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## 1. Introduction

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In the earth of today, there are many religions that exist in which their followers worship (bow down to) some spiritual concept or personage they believe provides them guidelines on how they should conduct themselves. There are too many of these to list, yet the most popular two are arguably Islam and Christianity. Of course, there are also those proclaimed atheists that do not believe in religion, per se. Many of these believe in some form of evolution that simply evolved over millions of years to ultimately form what exists in today's world of modernity. Whether consciously or unconsciously, we all have made spiritual choices that guide our paths.

For me, as I studied many of these choices, ultimately, after learning a little more about the history of mankind on this planet earth, I became convinced that the Book that shaped the walk of my parents was in fact the true word of the Creator of this planet, as well as of all that we see in the universe. However, my being convinced was based on a different understanding of this Book than that of my parents. I came to understand that their beliefs, while genuine to them, were based on assumptions and interpretations that have been presented to the world by European powers that in fact the Prophet Daniel prophesied in the Book would occur just as it has happened. My parents, along with so many others of our forefathers failed to grasp a lost concept about the Book, the Bible. It was written based upon a culture that was created by the CREATOR HIMSELF, a Hebrew culture. The concepts that underlie this Book ARE NOT BASED UPON ANYTHING THAT IS REMOTELY EUROPEAN, OR AMERICAN, for that matter.

Now, this does not preclude that Europeans, Africans or Americans are unallowed to understand and/or follow the concepts provided. It simply establishes a primary fact that the Book is a Hebrew Book, based upon Hebrew concepts, not European, African or American. Once I came to this understanding, I became like a child. And this is why this updated version is being submitted.

Eventually, I came to know that even though my parents and others had been deceived in most of the Biblical concepts they had been taught, they were ignorant of the Hebraic roots of the very Book in which they loved. In learning this, I also learned that because of this ignorance, all is not lost for my parents and others.

With this background, in this day of modernity, if one took a critical look at what is presented as Christianity, one could be confused to know which version of it is based upon Biblical truth. One first has to discern the various versions that exist of the Bible. There are many. I personally like the New America Standard Version as probably the more accurate, yet it is not without error. However, I study primarily with the King James Version, not because I like it so much, but because it seems to be the easier version to research the original transcripts upon which it is based. As such, based on continuous study with this approach, I began to see a consistency that to this day continues to shed light on this wonderful Book given to the Children of Yisrael (COY) by their God, their ELOHIM.

And, this approach has led me to where we are in today's modernity on a Biblical subject vital to the walk of those who accept the ELOHIM of the COY as the true CREATOR. In the beginning, as ELOHIM was creating the earth as we know it today, HE wrote something that most of those who profess Christianity are ignorant of.

- Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: Gen 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. Gen 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

- Gen 1:17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, Gen 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good. Gen 1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Here on the fourth day of the week of creation we see the week day pattern of ELOHIM's day continuing, the evening and the morning. We find the following that explains ELOHIM's meaning.

- Lev 23:32 *It shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

ELOHIM's WORD sheds light on the fact that the week day HE established begins and ends at even, with the setting of the sun. This is vital.

As we continue, we also note that ELOHIM created the lights in the firmament to divide the day from night, for signs, for seasons, for days, and for years. Now, an interesting and most important concept was born with these words. In verse 14, we read that these lights are also for seasons. The Hebrew word for seasons is "moed", which means "appointed times". This puts this in a much broader concept. These lights in the firmament were to be a guideline for ELOHIM's appointed times. If one proclaims to be a Christian, this is Biblical knowledge that should be 100% consistently understood by those who are led by ELOHIM's Spirit of Truth. With this knowledge, a basic question must be answered.

What are these appointed times for which ELOHIM created the lights in the heavens? Well, ELOHIM's WORD informs us of such times, which the world of modernity does not recognize.

But, the seeker of ELOHIM's truth will not be blinded by the world.

- Lev 23:2 Speak unto the children of Yisrael, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even these are* my feasts.

In this scripture, we see the feasts of the LORD, (YHWH or YAHWEH), being proclaimed to the COY. Note, YAHWEH did not say that these are the COY's feasts; HE said they were HIS feasts. Yet, notice what ELOHIM's WORD further informs us about YAHWEH's feasts. This word feasts, is also the Hebrew word "moed", the same word we saw in Genesis 1:14 translated as seasons, which we now know means, appointed times. So, here in Leviticus, YAHWEH is proclaiming to the COY, and to all that seek ELOHIM's truth, the appointed times for which HE established the foundation of during the week of creation.

Now, all Christians profess to a belief in the one known to the world as Jesus Christ, YESHUA the MESSIAH. Yet, there exists a lack of oneness in what this belief truly means.

I want to present a Biblical concept that should be universal to anyone that professes to be a Christian. To start with, just who is this YESHUA, called Jesus by most?

- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Gen 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.



On the sixth day of creation week God (ELOHIM) said “let US” create male and female, “in our image”. Who is this “US” called ELOHIM? In the days of modernity, another concept that is prevalent in the thinking of many that profess Christianity is that of a trinity. This belief is that ELOHIM, which is the plural name in Hebrew for those of the family of the MOST HIGH, is made up of three distinct persons. Well, let’s take a step backwards and understand what is presented to us by ELOHIM’s WORD, the Bible.

- Joh 10:29 My FATHER, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my FATHER's hand. Joh 10:30 I and *my* FATHER are one.

YESHUA says that HE and HIS FATHER are one. HE did not say HIS FATHER, HIMSELF, and another were one.

- Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. Rev 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.

At the end of this Book in which all Christians profess a belief, we find the family of ELOHIM, as they were in the beginning, as one, now on the earth in the New Jerusalem. Who is ELOHIM? The FATHER and the LAMB, YESHUA.

In the beginning, these two were co-equals that put together a plan for this place we call earth to create a prize creation, man (male and female), and present this man with the potential to join HIS spiritual family. As part of this plan, one member of ELOHIM would subvert HIMSELF to the other member to officially carry out this plan.

- Psa 55:12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne *it*: neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify *HIMSELF* against me; then I would have hid myself from him: Psa 55:13 But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. Psa 55:14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

In the beginning, these two beings, the two members of ELOHIM took sweet counsel together in which one, the FATHER ELOHIM would reproach the other, the SON or the WORD, to create an opportunity for THEIR prize creation to join THEIR family, the ELOHIM of Yisrael. One very important concept “called-out ones” must master to understand this Book is its use of metaphors throughout. Note this one.

- Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Here we are reading an important metaphor. Remember, YAHWEH calls the end from the beginning. Why is this a metaphor? It is because YAHWEH presents what will happen to YESHUA as if HE, YAHWEH, will bruise YESHUA. However, we know that it is actually the FATHER who will bruise YAHWEH when YAHWEH comes and dwells amongst mankind. It was presented this way because only YAHWEH, who came as YESHUA, had/has dealt directly with man as part of THEIR plan. HE spoke in a manner that was needed at the time. Ultimately, in the New Covenant, HE came to fulfil, i.e., to make the WORD of ELOHIM fully understandable to man.

- Heb 10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Heb 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.
- Joh 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

This member was called YAHWEH in the Old Covenant, and eventually took over the body of a man, called by the FATHER's name (John 5:43 & 10:25), YESHUA, in the New Covenant, to complete this plan through HIS death and resurrection. The Apostle John wrote of this plan of salvation.

- Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God. Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

So, in the beginning of creation there was the WORD who was with ELOHIM and was ELOHIM. I.e., they were both members of the family of the MOST HIGH ELOHIM of Yisrael. And the next point is essential to the Christian's Biblical knowledge. All things were made by the WORD, formerly YAHWEH, who became YESHUA. HE made the world. When HE came in the flesh, HE had to come to the people HE HIMSELF had created.

- Joh 1:9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and **the world was made by him**, and the world knew him not. Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

- Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Joh 1:14 And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,** (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

HE became a man and dwelt with man, yet full of grace and truth. Yet, HE accomplished HIS assignment. We know what happened to HIM. For those who would receive HIM, HE gave the power to become sons of ELOHIM, to become a part of the family of ELOHIM. Now, while YAHWEH was on the earth dwelling as man and with man as YESHUA, ELOHIM consisted only of HE whom we know as the FATHER, who remained in the third heaven. Now, perhaps the following scriptures are clearly understood.

- Joh 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.
- Joh 5:37 And the Father HIMSELF, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

Man has never heard the FATHER's voice or seen HIS shape. This should be clearly understood by "called-out ones". Now notice how the plan develops.

- Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Joh 6:46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

Let's divert for a second so that we truly understand what is being said here. The Old Covenant presents several instances where the COY saw ELOHIM in some form. Most notable is the following.

- Exo 24:9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Yisrael: Exo 24:10 And they saw the God of Yisrael: and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness. Exo 24:11 And upon the nobles of the children of Yisrael he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

Here Moses and others saw the ELOHIM of Yisrael. Who did they see? We now know it could not have been the FATHER ELOHIM, or else YESHUA was not truthful. We must now know it was YESHUA HIMSELF, as YAHWEH, that they saw and spoke to. HE alone of the family of ELOHIM has dealt with and spoke to mankind. And, no one can come to YESHUA unless they are drawn to HIM by the FATHER.

This knowledge includes the fact that the in the Old Covenant, the SON was known as YAHWEH (the tetragrammaton, YHWH), and as YAHWEH of ELOHIM, HE made all things, which is why HE stated that HE, the Son of Man, was Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28 & Luke 6:5). The KJV has translated this name in the Old Covenant as LORD.

Man, the prize creation of the earth, has never seen or spoke to the FATHER. He has only saw and spoke to YAHWEH, who would become YESHUA (known in modernity as Jesus), the LAMB of ELOHIM. One other vital Biblical fact before we look at our title subject.

- Amo 3:1 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Yisrael, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, Amo 3:2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. Amo 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Amo 3:4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? Amo 3:5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin *is* for him? shall *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? Amo 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done *it*?
- Amo 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. Amo 3:8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

The COY, as stated in verses 1 and 2, are the only family (nation) known by YAHWEH of all the families on the earth. This is why they were punished and ultimately banned from the land of Yisrael until YESHUA returns, as revealed to YAHWEH's prophets. The Apostle Paul had this to say.

- Rom 3:1 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit *is there* of circumcision? Rom 3:2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.
- Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Yisrael, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

- Rom 11:26 And so all Yisrael shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: Rom 11:27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. Rom 11:28 As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes. Rom 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

The oracles of ELOHIM were given to Yisrael. Sadly, many Christians of modernity do not even consider what was given to Yisrael. And as we begin now to shift our focus to the subject matter of this article, this fact becomes born out.

There are many Christian denominations, each having some unique features that on the surface appear to distinguish them from the others. One such is Pentecostals. According to Christianity.com, 1) “Pentecostalism started in the early 1900s; 2) the church name comes from the Book of Acts and the event of Pentecost, where early Christians received the gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as prophecy and healing; and 3) the first Pentecost is considered the start of the church’s mission to spread the gospel to the world. The first Pentecost took place 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ and fulfilled prophecies by both Jesus and John the Baptist, where both said the people would be baptized by the Holy Spirit.”

It is interesting how Pentecostals claim they got their name, and the fact that they believe this day comes 50 days after the resurrection of YESHUA. I am not a Pentecostal and won’t put unneeded additional time into their beliefs. They simply highlight the many Biblical differences existing amongst the Christians of modernity.

To simply say that this day comes fifty days after YESHUA's resurrection shows the European effect on modernity's version of Christianity that has also impacted "called-out ones" as well. They have tossed out all the details that exist in both the Old and New Covenants given to the COY and have created their own timetable. Unfortunately, many European "called-out ones" have likewise ignored what ELOHIM's WORD has presented in the Book.

In this article we will look at this day that modernity chooses to refer to as the day called Pentecost and how we as "called-out ones" should become one in our understanding of ELOHIM's WORD, not the word of Europeans, or any other non-Biblical concepts.

To truly get this concept of "appointed times" presented by the ELOHIM of Yisrael, we must first think like HIM. How do we do this? We start by accepting what HE gave to HIS "called-out" nation in both HIS Old and New Covenants.

- Hos 11:1 When Yisrael *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my SON out of Egypt.

As one studies ELOHIM's WORD led by the Spirit of Truth, the concept of duality shines forth. The prophet's words always have a greater picture than what was presented by the old.

- Mat 2:14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: Mat 2:15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my SON.

It always was, always is, and always will be, about YESHUA! Let's begin to understand the Appointed Time of Weeks.



## 2. What's In A Name?

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When modernity's versions of Christianity are given a thorough review, one must wonder where many of its concepts actually came from. I, like most of my spiritual Brothers and Sisters, once referred to this day as Pentecost. I was well versed on the fact that the day we read about in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts was an annual Holy Day commissioned by ELOHIM. Pentecostals of modernity are not quite so sure of this Biblical truth. However, for now, my concern is not with them. My concern is with those "called-out ones" who know and honor the appointed times given by ELOHIM to the COY.

And this is where even greater confusion sets in. We saw earlier where modernity's Pentecostals believe the day occurs 50 days after the day of CHRIST's resurrection. Yet, primarily these groups do not honor the day as a Holy Day. Yet, as noted in the introduction, they accept and believe that it began in Acts the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter. As such, to them, the name presented in the Biblical translations of modernity must be correct.

However, those groups that accept that this day is a vital part of a group of commanded annual Holy Days differ on how the count for this day should occur. Yet, these groups generally agree with the Pentecostals on the name of the day. Until I studied this day as part of a three-part study I presented on the Sabbath-night Bible study I teach, I too accepted that this title was accurate.

Now, what I am about to present should not be considered as judgement on anyone who chooses to call this day Pentecost. What I am suggesting is that when "called-out ones" accept the Biblical truths that ELOHIM has established, why should they call this day by any name other than what HE HIMSELF has established. And, just as important, a change in a title of ELOHIM's appointed times undercuts the focus of the intended purpose as established by ELOHIM.

As “called-out ones” we must continue to humble ourselves before ELOHIM to ensure we are not unequally yoked to this world. Pentecost is an example of how ELOHIM’s plan can be used to deceive us. Please allow ELOHIM’s WORD to explain. The KJV reads.

- Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

How many of us know that this is the first time that this title, Pentecost, appears in any version of the Bible? Until I prepared my Sabbath night lesson on this subject, this had never impacted my thinking. Being that it is the first time the title Pentecost occurs in the Bible, it is understandable why the Pentecostal world believes it to have begun right here in the Book of Acts.

As such, it could appear obvious that it represents a new concept presented by the New Covenant. After all, Pentecostals reject, or they are simply ignorant of, the appointed times given by ELOHIM to the COY, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Leviticus, which are: 1) the weekly 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath (Leviticus 23:3), 2) Passover (Leviticus 23:5), 3) Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:6-8), 4) Weeks (Leviticus 23:15-16), 5) Trumpets (Leviticus 23:24), 6) Atonement (Leviticus 23:27), and 7) Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:34-36).

Instead, the Pentecostals honor the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week (Sunday), Easter, and Christmas as their primary days of worship. “Called-out ones” know that none of these days are found in ELOHIM’s WORD and have no relevancy to ELOHIM’s plan of salvation. From this perspective, the name has great relevancy, as we will now see.

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word “pentekoste”, which simply means fiftieth.

During a discussion on this with a fellow respected Brother, I explained that typically, the different Bibles translate Hebrew or Greek words into English. Here, these versions present the actual Greek word, rather than the translation. A true rendering, or translation, of what the writer of the Book of Acts actually wrote should be as follows:

- And when the fiftieth day was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

This then would provide the opportunity for those seeking ELOHIM's truth to recognize that this fiftieth day is a part of something far greater than it appears, which has a rich history and an even richer future. Why, because the seeker of ELOHIM's truth would do what he or she has been instructed to do by YESHUA's Apostle.

- 2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

As we study, we accept Biblical truths that should highly influence "called-out ones" understanding in total consistency.

- Joh 10:30 I and *my* FATHER are one.

A most important Biblical truth lies in the fact that YESHUA and His FATHER were as one, a fact HE constantly referred to. However, as "called-out ones", there is a related commission surrounding this fact that appears to be totally unaccepted because of our unwillingness to do as YESHUA commanded.

- Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble HIMSELF as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

This must be the constant mindset of “called-out ones” if they are to “endure until the end”. Many of us read the following commission by YESHUA as we come before ELOHIM each year at the Appointed Time of Passover.

- Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. Joh 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, FATHER, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Perhaps these words of YESHUA are not seen as a commission. Yet, HE said HE desires HIS followers to be one. HE desires them to be sanctified through the truth. HE desired that they be one, as HE and the FATHER are one. Why then are the “called-out ones” so seemingly foreign to one another, as in their inconsistent beliefs? There should be NO adversity on counting to the fiftieth day if “called-out ones” are willing to humbly accept the total body of work presented in ELOHIM’s WORD.

The name of this day shouts out these truths. “Called-out ones” must accept that certain Biblical concepts are there for a reason and were not left to mankind’s discretion. Notice ELOHIM’s consistency.

- Exo 34:22 And **thou shalt observe the feast of weeks**, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.
- Deu 16:10 And **thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God** with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto the LORD thy God*, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: Deu 16:11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy SON, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.
- Deu 16:16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and **in the feast of weeks**, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:
- 2Ch 8:13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and **in the feast of weeks**, and in the feast of tabernacles.

Here, four separate times, ELOHIM’s WORD refers to the feast (Appointed Time) of Weeks. Why should “called-out ones” allow themselves to be diverted from ELOHIM’s WORD?

As I noted earlier, generally speaking, Biblical translators changed New Covenant words into their translated and at times, interpreted, English meanings, not using the actual Greek word. This was not the case here. This change subverts the underlying theory behind this, one of ELOHIM's important appointed times. As such, a rich understanding of this Appointed Time of Weeks is missed by modernity. Even "called-out ones" are woefully divided on this day, beginning with its count.

Now that we are united on the Biblical name ELOHIM assigned to this appointed time, let's prayerfully see if we can humbly accept what ELOHIM intended for us to see about how to count the fifty days leading to it.

Along the way, I will share vital changes that have come to my attention as ELOHIM's Spirit has allowed others to open my eyes to see relevant scriptures that were not considered in the original version of this article.

### 3. The Biblical Background

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As we consider how to arrive at this appointed time, we must also take a step back and consider the underlying Biblical tone of the day as presented in both the Old and New Covenants. I believe that a solid starting point is found as the day began to be considered before YESHUA departed from this earth.

- Act 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Act 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: Act 1:3 To whom also he shewed HIMSELF alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: Act 1:4 And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the FATHER, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.

These scriptures present some of the actual events that occurred after YESHUA's resurrection from the dead. HE was seen by HIS Apostles for forty (40) days, discussing the Kingdom of ELOHIM. As I approached this fact, I began to remember how YESHUA had done something very similar before as YAHWEH. HE was with Moses for 40 days and nights teaching him things to prepare the COY for their wilderness experience and the land flowing with milk and honey, the land of Yisrael.

YESHUA then told HIS Apostles to stay in Yerushalaim and wait for the promise from the FATHER. As I initially pondered these 40 days, it appeared reasonable that the Apostles stay in Jerusalem would be for another 10 days, which would then total 50 days. However, I soon learned, as you will, that we must consider all that is given to us. The Apostles knew when the Appointed Time of Weeks would occur.

YESHUA said “wait for the promise”. Notice what they believed the promise to be.

- Act 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Act 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Yisrael?

Here we note that the Apostles, like the COY, had not yet discerned the scriptures and the times. They knew a great future event was always prophesied to occur at the Appointed Time of Weeks, which is why they thought HE would be returning immediately on that day in their time to restore the Kingdom to the COY. As we will see a little later, they weren't so naïve in their thinking. They simply had not yet discerned the times.

- Act 1:7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the FATHER hath put in his own power. Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Act 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. Act 1:10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Act 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

With these words and actions, the Apostles began to understand that there was much more to this picture than they thought they knew.



And this is why the more we learn, the more we must grow in our humility. The picture just gets greater and greater, yet more and more consistent. However, without the proper humility and willingness to be obedient, our focus can become prey to outside forces, i.e., as in the change of the name of this appointed time.

- Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

We learned earlier that the Biblical writer actually wrote here “and when the fiftieth day was fully come”. And on this fiftieth day, the first phase of the promise came.

- Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

What are we reading here? There was the sound of a rushing mighty wind that filled this house. And then cloven (the Greek word “dimerizo” meaning divided or parted) tongues like fire sat on each Apostle and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues (the Greek word “gloosa” meaning languages). And just what did this mean, “they were filled with the Holy Spirit”? It is important that we understand what this means as many in modernity have presented their own concepts of what this means.

- Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Now, we should absolutely all be of one mindset as to why these Yisraelites (primarily Jews or Yehudans) were in Yerushalaim for this occasion, out of every nation under heaven. They were there as they always were every year on this fiftieth day. They were there for the Appointed Time (Feast) of Weeks they were commanded to keep. We got a little more perspective on this as we read Deuteronomy 16:10 and 16 earlier.

At the time that this particular Appointed Time of Weeks was being celebrated in the 2nd chapter of the Book of Acts, the Nation of Judah (Yehuda) (the tribes of Yehuda, Benjamin and Levy) had been taken in captivity by the Babylonians. And yet, some had been released, now residing in Yerushalaim, Yehudea, and other nations of the world. Over a period of time, they had begun to speak in what had become their new native languages/tongues. As many of us are descendants of slaves brought to this and other nations in ships, we speak the native tongues of the nations we now reside in, just as these Yehudans who were in Yerushalaim for this appointed time.

- Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? Act 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Act 2:9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Act 2:10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Act 2:11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. Act 2:12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Act 2:13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

Get this. The Apostles had no idea what this phase of the promise would be until it actually happened! However, they now knew it would not be YESHUA's return to establish the Kingdom of Yisrael on the earth, at this particular Appointed Time of Weeks.

- Act 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: Act 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day. Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your SONS and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: Act 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: Act 2:19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: Act 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

What an amazing event, this Appointed Time of Weeks. Understand this. As the Apostle Peter began to explain the event as he was given utterance by the Spirit, he was being heard by all of those present in their new native languages as a result of the cloven tongues that sat upon him and the other apostles. The cloven tongues were actually ministering spirits, angels, giving the apostles their words and further interpreting those words into the languages of all that were in attendance.

And something far more important should be noticed here.

These verses, 18 thru 20, detail how ELOHIM would pour out of HIS spirit prophecies and other wonders and signs. This lets us know that this particular Appointed Time of Weeks was simply a first phase. The second phase, the sun and moon being turned to darkness, before the great and notable day of the Lord, which is yet a far greater phase, the notable Day of the Lord, is yet to come.

We see this with the 1<sup>st</sup> appointed time, the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath that modernity's Pentecostals reject. As we will learn, both picture the very same day, the 1,000-year rule of Christ on this earth. The Apostle Peter then explains some prophetic history to these Yisraelites.

- Act 2:25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Act 2:26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Act 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Act 2:28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Act 2:29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Act 2:30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

We know what YESHUA's mother was told by the angel Gabriel, one of ELOHIM's chief ministering spirits.

- Luk 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

- Luk 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: Luk 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

This is Biblical perspective that the Pentecostals and the vast majority of professed Christians in this world of modernity are ignorant of, for now. YESHUA will sit on the throne of David, ruling over the House of Yacob forever. The Apostle Peter continues.

- Act 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. Act 2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Act 2:34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith HIMSELF, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Act 2:35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

The Apostle Peter verifies to us to whom he is speaking to at this time, only the House of Yisrael, of whom only the 3-tribe Nation of Yehuda was present.

- Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

And here is where the New Covenant protocol of repentance **and baptism in the name of YESHUA** officially began. Remember, John's baptisms were for repentance, but not in YESHUA's name. And, what was the gift of the Holy Spirit?

- Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, **they are spirit, and they are life.** Joh 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my father.

YESHUA proclaims to those drawn to HIM by HIS FATHER, that HIS words are spirit and life. The apostles were speaking and opening these Yisraelites' minds to the Gospel of the Kingdom. The gift of the Holy Spirit was their minds being opened to receive the knowledge of the truth of the Kingdom, just as the apostles themselves were now receiving. It was the Spirit of Truth that was giving them the words in which they spoke.

However, we recognize that all of the words of scripture are YESHUA's WORD, and as such, we need to look at how we got to this place in time. We now need to grasp the historical perspective that ELOHIM gave to the COY, and ultimately to us today.

- Lev 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: Lev 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

- Lev 23:12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

ELOHIM's WORD is ripe with metaphors which, once understood, present the wonderful details of HIS plan of salvation. In verse 10 a sheaf of the firstfruits of the spring harvest had to be brought unto the priest to be waved and accepted by YAHWEH. At the same time, in verse 12, a male lamb without blemish was to be offered unto YAHWEH. So, we have the firstfruits of each year's spring harvest and an unblemished lamb being offered before YAHWEH to be accepted. What do these metaphors teach us? Well, this is where "called-out ones" should be in total acceptance of the fullness of ELOHIM's word.

- 1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 1Co 15:21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. 1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

The Apostle Paul teaches us that YESHUA, our PASSOVER, is also the FIRSTFRUITS from the dead of all those that will be HIS at HIS second coming on that "notable Day of the Lord". We now understand that the metaphor of the sheaf pictures YESHUA. It prophesies the fact that YESHUA will be waved, and presented before the FATHER for acceptance. And this is where important differences are in play.

Now, let's turn our focus towards how this metaphor came to fruition. When YESHUA was risen, we note how HIS becoming the FIRSTFRUITS was played out.

#### 4. YESHUA the FIRST FRUITS and Wave Sheaf Offering

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- Joh 20:1 The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Joh 20:2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Joh 20:3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.
- Joh 20:8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. Joh 20:9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Joh 20:10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. Joh 20:11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, *and looked* into the sepulchre, Joh 20:12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Joh 20:13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. Joh 20:14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Joh 20:15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Joh 20:16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my father, and your father; and *to my God, and your God.*



After HIS resurrection from the dead, **YESHUA appeared to Mary on the first day of the week and did not allow her to touch HIM because HE had not yet been presented to the FATHER for acceptance. Until that occurred, HE could not be touched.** Later, that same day, we note the following.

- Joh 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. Joh 20:20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.
- Joh 20:24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. Joh 20:25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

After appearing to Mary, YESHUA appeared to 10 of HIS disciples on the same day. As verse 24 describes, Thomas was not there (Judas was dead), and when told of it, he did not believe it. He wanted to touch HIM. As we digest ELOHIM's words, "called-out ones" are required to ingest HIS words "here a little, there a little". If we accept the authority of HIS WORD, we all should fully understand how these events merge with the commandments given to the COY to understand how we count to the fiftieth day with the following discussion.

Now, Brothers and Sisters, ELOHIM's WORD admonishes us not to be old wine bottles that burst when new wine is poured into it. In the original version of this article, I believed that at this point, YESHUA had not yet ascended to the Father.

That is, until someone pointed out another very significant verse I had not truly digested when writing the first edition of this article. Notice Luke's version of these same events.

- Luk 24:1 Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. Luk 24:2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. Luk 24:3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. Luk 24:4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: Luk 24:5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? Luk 24:6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

Now, we know that these are the very same events we just read in John (Yochanan) 20:8-17 at which time YESHUA appeared to the women in verses 16 and 17 and could not be touched. Both Mathew and Mark record versions of YESHUA's appearing to the women. Let's continue with the events of this day by Luke.

- Luk 24:9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. Luk 24:10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

Here Luke records that the women went to the eleven, and to all the rest. Now, here is one of those moments when the "called-out ones" of YESHUA must rise in their faith in ELOHIM's WORD. Luke records that there were eleven, which would mean that Thomas was there. The Apostle John testified that Thomas was not there on that day.

Let's continue with Luke's account.

- Luk 24:13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs. Luk 24:14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. Luk 24:15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus HIMSELF drew near, and went with them. Luk 24:16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

On the same day, YESHUA appeared to two other disciples on the road to Emmaus.

- Luk 24:30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them. Luk 24:31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. Luk 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

These things YESHUA did with the two until HE vanished from their sight and they did the following.

- Luk 24:33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Luk 24:34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. Luk 24:35 And they told what things *were done* in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

Here, it says again they found the eleven gathered together, which would mean Thomas was there. Yet, we know John testifies he was not there. Let's continue.

- Luk 24:36 And as they thus spake, Jesus HIMSELF stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. Luk 24:37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. Luk 24:38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Luk 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: **handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.** Luk 24:40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet.

We are clear that these events all happened on the first day after YESHUA's resurrection because the text states so. And here is where the Gospels do not agree. Luke's version of these events records that YESHUA appeared before the eleven on this day. The Apostle Yochanan testifies that HE appeared only to the ten, for Thomas was not there. In reading through all of the Gospels, it truly appears that YESHUA only appeared to the group in this room only once on this day.

Now, we see in verse 39 that HE told them to "behold HIS hands and HIS feet. This agrees with John 20:20. However, according to Luke, HE also told them to "handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have". This establishes to us that HE had in fact presented HIMSELF to the FATHER at this point, because HE allowed HIMSELF to be handled (touched) by those present.

As such, some time between YESHUA appearing to the women, and HIS appearing later that same day to the disciples, HE had been waved and accepted by the FATHER.

We know that ELOHIM is not the author of confusion. Thus, it would appear that in Luke's version, there was an error regarding the number present.

Luke was not an apostle or an eyewitness. We know his account of these events is based upon what was provided to him by others. We know that Judas was dead. We also know through Yochanan's account, who was an eyewitness, Thomas was not there. This means that only ten were present when YESHUA appeared to them and was touched, on the first day.

Now, if we absorb what the Apostle Yochanan tells us about later events, I believe we get a fuller picture of what the two versions are teaching us. Over a week later YESHUA appeared to them once again, this time with Thomas present.

- Joh 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Joh 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. Joh 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

When YESHUA appeared to HIS disciples a second time, this time with Thomas present, HE allowed HIMSELF to be touched by Thomas. Notice very carefully. It does not say that the other ten touched HIM. WHY? Because they had previously touched HIM a week or so earlier, as Luke was led to present it to us.

And as such, this is me correcting what I previously presented in the earlier version of this article. And, it appears that the scripture saying YESHUA appearing again to the disciples "after 8 days" may add no significance to our understanding of how the 50 days to the Appointed Time of Weeks must be counted, as I previously wrote.

However, there still remains another matter affecting our counting to the Appointed Time of Weeks that must be clarified. “Called-out ones” know that YESHUA died on the Appointed Time of the Passover. We also know that HE was in the belly of the earth 3 days and 3 nights.

There are those who insist that the sheaf must be waved, and thus the count to fifty begin, during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. Those who hold to this teaching do not factor in the fact that YESHUA’s 3 days and 3 nights “in the belly of the earth” must always be recognized. Now, recognize that these 3 days and nights in the grave will always also be the first 3 days of the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. Thus, there will always remain 4 more days of Unleavened Bread after HIS resurrection.

We just read in verses 8 thru 20 where YESHUA presented HIMSELF to Mary and 10 of the HIS disciples after HIS resurrection on the first day of the week, which also was the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. Earlier in the day HE commanded Mary not to touch Him because HE had not yet been presented (waved) before the FATHER. Now in my earlier version of this article I wrote the following: “Also understand, **there is NO BIBLICAL EVIDENCE OF HIS ALLOWING THE 10 DISCIPLES TO TOUCH HIM LATER ON THAT SAME DAY!**” Well, I now know that was inaccurate. HE was touched by the ten disciples (Thomas was not present) on that same first day of the week, after HIS resurrection.

What I will present from this point forward will be based on the newfound knowledge that I have received. The Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread that year ended on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the week, the next Wednesday at sunset, 3 days after YESHUA appeared the 1<sup>st</sup> time to Mary and HIS disciples, which we remember was on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, Sunday, during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread.

Let's reread what ELOHIM informed us earlier through His commandments to the COY.

- Lev 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

The sheaf HAD TO BE WAVED ON THE MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF THE WEEK, SUNDAY. Remember also that on this day an unblemished lamb of the 1<sup>st</sup> year was also offered. We know that YESHUA is the FIRSTFRUITS of those to be risen from the dead. What else is HE?

- Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John the Baptist was the first of his day to recognize who YESHUA was.

- Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. Rev 5:7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

- Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.**

So, ELOHIM's WORD clearly testifies to us that the sheaf of the first fruits and the male lamb offered with the sheaf both represent YESHUA, our MESSIAH, the CHRIST, the FIRST FRUITS from the dead.

So, on the same day YESHUA presented HIMSELF to Mary and ten of HIS disciples, HE also presented HIMSELF before the FATHER to be accepted. Here is where without the consideration of the Biblical principle of "to the law and to the testimony", these words would have less light in our understanding.

- Dan 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire. Dan 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.
- Dan 7:13 **I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the SON of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.**



- Dan 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

The Prophets also were given a vision of this acceptance for “called-out ones” in these last days. Here we see the Prophet Daniel being given a vision of YESHUA’s presentation before the FATHER for acceptance. YESHUA appeared before the FATHER on the exact day, after HE appeared to Mary and the other women. And after being accepted, HE appeared to the ten apostles and other disciples later on that same first day of the week.

Now, earlier we noted that the Appointed Time of Unleavened bread ended on the next Wednesday after YESHUA was waved by appearing before His FATHER. As such, the sheaf waving of that year did occur during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread, as some of our Brothers and Sisters are taught. As we can see, according to the WORD of ELOHIM, this should not even be a question amongst “called-out ones”. However, in the Conclusion we will clearly show that this is not a rule of fact. It is coincidental to which day of the week the MESSIAH’s resurrection occurs on any given year.

Now notice something else we learn as we study this appointed time.

- Lev 23:13 And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin.

Where have we seen this before? “Called-out ones” should recognize that this commandment in verse 13 represents a prophesy of YESHUA’s New Covenant Passover, here embedded in the symbolism that leads up to the Appointed Time of Weeks.

CHRIST is the FIRSTFRUITS. HE changed the Passover requirements from the blood of a lamb to unleavened bread and wine, HIS body and HIS blood.

And then we find what I once saw as a proof text that most of us (including myself) have totally overlooked.

- Lev 23:14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Neither bread, nor parched corn (meaning roasted grains), nor green ears were to be eaten until the offering, the sheaf of the firstfruits and the male lamb, were brought to be presented to ELOHIM. I originally thought that if “called-out ones” are approaching this reading as little children, it should be obvious that this has a major impact on the 50-day count.

This appeared to tell us that the waving of the sheaf **could not occur until after the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread**. Why? Because it is commanded that unleavened bread must be eaten for each of the 7 days of the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. The problem with my original theory is that I failed to recognize what this “bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears” represented. I will provide the clarification on this in my Conclusion.

Let’s try and get some perspective on this. YESHUA, the SHEAF of the FIRSTFRUITS was waved, presented to the FATHER, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week or Sunday, after HIS Sabbath day resurrection. Now we can begin to understand the count to the Appointed Time of Weeks. The count to the fifty days begins with what?

- Lev 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Lev 23:16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

The count of fifty days begins “from the morrow after the Sabbath, “from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering””. This is also the same day when YESHUA presented HIMSELF to the FATHER. The morrow after the Sabbath is always the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, Sunday. So, **in our counting, we must always account for YESHUA’s sign, the three days and three nights HE spent in the grave**. The count will always begin on the next morrow after the Sabbath (Sunday), **after HIS resurrection**.

In simple terms, the recognition of YESHUA’s time spent in the grave will ALWAYS account for the first three days of Unleavened Bread. As such, if the resurrection occurs on any Wednesday through Saturday, the count would begin from the following Sunday, the morrow after the Sabbath “from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering”. By ending on any of these days, the count to the fifty days will always occur during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. We saw this scenario played out during the actual time of YESHUA’s waving.

However, if the resurrection occurs on a Sunday through Tuesday, the Unleavened Bread theory does not work. Remember, the count must begin the morrow after the Sabbath “from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering”, which would be the following Sunday. This Sunday (or first day of the week) occurs from five to seven days after the resurrection. Also remember, the three days and three nights represents the first three days of Unleavened Bread; with only four days remaining.

As such, by ending on any of these days, the count to the fifty days will always occur AFTER the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. And this is how we arrive at the Biblically commanded Appointed Time of Weeks, the day modernity calls Pentecost, fifty days after the day YESHUA presented HIMSELF to the FATHER. If all “called-out ones” accept ELOHIM’s WORD as HE has provided to them, we would all be on that path to oneness, as YESHUA desired.

## 5. The Fullness of the First Fruits, The First Harvest

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Now that we can all count to fifty days, lets understand what happens on the fiftieth day.

- Lev 23:17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; *they are* the firstfruits unto the LORD. Lev 23:18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, *even* an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD. Lev 23:19 Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

“Called-out ones” should know that everything in ELOHIM’s WORD is there for a reason. Some things represent smaller issues and others larger, yet all relevant. Here, in verse 17, the COY were commanded to bake two wave loaves with leaven. Remember, the offering of the first sheaf in verse 13, at the beginning of the 50 days, was unleavened bread offered with wine. We know these symbols were for YESHUA. And now we notice in verse 17 how that the two loaves of leavened bread that are first fruits unto YAHWEH, are being offered on the fiftieth day, the Appointed Time of Weeks. What is this saying to you and me?

Well, since these 2 leavened loafs are offered to YAHWEH, they would appear to represent an alternative to the typical understanding of leaven presented by the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread, where leaven is pictured as sin. Sin cannot be offered unto YAHWEH. As such, these 2 leavened loafs must represent leaven as simply as a form of growth, other than sin. And whatever this form of growth, it is presented unto YAHWEH on the Appointed Time of Weeks. This establishes the foundation of the future course of YAHWEH’s elect.

This foundation would begin when? Let's go back to the first Appointed Time of Weeks under the New Covenant.

- Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Act 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Now, some in modernity proclaim that this is where the New Covenant church began. Notice verse 41 says that about three thousand souls were added. Well the scripture says they were added. Added to what? The fact that this 3,000 was added testifies that they were added to something that previously existed. It did not say that it was begun here. We know that in Old Covenant times YAHWEH spoke through HIS prophets to the COY. Well, the New Covenant, which begins with the COY, brings clarity to the words of the prophets for a very special group. Notice the words written by the Prophet Isaiah.

- Isa 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. Isa 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Isa 8:15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. Isa 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

This is a prophecy that reflects that there is another group, other than the prophets, whom YAHWEH shall infuse with an even greater responsibility; HIS disciples.

When YAHWEH came in the flesh in HIS FATHER's name, YESHUA, HE called twelve disciples to this very special mission of binding the testimony, and, sealing the law. The following discussion between YESHUA and HIS disciples provides the clarity.

- Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? Mat 16:14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

It would appear that HE wanted to test awareness of who they were walking with.

- Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my FATHER which is in heaven. Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

In this world of modernity, these scriptures have confused many and been used by the Mother of Harlots to assert its authority to change the laws of ELOHIM. In verse 18 YESHUA says to Simon “that thou art Peter, which in the Greek is “petros”, a stone. HE then said “upon this rock I will build My church”. The word rock is the Greek word “patra”, meaning massive rock. Let’s look at the prophetic context of YESHUA’s use of this word.

- 1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

YESHUA is the rock upon which the church would be built, not Peter. However, Peter was a stone, a lead member of YESHUA's group of stones. And he was given the keys to the kingdom and the authority to bind and loose on earth what would be bound and loosed in heaven.

However, we need to put this in context.

- Mat 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Mat 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble HIMSELF as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

So, we know that this discourse is between YESHUA and all of HIS 12 disciples.

- Mat 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my FATHER which is in heaven. Mat 18:11 For the SON of man is come to save that which was lost. Mat 18:12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? Mat 18:13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that *sheep*, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.



- Mat 18:14 Even so it is not the will of your FATHER which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. Mat 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. Mat 18:16 But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. Mat 18:17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

So, here we find YESHUA giving them instructions of church protocols. HE then follows this with the following.

- Mat 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Does this sound familiar? These are the exact same words HE spoke in chapter 16 to the disciples in which modernity has interpreted that HE was only speaking to Peter. Yet, these verses tell us that HE is actually saying this to all of His disciples, just as the Prophet Isaiah wrote it would happen.

They, HIS 12 disciples, are the beginning of the New Covenant church. There were others such as Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James (Yacob), Salome, and the two that traveled with the resurrected YESHUA on the road to Emmaus. However, it was these twelve Yisraelites who were given this great commission. The New Covenant church, on the foundation of the ROCK, YESHUA HIMSELF, was established first through them. Those converted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts were added to that church, which is the Greek word “eklesia”, meaning “called-out ones”.

And remember, these three thousand souls added to the church at the first New Covenant Appointed Time of Weeks were all of the House of Yisrael (Acts 2:36). No Gentiles were present. The Apostle Peter was the first to declare this.

- Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Once understood, the Household of Faith should walk in a spirit of oneness to ELOHIM's awesome plan of salvation. For here, the Apostle Peter, to whom YESHUA gave the keys to the Kingdom, opened the door to why YAHWEH commanded these two leavened loaves on the Appointed Time of Weeks (not Pentecost). It would now be established through the apostle at the future observation of that same Holy Day what these two leavened loaves would represent.

The leaven establishes growth of two separate sources. The Apostle Peter teaches that it began with the House of Yisrael, but would also include those "that are afar off". The Apostle Paul would later provide some additional understanding of how this relates to YAHWEH's commandments to the COY regarding the two leavened loaves during the Appointed Time of Weeks.

- Eph 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: Eph 2:13 But **now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

Confirming Peter's prophetic declaration, Paul establishes the identity of those "afar off" as he distinguishes the uncircumcision from the circumcision. These are the Gentiles.

- Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, Eph 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus HIMSELF being the corner stone, Eph 2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, Eph 2:22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Here we find the Apostle Paul speaking to the Gentiles, or Nations, who were formerly strangers and aliens to the body of CHRIST. Now, these "called-out" Gentiles were fellow citizens with the saints (previously ONLY of the COY), built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, "growing into a holy temple in" YESHUA.

Now remember the symbolism of the Appointed Time. Unquestionably, YESHUA was the unblemished LAMB to be offered during each observance of this appointed time. HE was the FIRSTFRUITS. However, the two leavened loafs were an indication of more to come.

- Jas 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Jas 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the FATHER of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. Jas 1:18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

Here, the Apostle Yacob (James) informs us that “called-out ones” are a kind of firstfruits. The two leavened loafs were a firstfruits unto YAHWEH. Thus, the two leavened loafs represent the merger of the original loaf and those of the other loaf, all future “called-out ones” to this foundation that is built on the prophets and the apostles. And, until YESHUA returns, these two leavened loafs will continually grow.

Now, I heard a belief that these two loafs are leavened because they represent mankind, and the fact that mankind had committed sin, which is true. However, note the following.

- Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, Eph 5:27 That he might present it to HIMSELF a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

The two loaves are presented before YAHWEH. The Apostle Paul instructs us that the church, “called-out ones”, will be presented before HIM a “glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish”. This symbolizes a sin-free church when it is presented, which is why it appears that the 2 leavened loafs represent the growth that YAHWEH knew would occur as HIS church grew and matured over the ages.

Now, before we leave these scriptures, let’s tear down another myth. There are those in modernity that proclaim the laws of ELOHIM, given to the COY, can only be obeyed in Yerushalaim. As such, they are not for us today.

- Mat 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my FATHER which is in heaven.

- Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

ELOHIM knew that as YESHUA's "called-out ones" would grow, they would live all over the globe. It was not necessary for them to exhaust means that many might not have, to get back to Jerusalem on all of HIS appointed times. This is why YESHUA made this statement.

Now with the understanding we now have of the Appointed Time of Weeks in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts, let's look at the broader implications of the harvests concept this day represents.

- Lev 23:21 And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work *therein: it shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. Lev 23:22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

This is the next phase of ELOHIM's plan of salvation; the spring harvest. Notice that this harvest is based on a concept of first fruits. The first fruits of the harvest had to be offered before YAHWEH to be accepted. It began with YESHUA. It continued with the Apostles and those "called-out" at the Appointed Time of Weeks in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts. Yet remember the duality of scripture. There is to be a greater harvest, as pictured by the fall appointed times.

- Exo 34:21 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

- Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

The Appointed Time of Weeks, representing the first harvest, the firstfruits of those “called-out” to YESHUA, concludes the appointed times of the spring harvests unto YAHWEH. The Appointed Time of the Ingathering, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, represents a far greater harvest, and concludes the final 3 appointed times in the fall of each year.

However, I want to look at something we have learned along the way about the unique consistency of ELOHIM’s appointed times, which present HIS plan of salvation. We just read of the Appointed Time of Weeks. Now let’s get a little broader context.

- Lev 25:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, Lev 25:2 Speak unto the children of Yisrael, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD. Lev 25:3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; Lev 25:4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

How consistent is the commandments of the 7<sup>th</sup> day and the 7<sup>th</sup> year, provided for our consumption in ELOHIM’s WORD?

- Lev 25:5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: *for* it is a year of rest unto the land.

- Lev 25:6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee, Lev 25:7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

Now notice what happened next.

- Lev 25:8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Lev 25:9 **Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.** Lev 25:10 **And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof:** it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. Lev 25:11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undressed. Lev 25:12 For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. Lev 25:13 In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.

In the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Leviticus, we read where the COY were given instructions for all of the weekly and annual appointed times. Now, in this study, we have read in particular the counting of the 7 weeks after the acceptance of the sheaf by YAHWEH to arrive at the Appointed Time of Weeks. ELOHIM's fall appointed times are the Appointed Times of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles, also called Ingathering and Booths, each with past, current and future implications.

Now we begin to see a greater harvest pictured by the Appointed Time of Weeks. The COY were also to count 7 Sabbaths of years, just as they were to count 7 weeks (periods of 7 days) for the Appointed Time of Weeks. **On the 50<sup>th</sup> year, on the Day of Atonement during that fiftieth year, the trumpet was to sound throughout the land to proclaim the Year of Jubilee.** ELOHIM could very well have called this the Year of Weeks, just as HE called the annual appointed time the Appointed Time of Weeks. Yet, HE calls it the Year of Jubilee.

Now, this needs some tender loving care for our continued growth in ELOHIM's WORD. The words jubilee in verses 9 and thereafter, verses 10, 11, 12 and 13, represent 2 different Hebrew words. In verse 9, the Hebrew word is *teruah*, sometimes spelled and pronounced *teruah*. It is translated shout 11 times, shouting 8 times, alarm 5 times, blowing 2 times, and joy 2 times. It is translated Jubilee only once, here in verse 9. It is the same word translated shout when the COY marched around Jericho 7 times and flattened its walls with a great shout, or *teruah*.

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

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the fall appointed times. The word blowing in verse 24 is the same Hebrew word *teruah* translated jubilee in chapter 25, verse 9, which says to me that in verse 9 it is the trumpet of blowing or blowing of the trumpet. In other verses the Hebrew word for jubilee is *yobel*, which is the actual ram's horn or trumpet that is being blown.



What is important is that this particular event is characterized by freedom. In verse 10 we find that liberty is proclaimed throughout the land and everyone is returned to his own possessions and family.

Now we know that the principle of duality is ever present in ELOHIM's WORD. Perhaps HE gives us a glimpse into this further down.

- Lev 25:17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the LORD your God. Lev 25:18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. Lev 25:19 And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. Lev 25:20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Lev 25:21 Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. Lev 25:22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat *yet* of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat *of* the old *store*. Lev 25:23 The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land *is* mine; for ye *are* strangers and sojourners with me.

Everything in ELOHIM's plan points to the 7<sup>th</sup> day or the 7<sup>th</sup> year. This 50<sup>th</sup> year, along with the annual Appointed Time of Weeks held each year on that 50<sup>th</sup> day, all point to a much greater release in the future on the 7<sup>th</sup> day.

- Heb 4:4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. Heb 4:5 And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest. Heb 4:6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

- Heb 4:7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Heb 4:8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. Heb 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Heb 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

This is a day when YESHUA shall return to take control of what was HIS in the first place. Verse 23 said plainly that the land is HIS. The COY are simply strangers and sojourners with HIM. What does all this mean?

Because the true COY are no longer in the land of milk and honey, this Year of Jubilee is now unknown to us. My gut belief is that the year of the Appointed Time of Weeks in Acts the second chapter, when 3,000 souls were added to the church, was also the 50th year Jubilee. Now, **I can't prove this. It simply makes spiritual sense as we study ELOHIM's WORD.** This points to the fact that when ELOHIM's WORD describes a day as "in that day", or "the Lord's Day", or "the Day of the Lord", **this will also be the Year of Jubilee.**

In that year, the trumpets shall sound, each with a greater task of cleansing this earth, preparing the way for YESHUA, the King of Kings, to return on the Day of Atonement of that 50<sup>th</sup> year, the year of freedom, the year Satan will be bound for 1,000 years.

In that day, the land will be freed, returned to its rightful owner. The plan will have been executed. The first harvest will be in Yerushalaim ruling with the King of Yisrael, YESHUA HAMASHIAC, our Redeemer.

## 6. Conclusion

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Recently, I was looking at an article written in 1998 titled “When Does the Pentecost Count Begin?” The article makes a bold statement that YESHUA, “is our wavesheaf, and HE “was accepted on the morrow after the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread”. The article concluded that “the count for Pentecost begins on the Sunday following the Sabbath during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread”. In today’s modernity, most of the European-based “called-out ones” follow this practice.

Yes, YESHUA is our SHEAF that was waved/presented to the FATHER for acceptance. However, the term wavesheaf does not appear in ELOHIM’s WORD. Also, we now should fully understand how that the morrow after the Sabbath of the waving of the sheaf of the FIRSTFRUITS may or may not occur during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread.

Now, the fact is that there are those who considered this and reasoned that HE presented HIMSELF to the FATHER that same day, after HE saw Mary and before HE saw the 10 disciples. Initially, I wrote of my disagreement with the date of HIS waving. I was amongst those who initially believed there are two Biblical facts that “called-out ones” cannot and must not ignore. Fact one was that **the Biblical evidence of YESHUA allowing HIMSELF to be touched did not come until “eight days” after HE had appeared to Mary and the 10 disciples.** This would have occurred more than a week following the morrow after the Sabbath that occurred during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. Fact two, this time period, as we discussed earlier, also accounts for the Biblical evidence of the time that bread of the new harvest could not be eaten before YESHUA presented HIMSELF to the FATHER.

Thus, we can now understand the reasoning for HIM not appearing to be touched until Thomas did so “after eight days”.

Earlier, I provided the Biblical evidence that YESHUA was indeed touched the day of HIS resurrection by the ten disciples present on that day.

The Biblical evidence clearly shows that the count CAN start during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. However, we now know conclusively that the count may not start during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. We now know that the start is dependent on the resurrection of YESHUA. If we as “called-out ones” are to fulfill YESHUA’s prayer, we must learn to take a step back, humble ourselves, and shout with joy as we learn and accept the fullness that is ELOHIM’s WORD.

- Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

All “called-out ones” have been given a measure of truth, or else they would not be “called-out ones”. Yet, we have at times allowed certain traditional choices to fill us so as to eliminate space for new Biblical truths. In presenting this updated version of this article, I have attempted to heed my own words. If we are to become one so that we may be presented to YESHUA “without spot”, this practice must be eliminated.

Now, as I presented what appeared to be newfound knowledge (to me) about the requirement to not eat bread until the offering of the sheaf, I began to ask myself why. There is nothing in ELOHIM’s WORD that does not have a purpose. As I prayed on this, I began to understand.

There are two important spiritual considerations that occur at the beginning of ELOHIM's year that are significant to this requirement; 1) the Passover and 2) Unleavened Bread.

- Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.
- Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.
- 1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

This is the purpose of the Passover. In order for man to incur remission of sin, YESHUA shed HIS blood. The Prophet Isaiah told us that ELOHIM calls the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10). The sacrificed lamb and the sheaf of the harvest both represented the New Covenant sacrifice of YESHUA. Note the following:

- Jos 5:10 And the children of Yisrael encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. Jos 5:11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.

Here we see that the grains that the COY ate after the Passover, during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread, was of the "old" grains from the previous harvest. If we allow ELOHIM's WORD to soak in, we should recognize that at this time the COY were not yet authorized to eat from the new harvest. Why?

This authorization was not allowed until the sheaf of the new harvest was waved by the high priest and accepted by ELOHIM. Notice the similarities in what the COY ate during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread and what ELOHIM commanded them not to eat until the sheaf was waved.

- Lev 23:14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Consider what you are reading. Praise be to ELOHIM for providing us with this important clarification. Leviticus 23:14 is all about the new harvest. The new harvest is only accepted when the sheaf and the lamb are offered. Until then, it could not be eaten. Why, because it was not accepted by ELOHIM until the offering was accepted. During the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread, unleavened bread was commanded to be eaten for seven days. What we are learning is that the bread that was allowed to be eaten during these seven days was of the old harvest.

Now, let's take a step back and digest what we are learning. The offering of the bread and the lamb are metaphors of YESHUA's offering on the Passover to be accepted by ELOHIM. This, all "called-out ones" should know. However, what about this new harvest that was not to be eaten until after the offering was accepted? What happens during the Passover and the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread?

- Heb 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; Heb 10:13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

- Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
- Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

“Called-out ones” know that the rituals we partake of during the New Covenant Passover represent YESHUA’s offering for our “past” sins. These rituals, consisting of foot washing of fellow believers, eating unleavened bread, and drinking wine, are representative of the washing of our past sins by our baptism and partaking of the body and blood of YESHUA. Now remember, even though YESHUA died for our sins, once HE was resurrected, HE had to present HIMSELF before the FATHER so that HIS offering could be accepted. This is Passover.

- 1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 1Co 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

The Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread represents a time when those being called and chosen put out all leaven from their dwelling places. This action is metaphoric of their eliminating the leaven of malice and wickedness from their lives. Together with the Passover, this is an eight-day annual spring cleanup. Yet, the cleanup is not accepted until YESHUA’s offering is accepted.

- 1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept. 1Co 15:21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. 1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

The spring harvest represents the process of calling and choosing the first fruits. YESHUA's death, resurrection and acceptance is First Fruits. Until YESHUA returns, this process of calling and choosing will continue. The spring harvest represents those being called and chosen in this age. The Appointed Times of Passover and Unleavened Bread are provided for an annual spiritual cleanup of those being called and chosen in this age. However, the acceptance of those being called and chosen is represented by the presentation of the bread and lamb offering to ELOHIM under the Old Covenant. This presentation was metaphoric of the presentation of the true offering, YESHUA, to the FATHER under the New Covenant.

For “called-out ones”, until this offering of YESHUA is accepted, metaphorically and spiritually, they are not accepted annually as the new harvest. Remember, we must endure until the end to be fully accepted.

The commandment says that while the old harvest could be eaten during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread, the new harvest could not be eaten until the offering, CHRIST the FIRST FRUITS, was presented to the FATHER. With humble acceptance of additional Biblical evidence, I now understand that this represents a time that can or cannot occur until after the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread.



- Num 28:26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks *be out*, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

Annually, once the FIRST FRUITS (YESHUA) is accepted, “called-out ones” can now metaphorically eat of the new physical harvest, because they now have been accepted as the new spiritual harvest. They then are to bear fruit until the “day of first fruits”, the Appointed Time of Weeks. As we discussed earlier, this Appointed Time of Weeks represents the greater harvest to occur when YESHUA returns in the Year of Jubilee. I pray my error has been corrected to the understanding of the reader.

Earlier, I also presented the Biblical evidence that ELOHIM NEVER CALLED this appointed time Pentecost. This name was given to the world by the European translators of the various Bible translations in existence. The challenge is for “called-out ones” to view the Biblical evidence of this. The Name of every other high day mentioned in the New Covenant agrees with the name given in the Old Covenant, except the Appointed Time of Weeks. Why? The name Pentecost is not a translation. It is the actual Greek word for fiftieth.

My challenge to “called-out ones” is simply that they stay true to what ELOHIM has commanded. Yet, while the understanding of the true name, the Appointed Time of Weeks, is important, it is not as important as our doing what we are commanded to do; “study to show ourselves approved”.

YESHUA very strongly desires that HIS “called-out ones” be as one. When we miss or do not include ALL of the relevant scriptures into our considerations, it is the duty of other “called-out ones” to highlight our errors. It is then the duty of all “called-out ones” to humbly listen, study and conclude in a manner that allows for correction.

The facts that I learned from reading the scriptures presented in this article changed my understanding of how to count the commanded fifty days to the Appointed Time of Weeks known as the Feast of Weeks (called the Day of Pentecost by most) in ELOHIM's WORD. I pray that all "called-out ones" grow to the humble state of eliminating our puffed-up mentalities of what we have allowed ourselves to be so full of, to the emptying out of old leaven based on traditions and false teachings, rather than ELOHIM's WORD. I pray for the day soon where we all attain to YESHUA's prayerful desire of oneness and perfection in ELOHIM's WORD.

SHALOM to you all in YESHUA's mighty name!

## Addendum

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I want to close with some Extra Considerations Regarding the Count to the Appointed Time of Weeks, and, Other Things Discussed. This Addendum is a lesson in basic Biblical arithmetic. Those who will humble themselves will see!

Day of the Week	Events of the Day
Wednesday day	Christ buried on the preparation day just prior to the High day Sabbath, i.e., just prior to sunset Wednesday (John 19:42)
Wednesday night	1 <sup>st</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – High day annual Sabbath (John 19:31) – 1 night in the grave
Thursday day	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – High day annual Sabbath (John 19:31) – 1 day in the grave
Thursday night	2 <sup>nd</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – Spices bought after the High day annual Sabbath (Mark 16:1) - 2 nights in the grave
Friday day	2 <sup>nd</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – Spices were prepared before the weekly Sabbath day rest (Luke 23:56) – 2 days in the grave
Friday night	3 <sup>rd</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – Weekly Sabbath day rest – 3 nights in the grave
Saturday day	3 <sup>rd</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – Weekly Sabbath day rest – 3 days in the grave
Saturday night	4 <sup>th</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – 1 <sup>st</sup> night of the week – Christ was already risen sometime before the 1 <sup>st</sup> night of the week started (exactly 3 days and 3 nights after His burial), just prior to sunset Saturday night. While it was yet dark Mary came to the grave to witness the body gone, and ran and told the disciples (John 20:1-2)
Sunday day	4 <sup>th</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – 1 <sup>st</sup> day of the week – Christ appears to Mary and could not be touched because HE had not been waved (presented) to the FATHER for acceptance (John 20:17). Later that day HE later appeared to 10 disciples (Thomas was not there, Judas was dead, and Luke records that HE was touched) (Luke 24:39) As such, HE was waived and presented before the FATHER that same day for acceptance.
Sunday night	5 <sup>th</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – Night 1 since HE appeared to Mary and the 10 disciples and day 1 of the count to Weeks.

This was the actual crucifixion and resurrection week of YESHUA, showing that HE was buried just prior to Thursday evening, which began the first night of the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. HE was raised just prior to Saturday night and presented to the FATHER the next day, the morrow after the Sabbath. As such, HE was waved during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread of that year and the count to the Appointed Time of Weeks begins during Unleavened Bread.

## Addendum, Continued

Day of the Week	Events of the Day
Friday day	Christ buried on the preparation day just prior to the High day Sabbath. i.e., just prior to sunset Friday
Friday night	1 <sup>st</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – Weekly and High day annual Sabbath (John 19:31) – 1 night in the grave
Saturday day	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – Weekly and High day annual Sabbath (John 19:31) – 1 day in the grave
Saturday night	2 <sup>nd</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – Spices bought after the Weekly and High day annual Sabbath (Mark 16:1) - 2 nights in the grave
Sunday day	2 <sup>nd</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – 2 days in the grave
Sunday night	3 <sup>rd</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – 3 nights in the grave
Monday day	3 <sup>rd</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – 3 days in the grave. Christ would rise just prior to sunset Monday night (exactly 3 days and 3 nights after HIS burial).
Monday night	4 <sup>th</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is risen, but cannot be touched until HE is waived on the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev 23:15-16)
Tuesday day	4 <sup>th</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is risen, but cannot be touched until HE is waived on the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev 23:15-16)
Tuesday night	5 <sup>th</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is risen, but cannot be touched until HE is waived on the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev 23:15-16)
Wednesday day	5 <sup>th</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is risen, but cannot be touched until HE is waived on the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev 23:15-16)
Wednesday night	6 <sup>th</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is risen, but cannot be touched until HE is waived on the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev 23:15-16)
Thursday day	6 <sup>th</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is risen, but cannot be touched until HE is waived on the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev 23:15-16)
Thursday night	7 <sup>th</sup> night of Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is risen, but cannot be touched until HE is waived on the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev 23:15-16)
Friday day	7 <sup>th</sup> day of Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is risen, but cannot be touched until HE is waived on the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev 23:15-16)
Friday night	Weekly Sabbath; 1 <sup>st</sup> night after Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is risen, but cannot be touched until HE is waived on the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev 23:15-16)
Saturday day	Weekly Sabbath; 1 <sup>st</sup> night after Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is risen, but cannot be touched until HE is waived on the morrow after the Sabbath (Lev 23:15-16)
Saturday night	1 <sup>st</sup> day of the week and the morrow after the Sabbath; 2 <sup>nd</sup> night after Unleavened Bread – CHRIST is waived on this day – The count to Weeks now begins

Now, above I present the crucifixion and resurrection week of YESHUA in a year in which HIS burial occurs just prior to a Friday evening, which also represents the first night of the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. HE would be raised just prior to Monday night. As Brothers and Sisters of the “Household of Faith”, we must remember that the period of time between YESHUA’s burial and resurrection will ALWAYS equate to the first three days of the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. And so, there will always be four days of Unleavened Bread left, after the day of HIS resurrection. In this particular year, the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread would end Friday at sundown, with the next day being the weekly Sabbath. Obviously, the next day, beginning Saturday at sundown begins the first day of the week, which is also the morrow after the Sabbath. This is the day that YESHUA would be waived and presented to the FATHER. And as such, HE would be waved, and the count to the Appointed Time of Weeks would begin, after the conclusion of the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread of that year.

Let’s read the commandment once again.

- Lev 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Lev 23:16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

Earlier in this article I stated that any year in which the resurrection of YESHUA falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evening, the FIRST FRUITS (YESHUA) would be waived before the FATHER the next first day of the week, which would occur during the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread.

However, any year in which the resurrection of YESHUA falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday evening, we must accept that only four days remain for the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread. This means Unleavened Bread would end at sundown Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. YESHUA would be waived before the FATHER the next first day of the week (the next morrow after the Sabbath) which would occur after the Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread.

It is my fervent prayer that this presentation will be seen as my sincere effort to share with you what ELOHIM has shared with me. As you have read, I have acknowledged an error in first edition of this article caused by my failure to read all of the applicable scriptures. Prayerfully, this edition has corrected that mistake. Prayerfully you have been inspired to take a step back, and accept the scriptures presented as the WORD of ELOHIM.

The WORD of ELOHIM has been given to those whom HE is calling out of this world to walk as one. Based on my study of ELOHIM's WORD, there is no guidance that supports that those "called-out to YESHUA should EVER "agree to disagree". The apostles and elders of YESHUA came together as little children to pray and discuss matters pertaining to ELOHIM's WORD. There is only Biblical evidence of their agreement on doctrines presented in ELOHIM's WORD. This is our commission. They are our foundation. I remain open for correction and agreement. What about you?

Again, SHALOM!

