony. And then we can be pure."

Recently, there has been a lot of buzz that we could actually see a red heifer sacrifice very soon.

Last month, All Israel News reported that the Temple Institute wants to conduct a sacrifice <u>"before Passover 2024"</u>...

As of now, four of the heifers remain blemish-free and, according to Temple Institute rabbis, they hope to carry out the ceremony before Passover 2024.

This year, the Jewish people will celebrate Passover on April 22nd.

That is about a month away.

During a recent broadcast, Glenn Beck also discussed the possibility that a red heifer sacrifice could happen in the very near future. The following is an excerpt <u>from a transcript of that</u> <u>broadcast</u>...

If you're going to rebuild the temple, you need to purify it.

And purifying it, according to the book of numbers, chapter 19, is a heifer. A red heifer ceremony. That results in the creation of ash and water mixture.

And that cleanses the entire nation of Israel. From ritual impurity.

And then the ceremony requires some of the blood to be sprinkled at the front of the tabernacle. That later became the temple.

It usually took place at the Mount of Olives, where they are planning on doing this again in the coming days.

It is essential for all aspects of the temple, and temple worship to take place.

In addition, anyone participating in temple worship, would be required to be sprinkled with the ash water.

Beyond that, even without the presence of a physical temple, the ceremony, would be — would allow the general population to be ritually cleansed and remove much of the religious prohibition for a Jewish presence, on the Temple Mount.

When are they planning on doing it?

Well, they imported these red heifers before October 7th.

We now know that Hamas said, that this was going to — this was part of the reason, because they're going to use the red heifers to purify the temple, which is desceration to them.

Purifying them, so they can then, actually, go up, and even if there's no temple. They can pray as if they were in the temple.

They're going to do this, passover weekend. So Easter weekend.

There has been a lot of speculation on social media that a red heifer sacrifice could potentially take place on March 29th because the <u>"Sabbath of the red heifer"</u> begins at sundown that evening...

Shabbat Parah for Hebrew Year 5784 begins at sundown on Friday, 29 March 2024 and ends at nightfall on Saturday, 30 March 2024. This corresponds to Parashat Tzav.

Shabbat Parah ("Sabbath [of the] red heifer" שבת פרה (שבת פרה) takes place on the Shabbat before Shabbat HaChodesh, in preparation for Passover. Numbers 19:1-22 describes the parah adumah ("red heifer") in the Jewish temple as part of the manner in which the kohanim and the Jewish people purified themselves so that they would be ready ("pure") to sacrifice the korban Pesach.

I have not been able to find any confirmation that a sacrifice will happen on March 29th.

So I don't know if we will see anything happen on that date or not.

But I do believe that the Temple Institute fully intends to conduct a red heifer sacrifice at some point in 2024.

And when that happens, Israel's enemies are going to go haywire.

As CBS News <u>has reported</u>, Hamas has actually admitted that the red heifers were one of the reasons why they attacked Israel on October 7th...

When Hamas spokesman Abu Ubaida began a speech marking the 100th day of the war in Gaza, one confounding yet eye-opening proclamation escaped the headlines. Listing the motives for the Palestinian militant group's Oct. 7 massacre in Israel, he accused Jews of "bringing red cows" to the Holy Land.

The cows he was talking about are red heifers, which now graze at a secure, undisclosed location in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Some Jews and Christians believe they're key to rebuilding the Jewish temple that once stood in Jerusalem, and to beckoning the Messiah.

Once Israel's enemies realize that a red heifer has been sacrificed, they are going to go absolutely nuts.

So this is a really big deal.

Let's keep watching and praying, because it appears that events in the Middle East are about to get very, very interesting.

Michael's new book entitled <u>"Chaos"</u> is available <u>in paperback</u> and <u>for the Kindle</u> on Amazon.com, and you can check out his new Substack newsletter <u>right here</u>.

# Sevening Ourselves

We are in the 29th year of this 120th Jubilee Cycle. The 29th day of counting the Omer is our annual reminder of where we are in this Jubilee Cycle. We are in the 29th year. Sunday, March 31, 2024, represents the 29th day of counting the Omer and the 29th year of counting the Jubilee Cycle.

This year, March 31 is Easter Sunday, as well as Wave Sheaf Day for those keeping Passover this month. It is also the 1290th day of Abomination counting from the second time Prime Minister Netanyahu locked down Israel on September 18, 2020. The first time he locked down Israel was March 25, 2020, and 1290 days later, it was October 6, 2023.

The third time he locked down Israel was September 25. 1290 days later brings us to April 8, 2024, the time of the solar eclipse over the USA. The fourth and final time Netanyahu locked down Israel was on December 27, 2020. 1290 days later brings you to July 9, 2024.

We are also watching for the 6th seal to be released with the first five already happening:

 $\underline{\text{Rev 6:12}}$  And when He had opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake. And the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

<u>Rev 6:13</u> And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs when she is shaken by a mighty wind.

<u>Rev 6:14</u> And *the* heaven departed like a scroll when it is rolled together. And every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

<u>Rev 6:15</u> And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains.

<u>Rev 6:16</u> And they said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from *the* face of Him sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;

<u>Rev 6:17</u> for the great day of His wrath has come, and who will be able to stand?

As I have shown you in this newsletter, the sealing of the 144,000 is about to take place before the Trumpet plagues can begin.

The 7th seal also has an earthquake, after which there is silence in heaven for about a 1/2 an hour. Many people have calculated that 1/2 hour to be about 5 or so days, which is also about the time between March 31 and April 8, which is 8 days. The first trumpet plague is going to burn up 1/3 of all the trees, and we can see from the chart the temperatures are indeed going up and continue to rise.

2024 also represents the year the 10 virgins are woken up from their sleep. Some will be told I NEVER knew you and others will be invited to the wedding.

It is into all of these things and all of these circumstances or coincidences that we have the reading of the Psalms for the 29th year, the first year of this 5th Sabbatical cycle, the one the Saints are to be sealed in.

Day Twenty-Nine | A Song of Thanksgiving | Psalm 67:1-7

Today is the first day of the fifth week of seven weeks. Today is the twenty-ninth day of the counting of fifty days from the day of the waving of the Omer on the morrow after the Sabbath.

1 Elohim does favor us and bless us. Cause His face to shine upon us. Selah. (Psalm 67:1)

2 For Your way to be known on earth, Your deliverance among all nations. (Psalm 67:2)

3 Let the peoples praise You, O Elohim, let all the peoples praise You. (Psalm 67:3)

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You judge the peoples uprightly, and lead the nations on earth. Selah. (Psalm 67:4)

5 Let the peoples praise You, O Elohim; let all the peoples praise You. (Psalm 67:5)

6 The earth shall give her increase; Elohim, our own Elohim, blesses us! (Psalm 67:6)

7 Elohim blesses us! And all the ends of the earth fear Him! (Psalm 67:7)

#### Sevening Ourselves

Two weeks ago in our article on the Exodus, we shared with you our article on the Feast of Oaths and how it was a blood covenant. We quoted chapter 5 of our book <u>The 2300 Days of Hell</u>. And if you have not yet read *The 2300 Days of Hell* we strongly urge you to either get the book or <u>the e-book</u> and read it without delay.

In our article two weeks ago, we discussed the Feast of Weeks and The Feast of Oaths and the Blood Covenant that Israel agreed to at Mount Sinai. We also explained that when we confess the name, as it says in Romans 10:9, we are, in fact, confessing to having broken this covenant and our willingness to return to keeping it and obeying it.

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

I would like to now return to the story of Abraham to show you something else that is going on during this counting of the Omer.

#### Gen 21:22 A Treaty with Abimelech

At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, "God is with you in all that you do. Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my descendants or with my posterity, but as I have dealt kindly with you, so you will deal with me and with the land where you have sojourned." And Abraham said, "I will swear." When Abraham reproved Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech's servants had seized, Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me, and I have not heard of it until today." So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a covenant. Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock apart. And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs that you have set apart?" He said, "These seven ewe lambs you will take from my hand, that this may be a witness for me that I dug this well." Therefore that place was called Beersheba, because there both of them swore an oath. So they made a covenant at Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army rose up and returned to the land of the Philistines. Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God. And Abraham sojourned many days in the land of the Philistines.

I want you to look up the word swear. Then I want you to look up the word Seven as in the seven lambs.

H7650

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shâba

**BDB** Definition:

1) to swear, adjure

1a) (Qal) sworn (participle)

1b) (Niphal)

1b1) to swear, take an oath

1b2) to swear (of Jehovah by Himself)

1b3) to curse

1c) (Hiphil)

1c1) to cause to take an oath

1c2) to adjure

Did you take note of what you just read. It can mean an oath and or it can mean a curse. Both at the same time.

Part of Speech: verb

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: a primitive root

Swear co: Oath ab: ?: Literally to seven oneself. A common practice was to make seven declarations when making an oath. This declaration can be making the oath seven times or doing seven things to show the sincerity of the oath. (eng: seven, an exchange of the s and sh)

shaw-bah'

A primitive root; properly to be complete, but used only as a denominative from H7651; to seven oneself, that is, swear (as if by repeating a declaration seven times): – adjure, charge (by an oath, with an oath), feed to the full [by mistake for H7646], take an oath, X straitly, (cause to, make to) swear.

And here is the word for seven.

# H7651

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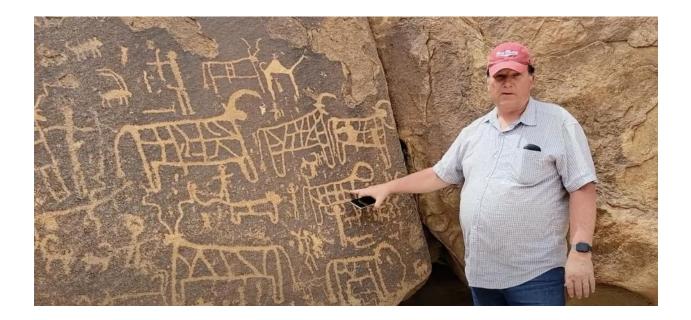
sheba shibâh

sheh'-bah, shib-aw'

From H7650; a primitive cardinal number; seven (as the sacred full one); also (adverbially) seven times; by implication a week; by extension an indefinite number: - (+ by) seven ([-fold], -s, [-teen, -teenth], -th, times). Compare H7658.

Now you should understand what took place at Beer Sheba and how it came to be known by that name. Beer is the Hebrew word for well and Sheba is the Hebrew word for Sevening.

"These seven ewe lambs you will take from my hand, that this may be a witness for me that I dug this well." Therefore that place was called Beersheba, because there both of them swore an oath. So they made a covenant at Beersheba.



After the Exodus, Israel meandered in the wilderness of Midian until they arrived at Jebel Al Lawz. Just before Shavuot, that is, Pentecost, when Yehovah came down in a cloud. Let us just read it.

Exodus 19:1 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

# Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

Right here we have the marriage proposal from Yehovah to Israel

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. All the people answered together and said,

"All that the Lord has spoken we will do."

And now we read where Israel accepts the proposal from Yehovah.

And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord. And the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may

also believe you forever."

When Moses told the words of the people to the Lord, the Lord said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, 'Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain."

The following three pictures are from Jebel Al Lawz and show the warning that those who trespassed would be shot.





So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman."

On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. And

as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. The Lord came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

And the Lord said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the Lord to look and many of them perish. Also let the priests who come near to the Lord consecrate themselves, lest the Lord break out against them." And Moses said to the Lord, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it." And the Lord said to him, "Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest he break out against them." So Moses went down to the people and told them.

Then in Exodus 20, we read about the covenant that Yehovah spoke to the people and how all the people agreed to obey. And we read of this a number of times.

In Chapter 24 we read how the people again agreed with the covenant twice and there were even 70 elders who saw Yehovah and ate with Him.

Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. Moses alone shall come near to the Lord, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him."

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

We learn more about this event in Deut 5:27-29

Go near and hear all that the Lord our God will say, and speak to us all that the Lord our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.'

"And the Lord heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the Lord said to me, 'I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

Then in Deut 27, we read how this agreement resulted in the marriage contract between Yehovah and Israel

17 You have declared today that the Lord is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice. And the Lord has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised."

After Joshua crossed the Jordan he built altar today known as Joshua's Altar and I have taken groups to this altar and prayed there a number of times. Joshua stated the following here.



Joshua 8:30 At that time Joshua built an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, "an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool." And they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord and sacrificed peace offerings. And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel. And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them. We also read how Joshua and Israel agreed to obey Yehovah again at Shechem near the end of Joshua's life.

Joshua 24:1 You have declared today that the Lord is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice. And the Lord has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised."

We can also read in Nehemiah how the people after the captivity of that time renewed their vows to obey Yehovah.

Nehemiah 10:28 "The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord and his rules and his statutes.

All the people entered into the curse of the law if they disobeyed and the blessings if they obeyed. Did you see this?

We will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons. And if the peoples of the land bring in goods or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on a holy day. And we will forego the crops of the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.

"We also take on ourselves the obligation to give yearly a third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: for the showbread, the regular grain offering, the regular burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed feasts, the holy things, and the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. We, the priests, the Levites, and the people, have likewise cast lots for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn on the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the Law. We obligate ourselves to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord; also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks; and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our ground, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our towns where we labor. And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive the tithes. And the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of the storehouse. For the people of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the chambers, where the vessels of the sanctuary are, as

well as the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. We will not neglect the house of our God."

When you agree to follow Yehovah, when you confess and wish to return to the law and begin to obey, you are also agreeing to suffer the curses if you do not obey.

Let us read teh blessings we are going to get when we obey Yehovah.

## Lev 26:1 Blessings for Obedience

"You shall not make idols for yourselves or erect an image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to it, for I am the Lord your God. You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord.

"If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them, then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Your threshing shall last to the time of the grape harvest, and the grape harvest shall last to the time for sowing. And you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land securely. I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid. And I will remove harmful beasts from the land, and the sword shall not go through your land. You shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand, and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. I will turn to you and make you fruitful and multiply you and will confirm my covenant with you. You shall eat old store long kept, and you shall clear out the old to make way for the new. I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

Then right after this are the curses that will come our way if we do not obey. These are the very handbook we have been warning you about since 2005 and we have shown you each of these curses one by one as they manifest on the nightly news and remain there for weeks months and even years.

Here are the curses and I do hope you read them.

The first curse is Terrorism.

## Lev 26:14 Punishment for Disobedience

"But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments, if you spurn my statutes, and if your soul abhors my rules, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant, then I will do this to you: I will visit you with panic, with wasting disease and fever that consume the eyes and make the heart ache. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down before your enemies. Those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when none pursues you.

The Second Curse is extreme weather.

And if in spite of this you will not listen to me, then I will discipline you again sevenfold for your sins, and I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall not yield its increase, and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

The third curse is pestilence.

"Then if you walk contrary to me and will not listen to me, I will continue striking you, sevenfold for your sins. And I will let loose the wild beasts against you, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your livestock and make you few in number, so that your roads shall be deserted.

# The fourth curse is the sword

"And if by this discipline you are not turned to me but walk contrary to me, then I also will walk contrary to you, and I myself will strike you sevenfold for your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall execute vengeance for the covenant. And if you gather within your cities, I will send pestilence among you, and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. When I break your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in a single oven and shall dole out your bread again by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.

# The fifth curse is captivity.

"But if in spite of this you will not listen to me, but walk contrary to me, then I will walk contrary to you in fury, and I myself will discipline you sevenfold for your sins. You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters. And I will destroy your high places and cut down your incense altars and cast your dead bodies upon the dead bodies of your idols, and my soul will abhor you. And I will lay your cities waste and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your pleasing aromas. And I myself will devastate the land, so that your enemies who settle in it shall be appalled at it. And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe the sword after you, and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.

"Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths as long as it lies desolate, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest, and enjoy its Sabbaths. As long as it lies desolate it shall have rest, the rest that it did not have on your Sabbaths when you were dwelling in it. And as for those of you who are left, I will send faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. The sound of a driven leaf shall put them to flight, and they shall flee as one flees from the sword, and they shall fall when none pursues. They shall stumble over one another, as if to escape a sword, though none pursues. And you shall have no power to stand before your enemies. And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. And those of you who are left shall rot away in your enemies' lands because of their iniquity, and also because of the iniquities of their fathers they shall rot away like them.

We can also read of the blessing and the curses in Deuteronomy. Here are the blessings if we obey.

## Deut 28:1 Blessings for Obedience

"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

"The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. And the Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. The Lord will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the Lord will make you doe not turn aside from any of the words that I command you today, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

And here are the curse for when we do not obey.

## Deut 28:15 Curses for Disobedience

"But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you. Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field. Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

"The Lord will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken me. The Lord will make the pestilence stick to you until he has consumed you off the land that you are entering to take possession of it. The Lord will strike you with wasting disease and with fever, inflammation and fiery heat, and with drought and with blight and with mildew. They shall pursue you until you perish. And the heavens over your head shall be bronze, and the earth under you shall be iron. The Lord will make the rain of your land powder. From heaven dust shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

"The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them. And you shall be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. And your dead body shall be food for all birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away. The Lord will strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with tumors and scabs and itch, of which you cannot be healed. The Lord will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of mind, and you shall grope at noonday, as the blind grope in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall be only oppressed and robbed continually, and there shall be no one to help you. You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall ravish her. You shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it. You shall plant a vineyard, but you shall not enjoy its fruit. Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eves, but you shall not eat any of it. Your donkey shall be seized before your face, but shall not be restored to you. Your sheep shall be given to your enemies, but there shall be no one to help you. Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and fail with longing for them all day long, but you shall be helpless. A nation that you have not known shall eat up the fruit of your ground and of all your labors, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually, so that you are driven mad by the sights that your eyes see. The Lord will strike you on the knees and on the legs with grievous boils of which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

"The Lord will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where the Lord will lead you away. You shall carry much seed into the field and shall gather in little, for the locust shall consume it. You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall eat them. You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives shall drop off. You shall father sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity. The cricket shall possess all your trees and the fruit of your ground. The sojourner who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

"All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you. They shall be a sign and a wonder against you and your offspring forever. Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things, therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you. The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand, a hard-faced nation who shall not respect the old or show mercy to the young. It shall eat the offspring of your cattle and the fruit of your ground, until you are destroyed; it also shall not leave you grain, wine, or oil, the increase of your herds or the young of your flock, until they have caused you to perish.

"They shall besiege you in all your towns, until your high and fortified walls, in which you trusted, come down throughout all your land. And they shall besiege you in all your towns throughout all your land, which the Lord your God has given you. And you shall eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and daughters, whom the Lord your God has given you, in the

siege and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you. The man who is the most tender and refined among you will begrudge food to his brother, to the wife he embraces, and to the last of the children whom he has left, so that he will not give to any of them any of the flesh of his children whom he is eating, because he has nothing else left, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in all your towns. The most tender and refined woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because she is so delicate and tender, will begrudge to the husband she embraces, to her son and to her daughter, her afterbirth that comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears, because lacking everything she will eat them secretly, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in your towns.

"If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, the Lord your God, then the Lord will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting. And he will bring upon you again all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. Every sickness also and every affliction that is not recorded in the book of this law, the Lord will bring upon you, until you are destroyed. Whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, you shall be left few in number, because you did not obey the voice of the Lord your God. And as the Lord took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the Lord will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you. And you shall be plucked off the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

"And the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. And among these nations you shall find no respite, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot, but the Lord will give you there a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul. Your life shall hang in doubt before you. Night and day you shall be in dread and have no assurance of your life. In the morning you shall say, 'If only it were evening!' and at evening you shall say, 'If only it were morning!' because of the dread that your heart shall feel, and the sights that your eyes shall see. And the Lord will bring you back in ships to Egypt, a journey that I promised that you should never make again; and there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer."

Just pause for a few minutes and let all of that sink in. The blessings and the curses for when we do not obey. This is what we agreed to at Mount Sinai. And everyone who wants to follow Yehovah and be protected by Him and be a part of His Kingdom also agrees to both the blessing and the curses if you do not obey.

1 Each Sabbath, every 7 days we renew our oath, our sevening of ourselves to keep the covenant.

2 Each Feast of Unleavened Bread we Count out the 7 Days of Unleavened Bread, we renew our oath, our sevening of ourselves to keep the covenant.

3 Each year when counting out the 7 weeks or the 7 Sabbaths to Shavuot or Pentecost, every day as we count the Omer, we renew our oath, our sevening of ourselves to keep the covenant.

4 Each year as we count out the 7 months we renew our oath, our sevening of ourselves to keep the covenant. The Holy Days come in the 1st and the 7th month.

5 Each Holy Day, all 7 Holy Days, we renew our oath, our sevening of ourselves to keep the covenant. 1st Day of Unleavened Bread, 7th Day of Unleavened Bread, Shavuot, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, 1st day of Sukkot and the 8th Day Feast.

# found in Leviticus 23 יהוה These are the Feasts of



Wayyiqra (Leviticus) 23

1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Yisra'ël, and say to them, 'The appointed times of יהוה', which you are to proclaim as set-apart gatherings, My appointed times, are these: Thanks to Johanan Maerschalck for drawing this up properly. Most people do not ever include the 8th day Feast in this picture of the Menorah.

6 Each Sukkot as we dwell in temporary shelters for 7 days we renew our oath, our sevening of ourselves to keep the covenant.

7 Each Shemitah year as we count out the seven years from one Sabbatical year until the next we renew our oath, our sevening of ouselvs to keep the covenant.

8 Each time we count out the seven Shemitah to arrive at the 50th year Jubilee we renew our OATH TO YEHOVAH, our SEVENING TO YEHOVAH TO BE HIS and to be a part of His Kingdom.

Each of these sevening processes increases us with knowledge and understanding and wisdom on how to know Yehovah. And what is the one thing He says to the five foolish vigins.

Mat 7:21 "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. 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?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Mat 25:6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 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.' 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. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Now you should be able to know and understand what is being told to us in Daniel 9:24-27.

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city,

Shibym shâbûa is how it is being translated but in the original Hebrew the words are myubc myubc Shibiym Shibyim. Although the words are the same words in the Stones edition and in all Hebrew editions they are all translated as 70 Shabuwa. That is Strongs # 7657 and 7620.

H7657 shibiym shibeem multiple of H7651 n seventy Multiple of H7651 seventy seventy threescore and ten teen

Remember from the start we looked at the word 7651 which means seven and to oath oneself.

H7651

ubc hubc

sheba shibâh

sheh'-bah, shib-aw'

From H7650; a primitive cardinal number; seven (as the sacred full one); also (adverbially) seven times; by implication a week; by extension an indefinite number: - (+ by) seven ([-fold], -s, [-teen, -teenth], -th, times). Compare H7658.

And this word Sheba for seven comes from the word for oath or curse.

H7650

ubc

shâba

**BDB** Definition:

1) to swear, adjure

1a) (Qal) sworn (participle)

1b) (Niphal)

1b1) to swear, take an oath

1b2) to swear (of Jehovah by Himself)

1b3) to curse

1c) (Hiphil)

1c1) to cause to take an oath

1c2) to adjure

A primitive root; properly to be complete, but used only as a denominative from H7651; to seven oneself, that is, swear (as if by repeating a declaration seven times)

When we Seven ourselves we complete ourselves. If you do not keep each of the Holy Days how will you ever be able to complete yourself. When the 5 foolish virgins go out to get more oil, to get more Holy Spirit how can they do that unless they have the time to keep the Holy Days and the Holy Years. They do not have the time and they are not known by Yehovah.

I want you to notice the word Saba, which is spelled the exact same way as Sheba

#7646 ubc saba` {saw-bah'}
or ubc sabea` {saw-bay'-ah}

- sabea (959b); a prim. root; to be sated, satisfied or surfeited:—
- NASB became satisfied(1), become weary(1), being satisfied(1), continually(1), drink their fill(1), enough(1), fed them to the full(1), filled(9), full(2), get enough(1), glutted(1), had enough(2), have his fill(1), have in plenty(1), have it in excess(1), have abundance(1), have enough(2), have plenty(2), plenty(1), ripe\*(1), satiated(2), satisfied(49), satisfies(2), satisfy(10), saturates(1).

When we are obedient to Yehovah and keep the Covenant we will be filled satiated and have enough.

And now let us look at the word 7620 which is what the second Shibiyim is being translated as.

H7620 (Strong)

uwbc ubc hubc

shâbûa? shâbûa? shebû?âh

shaw-boo'-ah, shaw-boo'-ah, sheb-oo-aw'

Properly passive participle of H7650 as a denominative of H7651; literally sevened, that is, a week (specifically of years): – seven, week.

This same word Strongs # 7620 Shabua is used in the following verses.

Exo 34:22,

Exo 34:22 "And perform the Festival of Sha?u?oth for yourself, of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the Festival of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

The word for Shabuoth is 7620 the Feast of Weeks.

Lev 12:5,

Lev 12:5 'But if she gives birth to a female child, then she shall be unclean for two weeks, as in her monthly separation, and she remains in the blood of her cleansing for sixty-six days.

Num 28:26,

Num 28:26 And on the day of the first-fruits, when you bring a new grain offering to Yehovah at your Festival of Sha?u?oth,b you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.

Again here the word for Shabuoth is the Feast of Weeks.

Deu 16:9-10 (3),

Deu 16:9 "Count seven weeks for yourself. Begin to count seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain.

Deu 16:10 "And you shall perform the Festival of Sha?u?othc to Yehovah your Elohim, according to the voluntary offering from your hand, which you give as Yehovah your Elohim blesses you.

The same word for weeks in all three places but in the third usage it is the Feast of Weeks that is being specified. It is also interesting to note the 70 weeks of Daniel 9 is very similar to the 7 sevens here. tube hube Shabua shavuot

Deu 16:16,

Deu 16:16 "Three times a year all your males appear before Yehovah your Elohim in the place which He chooses: at the Festival of Matzot, e and at the Festival of Sha?u?oth, and at the Festival of Sukkotd. And none should appear before Yehovah empty-handed,

Shavuot is the word 7620 for weeks.

2Ch 8:13,

2Ch 8:13 even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the command of Mosheh, for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the appointed times three times a year: the Festival of Matzot, and the Festival of Sha?u?oth, and the Festival of Sukkot.

The word Shavuot is the same word 7620

Dan 9:24-27 (6), Here in Daniel 9 24-27 the word Shavuot Strongs #7620 is used 6 times in these 4 verses.

Dan 9:24 "Seventy **weeks** are decreed for your people and for your set-apart city, to put an end to the transgression, and to seal up sins, and to cover crookedness, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophet, and to anoint the Most Set-apart.

Dan 9:25 "Know, then, and understand: from the going forth of the command to restore and build Yerushalayim until Messiah the Prince is seven **weeks** and sixty-two **weeks**. It shall be built again, with streets and a trench, but in times of affliction.

Dan 9:26 "And after the sixty-two **weeks** Messiah shall be cut off and have naught. And the people of a coming prince shall destroy the city and the set-apart place. And the end of it is with a flood. And wastes are decreed, and fighting until the end.

Dan 9:27 "And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one **week**. And in the middle of the **week** he shall put an end to slaughtering and meal offering. And on the wing of abominations

he shall lay waste, even until the complete end and that which is decreed is poured out on the one who lays waste.

Dan 10:2-3 (2)

Dan 10:2 In those days I, Dani'?l, was mourning three weeks of days.

Dan 10:3 I did not eat desirable food, and meat and wine did not come into my mouth, and I did not anoint myself at all, till the completion of three weeks of days.

Out of 13 usages for this word 10 of them are referring to the word Shavuot.

We, Israel, have had 70 Shabua, 70 Feast of Weeks, 70 X 49 which is 3430 years to seven ourselves and keep the Oath we said we would keep at Mount Sinai in our marriage agreement. And now in the 70th Jubilee cycle, the 70th week of Daniel 9, because we have not kept our Oath, we have not sevened ourselves as a nation, we the Anointed People of Yehovah will be cut off and be as if we never were. We are now reaping those curses that we also agreed to if we did not obey Yehovah.

But even in this great time of sorrow Yehovah holds out a branch of hope. He said as much after each of the curses we read today.

Lev 26:40 "But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me, so that I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. But the land shall be abandoned by them and enjoy its Sabbaths while it lies desolate without them, and they shall make amends for their iniquity, because they spurned my rules and their soul abhorred my statutes. Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not spurn them, neither will I abhor them so as to destroy them utterly and break my covenant with their forefathers, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the Lord."

These are the statutes and rules and laws that the Lord made between himself and the people of Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai.

## Deut 30:1 Repentance and Forgiveness

"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. And the Lord your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. And you shall again obey the voice of the Lord and keep all his commandments that I command you today. The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, when you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

## The Choice of Life and Death

"For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Daniel prays for mercy after he realizes the 70 years of captivity are now over.

Dan 9:1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who

are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him. He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against Jerusalem. As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the Lord our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by your truth. Therefore the Lord has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the Lord our God is righteous in all the works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice. And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

"O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us. Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."