

God's Appointed Times (Part 1)



If a person is in Christ, in the
Messiah, he/she is a New
Creation... (2 Cor. 5:17)



Our Precious Savior, the Messiah,
the Savior of the World... as a
Human was of the genetic stock of
Israel... a Hebrew... a Jew



All the Apostles (the 12 and Saul / Paul were also of the genetic stock of Isreal... Hebrew... Jewish



The Bible itself... Old and New
Testaments... written by Inspired
people of Israel... Hebrew...
Jewish (except for Luke/Acts...)



Romans 3:1-2 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? (2) Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.
[NASB]



Romans 11:17-21 (17) But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive *tree*, were **grafted** in among them and became partaker with them of **the rich root of the olive tree**,



Romans 11:17-21 ... (18) do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.



**Romans 11:17-21 ... (19) You will say then,
"Branches were broken off so that I might be
grafted in." (20) Quite right, they were
broken off for their unbelief,**



Romans 11:17-21 ... (20) ... but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; (21) for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. [NASB]



**As Christians, today, our Spiritual
Roots come from Israel... from
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ... through
our Jewish Messiah... Jesus Christ
(Yahshua H' Meshiach).**



Acts 17:30-31

(Paul – Rabbi Shaul – speaking in Greece at Mars Hill)

(30) "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is **now** declaring to **all** mankind that **all** people (*people groups*) everywhere should **repent**,



Acts 17:30-31

(Paul – Rabbi Shaul – speaking in Greece at Mars Hill)
... (31) because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a **Man** whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to **all** men by **raising** Him from the dead."
[NASB]



No matter who you are, today, you can only have this kind of relationship with God, in and through **His Messiah**, Yahshua H'Meshiach (Jesus Christ).



So, if you are truly Born Again... a follower of Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah... you can truly call Abraham your “father of faith” (father in the faith).



Today, we as followers of Jesus Christ... do not have to participate in or follow the Jewish/Israeli “feast days” as seen in Leviticus 23.



Yet, for over 200 years, Jewish and Gentile followers of Jesus (Yahshua) continued to participate in those feasts - yet in a new light... as seen in Christ.



1 Corinthians 5:6-8

(6) Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?



1 Corinthians 5:6-8

... (7) Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact **unleavened**. For **Christ** (*Messiah*) our **Passover** also has been sacrificed.



1 Corinthians 5:6-8

... (8) Therefore let us **celebrate the feast**, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the **unleavened bread of sincerity and truth**.



These Jewish and Gentile followers of
Jesus continued to celebrate
Passover... to celebrate Jesus Christ.



These Biblical / Israeli “feasts”
symbolized the Ministry and future
interventions of the Messiah into History



The Biblical / Israeli “**feasts**” seen in
Leviticus 23... these are Yahweh’s
“Appointed Times” → He says
“**My** Appointed Times...” (Lev. 23:1-4)



The Biblical / Israeli “**feasts**” seen in
Leviticus 23... these are Yahweh’s
“Appointed Times” → They Point to
Christ... The MESSIAH



These are Holy Convocations unto
Yahweh... Holy / Sacred Gatherings
and Assemblies... Holy because they
are set apart unto God to Worship Him
alone...



Holy Gatherings → family groupings,
small groups, medium groups, larger
groups – in homes – tabernacle –
synagogue - Temple...



Leviticus 23:3 →

You have six days when you can do your work, but the seventh day of each week is holy because it belongs to Me. No matter where you live, you must rest on the Sabbath and come together for worship. **This law will never change.**

(see...: Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Deut. 5:12-15)



Why are these feasts, His Appointed Times, so Important to God?

1. God wants us to REST in Him and to look to Him as our REST.



Why are these feasts, His Appointed Times, so Important to God?

2. God wants us to remember that we were created to obey, know, and worship Him.



Why are these feasts, His Appointed Times, so Important to God?

3. God wants us to CONNECT with **HIM** in families, in small, medium and large groups...



Why are these feasts, His Appointed Times, so Important to God?

4. God wants us to CONNECT with **EACH OTHER** in families, in small, medium and large groups...



Why are these feasts, His Appointed Times, so Important to God?

5. These “feast” are **PROPHETICALLY** fulfilled in the Messiah – Jesus Christ... both when He came and in the future.



Questions:

1. Is resting in God, through Jesus Christ, a difficult thing for you?



Questions:

2. Do you worry about the future?
Are you RESTING in God?
Is He your REST?



Questions:

3. How does it make you feel that God wants you to **connect** with Him on a regular basis?



Questions:

4. Do you look forward to Connecting with God on a consistent basis?



Questions:

5. Do you look forward to worshipping, praising, singing to, singing about and thanking God personally and with others on a regular basis?



Questions:

6. What are some steps you can take, especially with the help of others, to improve your “**connection**” with God and with His children?

