

Lesson No. 148 – ELOHIM’s Plan of Salvation, Part Two

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Tonight, let’s first recap what we have learned during this incredible journey in Lesson No. 147 – Elohim’s Plan of Salvation, Part One. We first spoke about the chronological application to ELOHIM’s appointed times that have misled many towards erroneous understandings of the awesome lessons to be learned from how ELOHIM has provided these appointed times unto us. We read how that YAHWEH of ELOHIM was the Children of Yisrael’s (COY) “yeshua”, their salvation, and, how that it is YAHWEH who is the central focus of the WORD of ELOHIM as presented to mankind.

YAHWEH was their Rock of Salvation. It was HE who would teach them of the seasons that were first mentioned on the fourth day of creation as the lights were created in the expanse of heaven to separate the day from the night to be for signs, seasons (the Hebrew “moed” – appointed times), days and years (Genesis chapter 1:15 and 16).

Now, seasons are representative of several actualities that exist on this great earth that we have been born on; such as the spring, summer, autumn and fall seasons. And yet, somewhere wrapped around these four seasons, ELOHIM provided a separate set of seasons, THEIR (the family of ELOHIM) appointed times, for the physical and spiritual nourishment of THEIR prized creation, mankind.

It was there that we began to concentrate on these appointed times, these seasons, as was presented by YAHWEH of ELOHIM unto a family of people to whom YAHWEH declared the following familiar statement.

- Amo 3:1 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, 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.**

As this lesson is written to and for the benefit of members of the Household of Faith, we discussed the fathers of the COY, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Yacob, later renamed Yisrael), chosen individuals around whom ELOHIM's plan of salvation was designed. The Household of Faith knows that it was a descendent of these fathers, Moses, through whom YAHWEH would teach the COY HIS seasons, HIS appointed times. And it was these appointed times/seasons, which once spiritually understood, through which others "called-out", learn of ELOHIM's plan of salvation.

In this lesson, we will discuss Lesson No. 148 – ELOHIM's Plan of Salvation, Part Two.

We once again learned last week how that this great plan of salvation was enveloped around the first of ELOHIM's appointed times, the Sabbath day. This day was first presented as the seventh day of creation week, the day in which ELOHIM rested from all THEIR works. As we read, it was later presented from YAHWEH to Moses as the weekly rest for the people of ELOHIM, beginning with the COY, the only family YAHWEH knew. Furthermore, we learned last week how that this weekly Sabbath actually was a type of a final Sabbath yet to occur; a Sabbath to which the current people of ELOHIM (the Household of Faith) continually labor to enter into.

Somewhere along the way, YAHWEH gave this solemn challenge to the people of ELOHIM.

- Isa 58:13 **If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, *from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own words*:***

Consider for a moment what we have learned in the WORD of ELOHIM about the Sabbaths of YAHWEH. Of all that we have learned, this one verse sums up how the people of ELOHIM are expected to enter into the final Sabbath rest. By turning from our own pleasure on this day, not doing our own ways, or speaking our own words and calling the Sabbath a delight, the holy of YAHWEH, honorable within itself, and, honoring YAHWEH, an awesome outcome was made assessable to the people of ELOHIM. And before we read of this possible outcome, let's understand another vital consideration about this day.

The word holy in verse 13, the Hebrew word “qadesh”, can simply represent the adjective sacred, or, separate unto YAHWEH of ELOHIM. However, as a noun it means sanctuary. The verse reads “the holy of YAHWEH”. Consider the translated meanings; “the sacred/separate of YAHWEH”, or “the sanctuary of YAHWEH”. You can see that together, both meanings assert the authority that ELOHIM placed in this sacred day, which is the sanctuary of YAHWEH. Thus, as we will learn, it became the first and the last of ELOHIM's appointed times.

The potential to those who would come to honor this day as such speaks loudly to those with ears to hear and eyes to see.

- Isa 58:14 **Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD;** and **I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father:** for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Now, let's put this in perspective. To the COY, this became their physical “yeshua”, their physical salvation, as they were placed in the land growing with milk and honey and protected from the nations surrounding them. However, to those people of ELOHIM to come later in ELOHIM's plan, it should be our spiritual “yeshua”, our awakening to see YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC in HIS glory upon HIS return to this earth on this great future Sabbath.

However, it is also our opportunity to reap the physical “yeshua” of our weekly sojourning on this earth of modernity, while looking to its spiritual ending to our endurance. What an awesome beginning to this presentation of ELOHIM’s plan of salvation, the beginning and the end.

Next, we read again of undoubtedly the most important of all of the appointed times/seasons to the people of ELOHIM, the Passover. It was with this one act that YAHWEH of ELOHIM concluded the most important act of HIS commission in carrying out this great plan. We read the following last week.

- Php 2:6 **Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:** Php 2:7 **But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:** Php 2:8 **And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death,** even the death of the cross.

With this, the ultimate act of selflessness, HE became our Passover LAMB. And we must remember that the COY were cut off from the nation of Yisrael for the failure to observe this day, commanded on the 14th day of the first month of the Hebrew calendar. When YAHWEH did what verses 6 and 7 taught us, and came unto us in HIS FATHER’s name as YAHSUA, HE offered an updated result of not following HIS updated Passover requirements.

- Joh 13:6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Joh 13:7 YAHSUA answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Joh 13:8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. **YAHSUA answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.**

Do you think these words were a wakeup call to Peter and the other disciples? For those who have ears and eyes, the failure of HIS own chosen disciples to allow HIM to wash their feet on this observance of the first Passover of the New Covenant would have resulted in their being cut off from YAHSHUA HIMSELF, their spiritual “yeshua”. And then HE commanded the following:

- Joh 13:14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; **ye also ought to wash one another's feet.** Joh 13:15 For **I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.**

They were to follow HIS example. Whose example should the current people of ELOHIM be following? We have read all too often how that the Prophet Isaiah prophesied that these disciples would seal the law and bind up the testimony in Isaiah 8:16. We also know that they were given the authority to bound on earth what would be bound in heaven. Perhaps the most telling authority for the Household of Faith to follow the examples of these disciples is the following prayer by YAHSHUA HIMSELF, just before HIS death on this Passover.

- 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;**

This is a powerful testimony of the relationship that existed between YAHSHUA and HIS 12 disciples. And as HE testifies of this very special relationship, HE prays as well for those who shall believe on HIM through their word. Here is the ultimate guidance from YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC for the Household of Faith.

We also know the following about them.

- Mat 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? Mat 19:28 And YAHSHUA said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That **ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

For following HIS Passover example, and, following YAHSHUA as HE became our HIGH PRIEST, this will be their reward. And for others to follow YAHSHUA, as they did, HE immediately offered the following:

- Mat 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Now, ELOHIM knew that this was probably an impossible expectation of the human mindset, which may have been THEIR thinking as we are given the next appointed time, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for which we know that we prepare and observe these seven days by physically removing all leaven from our homes. The Household of Faith should understand the typology here. Our removing all leaven from our homes is a type of the more important act of removing the leaven of sin from our lives. These days immediately followed YAHSHUA's Passover. And we read last week how that for each of these seven days the COY were required to offer a goat for a sin offering to make an atonement for the COY.

We spoke of how we know we have the ultimate sin offering for our atonement during these days in YAHSHUA HAMSHIAC. What a merciful ELOHIM we have. We also know that these seven days of concentrated removal of our sins are simply a type of the process which the people of ELOHIM must follow for their 7,000-year sojourn on this earth in their physical tabernacles.

Now, on this presentation, from sunset tomorrow night to sunset Sunday evening is the next appointed time, the Feast of Weeks. In fact, we closed Part One of this lesson in the midst of discussing this great Feast.

As we did so, a very important action necessary to the development of the plan of ELOHIM came to the forefront. We discussed the waving of the sheaf of the first fruits in Leviticus 23:10-12. This phase of the plan was dependent on an action just as vital to the people of ELOHIM as was the YAHSHUA's Passover; HIS resurrection from the dead. The Apostle Paul was led by the Spirit of Truth to write the following:

- 1Co 15:14 And if HAMASHIAC be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain. 1Co 15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up HAMASHIAC: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 1Co 15:16 For if the dead rise not, then is not HAMASHIAC raised: 1Co 15:17 And **if HAMASHIAC be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.** 1Co 15:18 **Then they also which are fallen asleep in HAMASHIAC are perished.** 1Co 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in HAMASHIAC, we are of all men most miserable. 1Co 15:20 But now is HAMASHIAC risen from the dead, *and* become the first fruits of them that slept.

We read verse 20 in Part One. However, it was the Apostle's words that lead to verse 20 that are most important to our understanding. The hope of the people of ELOHIM has its foundation in our faith that YAHSHUA is now risen. And as we discussed last week, it was by HIS resurrection from the dead that HE became both the FIRST FRUITS and the SON of ELOHIM. It was also of necessity that HE rose from the dead so that HE could fulfill the typology for the "sheaf of the first fruits", and be presented before FATHER ELOHIM to be approved.

We remember the Apostle Peter's words about this recently.

- 1Pe 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC from the dead, 1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

It is the words of both of these Apostles that teach us the importance of what YAHSHUA's becoming the FIRST FRUIT should mean to each of us. This day would set the tone for the plan. But it also looked forward to something the COY did not understand, and as such, many did not maintain the needed faith to simply obey in spite of it.

- 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 HAMASHIAC shall all be made alive. 1Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: HAMASHIAC the first fruits; afterward they that are HAMASHIAC's at his coming.

HAMASHIAC is now the FIRST FRUITS. Those who are HIS, who endure until the end, will also become the first fruits of mankind at HIS second coming. Thus, this appointed time looks back at HAMASHIAC becoming the FIRST FRUITS, and forward to those who replaced the COY as the vineyard of YAHWEH, the Household of Faith, joining HIM upon HIS second coming as first fruits.

Now unfortunately, many groups who partake of this appointed time have forgotten the golden rule of YAHSHUA becoming the FIRST FRUITS. We must always account for HIS resurrection, which also is HIS sign, which can only be recognized three days and three nights after HIS death.

After HIS resurrection, certain events happened.

- 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 YAHSHUA loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away YAHWEH 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 20:14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw YAHSHUA standing, and knew not that it was YAHSHUA. Joh 20:15 YAHSHUA 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 YAHSHUA saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Joh 20:17 **YAHSHUA 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 ELOHIM, and your ELOHIM.**

After HIS resurrection from the dead, YAHSHUA appeared to Mary on the first day of the week (which is the morrow after the weekly Sabbath) and **did not allow her to touch HIM** because HE had not yet been presented to HIS FATHER for acceptance, as the appointed time required. Until that occurred, HE could not be touched. Why? Remember, Leviticus 23:11 stated the sheaf must be waved on the morrow after the Sabbath.

The confusion of modernity is which morrow after the sabbath is the sheaf waved. Obviously, HE was resurrected only after being in the grave three days and nights before the first day of the week. Later, that same day, we note Yochanan's account of 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 YAHSHUA 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 YAHSHUA 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, later on that same day, YAHSHUA appeared to 10 of HIS disciples, who were obviously convinced of who HE was. Judas (Yudas) had already hanged himself. And we see that Thomas was not there, and when told of it, did not believe it. We know that Thomas would see and touch HIM eight days later. We will again see that this had no impact on the count to the fiftieth day. We know that earlier on the same day YAHSHUA saw the 10 disciples, this occurred.

- 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, YAHSHUA himself drew near, and went with them.

We won't read this whole account. However, we see that this was later on the same day in which HE had appeared to the women (the morrow after the weekly Sabbath).

- 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.

So, later that same day HE departed from the two men and they went immediately to what Luke says were the eleven. Now my Brothers and Sisters, we must reason together. The Apostle Yochanan has already told us that Thomas was not there when YAHSHUA appeared to them earlier that day. HE only appeared to the disciples once on this day, not twice. There were only ten disciples present. Now notice what happened next.

- Luk 24:36 And as they thus spake, **YAHSHUA himself stood in the midst of them**, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

Remember, Yochanan said “came YAHSHUA and stood in the midst”. This was the same event.

- 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.

Luke provides a little more of the details of this occurrence. Here, as YAHSHUA appeared to the ten, HE allowed HIMSELF to be handled; i.e., to be touched.

As such, by this time of this same day (following HIS resurrection) (the morrow after the weekly Sabbath), HE had been waved and accepted by the FATHER. ELOHIM is faithful in HIS WORD to provide the evidence of what we need to understand in HIS plan, if we have ears to hear and eyes to see. Notice what happened on the morrow after the Sabbath, after YAHSHUA appeared to the women and could not be touched.

- 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.

This Brothers and Sisters is what the FIRST FRUITS of the harvest is all about as YAHSHUA was presented to the ANCIENT OF DAYS, FATHER ELOHIM. To the COY, it was simply the high priest waving the first fruits of the harvests of wheat before YAHWEH. To “the Household of Faith”, it is all about YAHWEH, now named YAHSHUA, completing the most important goal of this beautiful plan ELOHIM designed for that man and woman HE placed in HIS garden so many thousands of years ago.

- Heb 5:5 So also HAMASHIAC glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee. Heb 5:6 As he saith also in another *place*, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
- Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Heb 5:10 Called of ELOHIM an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

As HE, the true HIGH PRIEST, presented HIMSELF before the FATHER, HE was being waved. HE was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve HIM; an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, a kingdom that shall not be destroyed. How are we to be so sure of this timing? Note what YAHSHUA told HIS disciples after HIS waving.

- Mat 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where YAHSHUA had appointed them. Mat 28:17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. Mat 28:18 And YAHSHUA came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

We read how this power was given unto HIM. We read where when HE appeared to them a second time, after 8 days, HE focused strictly on Thomas touching HIM; not the other ten. So, the teaching that we must consider an extra period of time after the eight days is in error. Now let's make some sense of this.

Once HE is resurrected, according to the scripture, the sheaf and the LAMB, both representing YAHSHUA, must be presented/waved on the morrow after the next weekly Sabbath. The key is, the morrow following the weekly Sabbath that follows YAHSHUA's sign; HIS resurrection, three days and three nights following HIS death. Once the sheaf and the LAMB have been presented, we see the following:

- 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:

Now some Brethren have taught and are taught, that the start of this count must always begin during the seven days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. There is no scripture that teaches that as a doctrine.

We know that YAHSHUA died on the Passover. We know that HE was in the belly of the earth 3 days and 3 nights, which will always be the first 3 days and nights of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Simply put, if the Passover ended on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday evening, we must wait until the next first day of the week to begin the count, which would be full week later, because HIS sign (HIS resurrection) would occur either on that Sunday, Monday or Tuesday evening just before the setting of the sun. As such, the next first day of the week would commence the count to fifty days, which also would be outside of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. If Passover ended on a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening (as it was in the year when YAHSHUA actually died), the count would begin on the first day of the week, during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

- 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 YAHWEH.

In this year of 2020, the Passover ended Tuesday evening, April 7th. As such there was Tuesday evening, Wednesday day and evening, Thursday day and evening and on Friday April 10th, YAHSHUA's resurrection would occur just before sunset on Friday. The count began Sunday April 12. The seventh Sabbath ends at sunset May 30th. This is why the fiftieth day, the Feast of Weeks, is from sunset Saturday evening and sunset Sunday evening, May 31st.

Now notice what else happens on the fiftieth day. We already know that YAHSHUA was the FIRST FRUITS.

- 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 first fruits unto YAHWEH.**

Now, everything in ELOHIM's WORD is there for a reason. Some things represent smaller issues and others larger, yet all relevant.

Here, the COY were commanded to bake two wave loaves with leaven. Remember, the offering of the first sheaf in verse 13 prior to the fiftieth day, was with unleavened bread offered with wine. Why was it unleavened? Well, we remember, that first sheaf represented YAHSHUA, the MESSIAH. The Apostle wrote of this as well.

- Heb 9:28 So **HAMASHIAC 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.

Now, something interesting is taught to us here about ELOHIM's plan and timing. If we remember Yochanan 1:29 reads "Behold the Lamb of ELOHIM, which taketh away the sin of the world". But notice here that YAHSHUA "was once offered to bear the sins of many", not the world.

Is there a discrepancy here? No, there is not. The salvational plan of ELOHIM was created primarily for those who would become the people of ELOHIM. What we shall see is that it is for these that the two Sabbaths of creation were in fact designed.

YAHSHUA, the FIRST FRUITS, is the only man who has lived in this body of flesh who was without sin. Thus, the unleavened bread offered with the wine. We now notice two loaves of leavened bread that are also first fruits unto YAHWEH in in Leviticus 23:17, being offered on the fiftieth day, the Appointed Time of Weeks/Harvest. What is this saying to you and me?

First, it is significant that these loaves represent the first fruits unto YAHWEH on this appointed time. Also, since these 2 leavened loafs are offered to YAHWEH, they must represent an alternative to the typical understanding of leaven presented by the Feast 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 a form of growth, other than sin. And whatever this form of growth, it is presented unto YAHWEH on the Feast of Weeks. Let's repeat Acts 1:8.

- 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.

Now, there are two possibilities for these two loaves. The first is that they represent the two Houses of the COY; the Houses of Yisrael and Yehudah. Second, they represent the COY (both Houses together as one), and, the Gentiles/nations. Sadly, I have gone back and forth on this issue. However, as we read this verse, there appears to me to be a light that we cannot ignore.

The disciples were to begin witnessing at Yerushalaim, Yehudea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Doesn't there appear to be an order here. The question is, what is the order? Notice the giving of the New Covenant.

- Heb 8:7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Questions and comments were raised in Part One for which additional study was warranted. Verse 8 is plain and simple. The New Covenant will be made with both the House of Yisrael and the House of Yehudah. A valid and poignant point was made last week about the inherent uses of the term Yisrael and Yehudah (Jews). Notice verse ten.

- Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

YAHWEH now refers to both tribes as the House of Yisrael, after saying the New Covenant will be made with both the House of Yisrael and the House of Yehudah. To some, this creates doubts as to what actually happened as the New Covenant began.

This called for some additional research on this so that hopefully, we can defend what ELOHIM's WORD provides to us as we continue our spiritual walks.

Last year. I was convinced that the two loaves were first, the combined Houses of Yisrael, and second, the other nations. However, as I continually read the Acts account of the Feast of Weeks, which we spoke on last week, another possibility arose. As we read of this New Covenant, my question became, whether or not its inception was simultaneous to both Houses. The power that the disciples received began in Zion on this, the first Feast of Weeks of the New Covenant. This is where it began.

The capital of Yehudah was Yerushalaim, Zion. We all know of the importance of Yerushalaim in prophecy as the city of David, also called Zion.

- Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.
- Psa 9:11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

Acts 1:8 presented an order of Yerushalaim (Zion), Yehudah, Samaria, and then the uttermost parts of the earth. Is this how it actually played out?

Let's revisit what we have been given.

First, many fail to recognize that this day the world calls Pentecost is actually the Feast of Weeks, called also Harvest, that had been honored in the land of Yisrael since Yisrael came out of Egypt. And by the way, there is no Feast of First Fruits in ELOHIM's WORD. Notice who were present when this day arrived to implement the New Covenant.

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

There have been previous lessons, where before doubt set in, I truly believed there were probably members of both the House of Yisrael as well as the House of Yehuda present in the land attending this great appointed time, metaphorically referred to as Yehudans, representing both leavened loafs. Yet, the scripture specifically reads “Yehudans, devout men, out of every nation under heaven). Now notice verse 22.

- Act 2:22 **Ye men of Israel,** hear these words; YAHSHUA of Nazareth, a man approved of ELOHIM among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which ELOHIM did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

The Apostle Peter calls them “ye men of Yisrael”. Now, does this create the possibility of members of the House of Yisrael being in attendance? A reasonable response must be, yes it does. Yet, we cannot forget verse 5. And then there was this verse.

- 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:

Do we see the presence of the House of Yisrael in this verse? Well, scripture teaches us that Yerushalaim was the capital of the House of Yehudah. The capital of the House of Yisrael was Samaria. And so, based on these verses alone, we can only conclusively prove that members of the House of Yehudah were in actual attendance on this memorable occasion. However, in fairness to us all, neither do these scriptures conclusively rule out the presence of the House of Yisrael. So, let's revisit a little history of the COY.

- 2Ki 18:1 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* **Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign**. 2Ki 18:2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. 2Ki 18:3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

Here we read of the beginning of Hezekiah's reign in Yehudah, a righteous king for 29 years in Yerushalaim.

- 2Ki 18:9 And it came to pass **in the fourth year of king Hezekiah**, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* **Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria**, and besieged it. 2Ki 18:10 And **at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken**. 2Ki 18:11 And **the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria**, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: 2Ki 18:12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear *them*, nor do *them*.

History records that this happened in 722BC. It was during the reign of Hezekiah, king of Yehudah, that the House of Yisrael (9 tribes) was taken into captivity by Assyria.

Needless to say, YAHWEH was not pleased with HIS people.

- 2Ki 23:27 And the LORD said, **I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen**, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

Notice how HE says that HE will remove Yehudah out of HIS sight, as HE removed Yisrael. This is important. Because we all know that when Yehudah was captured by the Babylonians, a remnant was allowed to stay and return to the land of Yehudah, which were there when YAHWEH came unto HIS own in the flesh.

We have previously read of how Hezekiah lead Yehudah to once again begin the observance of ELOHIM's appointed times (the 29th and 30th chapters of 2Chronicles). Note this point we may have missed.

- 2Ch 31:1 Now when all this was finished, **all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah**, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then **all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities**. 2Ch 31:2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

These references could simply be referring to the House of Yehudah as “all Yisrael” and the COY. Was a House of Yisrael presence there? Let's allow ELOHIM's WORD to confirm whether or not they were also present.

- 2Ch 31:6 And *concerning* **the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah**, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* by heaps.

So, at this time, the House of Yisrael was also present along with Yehuda. Now, what the writings in of the Book of Chronicles do not teach is whether or not this occurred prior to or after the House of Yisrael had been taken by the Assyrians. And what we do know beyond doubt is that the House of Yisrael was removed during the reign of Hezekiah.

After Hezekiah's death, Manasseh and Amon ruled in Yehudah (2Chronicles chapter) before Yosiah, the 8-year old became the most righteous king of Yehudah.

- 2Ch 34:1 Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.
- 2Ch 34:8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. 2Ch 34:9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which **the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin;** and they returned to Jerusalem.

Yosiah began to once again clean the land of unrighteousness. And in so doing, we learn that the Levites made collections from Manasseh, Ephraim, the remnant of Yisrael, and of all of Yehudah and Benyamin. All of a sudden, we see how that, after the death of Hezekiah, the king of Yehudah when the House of Yisrael had been removed, a remnant of Manasseh, Ephraim, and of Yisrael, was present with all of Yehudah and Benyamin.

Let's read just a little further.

- 2Ch 34:21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and **for them that are left in Israel and in Judah**, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

This inquiry of YAHWEH was made for those left in both the Houses of Yisrael and Yehudah. And for total acceptance of these facts, let's read a little more.

- 2Ch 35:16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah. 2Ch 35:17 And **the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.**

Now again, one only reading this verse might stop and think that this was simply the House of Yehudah that was present for this Passover. However, ELOHIM's WORD is sure, if we are patient to allow it to interpret itself.

- 2Ch 35:18 And **there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet**; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and **the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.** 2Ch 35:19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

The Levites, all Yehudah and Yisrael, along with the inhabitants of Yerushalaim, were all present at this Passover, years after the House of Yisrael had been removed from its land.

So, now we have the Biblical record once and for all to know that a remnant of the House of Yisrael was present in the land of Yehudah when YAHWEH came in the flesh as YAHSHUA. This changes some things, doesn't it? Such as the following.

- Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and **into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not**: Mat 10:6 But **go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel**.

YAHSHUA sent HIS 12 disciples to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel”, and yet not to any city of the Samaritans. How many of you, like me, were of the thoughts that they were sent only to the 9-tribed House of Yisrael? Now we know different.

- Mat 15:24 But he answered and said, **I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel**.

Didn't we perhaps think the same of this scripture? This suggests something more revealing to me. The disciples were instructed to not go into any city of the Samaritans. As we will shortly see, there is a difference from the Samaritans, and the Samaritans. Remember, Samaria was the capital of the House of Yisrael.

Remembering the order to which YAHSHUA proclaimed the disciples would witness of HIM, we obviously clearly can see the first two, Yerushalaim and Yehudah. And, we now know that the House of Yisrael was present.

Notice the following testimony.

- Act 8:14 Now **when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John**:

- Act 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: Act 8:16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Act 8:17 **Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

Here, the Apostles Peter and Yochanan were sent to Samaria to complete the process of calling those Samaritans that believed, so that they might receive the Holy Spirit. And let's not forget the following.

- Act 15:7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, **that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.**

The Apostle Peter asserts that it was through his teaching to Cornelius, the first gentile heard the word of the gospel. This teaches us that those that believed at Samaria also had to be Yisraelites, because they became a part of the Household of Faith prior to the calling of that first Gentile, Cornelius.

And, being that Samaria was historically the capital of the House of Yisrael, it is reasonable to believe that by those acts of Acts 8:14-17, YAHSHUA's words to the disciples in Acts 1:8 was fulfilled. The disciples had now witnessed to Yerushalaim, Yehudah, and now Samaria (not to be confused with the cities of the Samaritans whom they were commanded to not visit by YAHSHUA). However, based on what we have read, this next scripture should be clearer to us all. As such, let's recap the first New Covenant Feast of Weeks, based on what we have now learned.

- Act 2:39 For **the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as YAHWEH our ELOHIM 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.**

As the Apostle Peter was speaking to this crowd of Yisraelites, out of every nation, in their native languages as translated by these cloven tongues of fire, he told them that the promises were to them (the COY that we now know included both Houses) and their children. This was the first leavened loaf of the Feast of Weeks.

The promise was also “to all that are afar off” (the nations of the world), “as many as ELOHIM shall call”. Here we see “the others that are afar off”, the second loaf of the Feast of Weeks. Now, scripture becomes clear to us.

YAHSHUA HIMSELF said to HIS disciples.

- Joh 10:14 **I am the good shepherd**, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine. Joh 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and **I lay down my life for the sheep.**

What we must recognize is that at this moment, the Old Covenant was still the order of things. And as such, the COY remained the only family on the earth YAHWEH, now YAHSHUA, ever knew. They represented the first loaf. But notice HIS next statement to them.

- Joh 10:16 And **other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.**

What fold was it, that these other sheep were not of? They were not of the COY. And notice how HE says these HE must also bring in, so that there will be only one fold, and one SHEPHERD. We should now clearly see who these two folds are, that shall become one fold.

We should also now see clearly that the two leavened loaves of the Feast of Weeks represent these two folds that began their growth with the disciples of YAHSHUA; expanded on the first Feast of Weeks of the new Covenant; and began to bring the second fold in, first with Cornelius by the hand of the Apostle Peter, and later, with the Apostle Paul's commission to the Gentiles.

The Apostle Paul was later led to teach us that the protocol of ELOHIM's WORD is to the Yehudan (i.e., the COY) first, and then the Greek/gentiles (i.e., the nations).

- Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of HAMASHIAC: for it is the power of ELOHIM unto salvation to everyone that believeth; **to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**
- Rom 2:10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, **to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:**

I believe we now conclusively see the pattern, and, we now conclusively see the two loaves. As we have discussed several times in the recent past, the Yehudans here is representative of both Houses of Yisrael, and the Greek and Gentiles are representative of the nations, the other fold.

Now, with what we have learned thus far, the question is often asked, did the New Covenant begin at the Feast of Weeks, because we now know that both the House of Yisrael and the House of Yehudah were present for that appointed time? We need but remember our scriptures to answer that question.

- Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. Mat 26:27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; Mat 26:28 For **this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

The obvious answer is here, on YAHSHUA's final passover, as HE implemented the New Covenant Passover. In fact, HE and these disciples first ate the Old Covenant Passover Lamb. And then, YAHSHUA taught the 12 disciples the protocols of the New Covenant Passover. This is when and where the New Covenant began; on the same day HE shed HIS blood of the New Covenant. And, because it was begun here with HIS 12 disciples, it was more probable than not that one or more of YAHSHUA's disciples were also of the House of Yisrael.

What we do now know, this issue was totally resolved by the actions of this wonderful appointed time of the Feast of Weeks. This appointed time establishes that this great plan was developed for the people of ELOHIM, the COY and those who are heirs to spiritual salvation.

This day, commanded to be kept fifty days after the morrow after the first Sabbath following YAHSHUA's resurrection, commemorates the evolution of these events under the New Covenant. It also remembers that the commandments first given to the COY under the First Covenant, are examples to us in modernity. The Apostle Paul expands on these lessons throughout his epistles.

- 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 HAMASHIAC, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without ELOHIM in the world: Eph 2:13 But **now in HAMASHIAC YAHSHUA ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of HAMASHIAC.** Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; Eph 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;

- Eph 2:16 And that he might reconcile both unto ELOHIM in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: Eph 2:17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. Eph 2:18 **For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.**

We know now that this one SPIRIT by which we now have access unto the FATHER is HE who came in the FATHER's own name, YAHSHUA.

- Eph 2:19 So then **you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of ELOHIM's household,** Eph 2:20 having been **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, HAMASHIAC YAHSHUA 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 ELOHIM in the Spirit.**

Here we find the Apostle Paul speaking to the Gentiles, the nations referred to as “afar off and also “to the uttermost parts of the earth”, who were formerly strangers and aliens to the body of HAMASHIAC. Now, these “called-out” Gentiles, who also had been baptized into YAHSHUA, were fellow citizens with the saints of the COY, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. There was now one fold. They now were potentially of the first fruits unto YAHSHUA, to be realized at the resurrection of the saints of ELOHIM.

Finally, some in modernity proclaim that it was on this first Feast of Weeks where the New Covenant church began. Notice Acts 2:41 said that about three thousand souls were added. Well the scripture says they were added. Added to what? It did not say that it was begun here. They were added to a foundation that was already established through HIS disciples. Let's remember what already know.

- 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 HAMASHIAC, the Son of the living ELOHIM. Mat 16:17 And YAHSHUA 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.

YAHSHUA was the Rock of Salvation; the Holy One of Yisrael under the Old Covenant. HE became the Son of Man; the LAMB of ELOHIM; the HIGH PRIEST; the FIRST FRUITS; the SON of ELOHIM! HE is the ROCK upon which HIS church is built. Peter was given the keys to the Kingdom. We see this throughout the testimony.

- 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. 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.

These verses, considered together, teach us that the twelve disciples were given authority to bind on earth what would be also bound in heaven, and loose on the earth what would be loosed in heaven. And beginning with them, YAHSHUA's disciples, who frequently gathered together in HIS name prior to that first Feast of Weeks, ELOHIM began HIS church upon the ROCK, YAHSHUA.

This is the beginning of “the Household of Faith”, the New Covenant church to which those 3,000 souls were added to on the very first Feast of Weeks/ Harvest; the first unleavened loaf of this great Feast. These, along with the others to follow (the second fold/loaf), represent the two loafs, who, if they endure until the end, shall become the first fruits of all those whose creation began on the sixth day of those first seven days (7,000 years) of ELOHIM’s creation week.

As this period of 7,000 years continues, the process of becoming members of the family of ELOHIM is full swing! This appointed time teaches us that it can only be by YAHSHUA’s resurrection that the sheaf commanded by YAHWEH to the COY, and now to the Household of Faith, can be waved (presented to the FATHER), so that the count of fifty to the Feast of Weeks, can occur each year.

As we look forward to the next phase of this great plan, we will see the fulfillment of this day. And remember, the examples as given to the COY on the Feast of Weeks taught us that the two loaves were presented to YAHWEH, as the first fruits.

And, we shall see how that its fulfillment teaches us the so-called chronology of the plan of salvation a little different than what we may have been taught by others. We will see how that the Feast of Weeks actually represents the exact fulfillment another of ELOHIM’s appointed times.

Praise ELOHIM for THEIR grace to us all, in the mighty name of YAHSHUA!!

Shalom!!