SALVATION AS SEEN IN THE FEASTS OF YAH

The seven Feasts of Yah can also be representative of the seven steps in our eternal walk of salvation and the beginning of the end of the world as we know it:

First step: When we become truly born again, we step out from Egypt, (the world as we know it and its pagan so-called christian churches), and Exodus into the Promised Land of Yah. We become Israelites (those overcome by Yah), and accept Him as our King. Then the "death angel" of the Feast Of Passover, must passover us. We are marked peculiar, set-apart, holy and recognized as His.

Second step: After we accept Yeshua as our Savior, wet accept His renewed covenant (communion/last supper) and take of the Feast Of Unleavened bread. When we partake of the wine and the bread we are covered by His blood. We partake of the mikvah, we get immersed in water, just as Yeshua did when He was baptized by John.

Third step: Then we accept Yeshua as the "First Fruit" of all mankind, the Feast Of First Fruits". This is a prophetic message of redemption, sanctification and salvation.

Fourth step: Then as true servants, disciples, we help spread the good news to others, we harvest the crop of Believers, as in the Feast Of Pentecost. This is a prophetic message of the covenants, outpouring of the Spirit (Ruach) and glorification.

Fifth step: Then we as individuals humbly prepare ourselves as brides with white gowns (righteousness), waiting for the groom to announce Himself with Trumpets, the Feast Of Trumpets. He takes us to be His bride. **Sixth step:** After Yah has taken His bride, atonement takes place for the all sins of the world, Feast Of Atonement.

Seventh step: Then Yah takes us (His bride) to His Tabernacle in Heaven. He Tabernacles with us forever, pointing to the Feast Of Tabernacles. This is a prophetic message of the End Times, of reconciliation, and the restoration of all things.

The last great day: After all the Feasts have been celebrated and the wedding supper begins, Yah judges everyone that is not His bride, which is why we have the "Great White Throne Judgement" of the world. This is Yah's eternal plan from the alpha to omega (alef-tay).

"Consider the following words: could, should, and must. As people who are grafted into spiritual Israel (Roms. 11:17), we Could participate in the celebration of the Biblical Feasts. As we come to understand that the Feasts point the way to the Messiah we can joyfully enter in and make them a part of our lives. As we examine the Scriptures and we see that Yeshua faithfully kept the Feasts, it's obvious we **SHOULD** keep the Feasts. Where the danger lies is in the final area in where some say that we **MUST** keep the Feasts. Like Baptism, it is arguably a requirement for salvation. It is done out of a natural outflow of our hearts. For those who claim to love Yah, please consider this. Imagine, Yah invites us to His feasts and we refuse to attend. Think about that for a moment. Every time we celebrate the Feasts we are preparing ourselves, rehearsing for the prophetic fulfillment of them." I would simply say to those questioning the Feasts; why would you NOT celebrate them?

Lev. 23:1-2 Yah spoke again to Moses, saying, "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, Yah's appointed times which you shall proclaim as holy convocations — My appointed times are these:" In Lev. 23 Yahveh commands all Believers to recognize and celebrate the Feasts of Yah. The Hebrew word used here for "my appointed times" or in some versions: "sacred assemblies", is "miqra" (Strong's #4744). Miqra literally means "rehearsals". The other Hebrew word used here for "feasts", is "moed". Moed literally means "appointed times". These SEVEN Feasts (rehearsals) are split up into THREE distinct groups. The FIRST group of Feasts is: Pass-over/Unleavened Bread/First Fruits. The SECOND singular Feast is Shavuot (Pentecost). The THIRD set of Feasts are Trumpets/Atonement/Tabernacles. These three distinct sets are "types". These types remind us of what may be considered the THREE separate parts of Elohim (body, soul, spirit). The three annual Feasts represent Elohim. Again these three (parts, not persons) are represented in the Temple of old. The outermost chamber of the Temple represented the BODY of Elohim which was Yeshua. The middle chamber represented the Holy Spirit of Elohim. The innermost chamber (holy of holies) was representative of the Soul/Mind of YHVH, Elohim.

According to Exod. 23:14-17 and Deut. 16:16 all men were to report, to the place Yahveh would choose (Jerusalem), for the Feasts of Passover/Unleavened Bread, Weeks, and Tabernacles. The Feasts can also be divided into two categories. The first category is the Spring Feasts. The Spring Feasts occur in the beginning of the sacred calendar. The Spring Feasts include Passover (Peseta), Unleavened Bread (Matzah), First Fruits (Sfirat Haomer), and Weeks (Shavuot). Messiah's first coming fulfilled the Spring Feasts. The second category is the Fall Feasts. The Fall Feasts occur at the beginning of the civil calendar. The Fall Feasts include Trumpets (Yom T'ruah), Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), and Tabernacles (Sukkot). Messiah's second coming will fulfill the Fall Feasts. Leviticus 23:2 calls these Feasts "holy convocations." These Feasts and the Sabbath are to be observed as continual rehearsals and reminders of Yah's faithfulness throughout time.

These Feasts show us the beginning to the end prophetically. We must always remember how quick things can happen. The first four Feasts took place in 53 days, the last three occur in only 22 days.

In many ways, the Feasts can be described as Yah's prophetic calendar. Once understood, they reveal to us many of the incredible events of the past and those of the near future. One of the big questions we have to ask ourselves has become a business cliché in the organized religious churches of today. You often hear people say, "what would Jesus do?". Many claim to do what their Jesus would do, but do they really?.

Obviously the answer is NO! If we really did as Yeshua did, we would keep all the requirements of the Torah, as He did. He was born and raised a Jew and He learned and practised all the oral and written traditions of the Jews, so the real question we must ask ourselves is quite simple. What would Yeshua do if He were standing right here beside us? Again the answer is obvious. His written word already tells us that He kept the Feasts, as did ALL the other Hebrew writers of our Bible.



If we look at a commonly misunderstood verse in Hebrews, we will see that all the Believers in times of old kept the Feasts as Yah commanded. **Hebr. 10:24-26** and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 **not forsaking our own assembling together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near." 26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins"

Most Christians have been lied to about what this verse really means. Most have been told that it means that Christians are to always make sure they belong to some church fellowship. This is not even close to the truth. At one time I believed this concept too, but I have since learned the truth and have been set free of churchianity. In verse 24 it is not talking about church fellowship, it is talking about the assembling of the people three times a year for the Feasts Of Yahveh. It was even commanded that the men assemble together in Jerusalem for these three special occasions.

What is being revealed in verse 26 is as follows: In the early years of the Temple you could literally sin as much as you wanted if you didn't truly follow Adonai, and still daily offer up a sacrifice to cover that sin, whatever it may be. Now that Yeshua died on the stake for our sins we can't offer up sacrifices to cover our sin. We are to repent of the sin and change our ways, or we are not following Yahveh in spirit and in truth. This is not to say that Yah will not ever forgive us, but it means that we must repent of such a sin and stop doing it. As long as we can come before the throne of His grace and mercy and repent, He is willing to forgive and pardon us. If we refuse to repent (change), then we simply lose whatever rights we previously had as a Believer. This includes our salvation.

If we go back and look at history, we will see that the early Believers were all JEWS. Then some Gentiles became Believers in Yeshua of Bet Lehem. After about the second century, the ways of the Jews changed. Many of these people who had been so admired were slowly slipping into pagan practices like those Roman's and Greek's around them. They became frowned upon by most people, and became outcasts. In the meantime, many more Gentiles became Believers and far outnumbered the Jewish Believers. The Gentiles became "de Judaized". The Gentiles separated themselves from the Jews and "anti-semitism" was born. The Greeks and Roman's came into the midst of the people and their ideas and concepts overtook those of the Jews. This is the time when the heathenized holidays, customs, and traditions of the pagans became the accepted norm of society. Thanks to the founders of the Roman Catholic church (Constantine in 325AD), the divine times, holidays, and laws, were given pagan names like Easter and Christmas (Dan 7:25). Even the Sabbath day which had been set in stone for thousands of years was suddenly changed by these Heathens of Rome. These changes have been adopted by most proclaimed Christian churches to this very day. The Whore

of Rome has many daughters (Rev. 17:5, 18:4).

Yah is the one who proclaimed the appointed times of rehearsal (Feasts) for the true Believers in the Holy One Of Israel, and only Yah has the right to change them if He ever so desires. The idea of me putting this Book together is to help others to see the prophetic parallel of life, death, resurrection, and return of Yeshua our Messiah. The Feasts show us what did and what will take place on the roadmap of our walk with the King of the Universe. One of the reasons we celebrate the feasts is so that our flesh understands what's happening spiritually. Our flesh experiences the spiritual times of rehearsal. Our flesh is made to observe Yah's special holidays given to those who show their love for Him by honoring His command. This is done first in the physical, then it takes place in the spiritual.

Many people for some reason seem to think that Paul (Sha'ul) didn't tell people to keep the Feasts. This is as far away from the truth as east is from west. There are many scriptures that talk about Paul keeping the Feasts. For example, in **1Cor. 5:8** *Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."* Paul, like all Yah fearing men, kept the Feasts. It was simply part of a lifestyle for all those who were truly "people of the way".

Something else worth mentioning in regard to the importance of the Feasts to the people of old, is the fact that during the Feasts they got to eat meat. Meat was rarely eaten by common people in those days. They looked forward to the opportunity to indulge in a rare meal of meat.

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