ARTICLE 1

THE TIME OF REVELATION: IMPORTANCE OF THE FEAST DAYS

"Then said David to Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat (feast):..." 1 Sam. 20:5

Previously, King Saul attempted to kill his servant David on three separate occasions, yet why would David have such respect and consideration towards the appointed New Moon Feast with his own life hanging in the balance?

The new moon is a time of feasting and an opportunity to gather for instruction in the God of Israel's law. It is a monthly "family reunion." In Israel, the first of each month, or new moon, was proclaimed by the blowing of trumpets.

"Sing aloud to God our strength. Make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob. Take a psalm and bring here the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon in the time appointed on our solemn feast day." Psalms 81:1-3

All of the offerings of the New Moon were just as important as the offerings of the Sabbath and Passover. (Reference: Numbers 28)

Offerings	Sabbath	New Moon
Bullocks	0	2
Ram	0	1
Lambs	2	7
Flour	Y	Y
Wine	Y	Y

"HE APPOINTED THE MOON FOR SEASONS." Psalms 104:19

According to Harris' Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, the most common Biblical Hebrew word for month is the noun "chodesh". It properly means "new moon." According to Vine's Dictionary, this word is found under the listing "NEW; NEW MOON" and not month. The verb form of "chadash" is "to renew" while the adjective form is "new."

"Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew (chadash) a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

As the days for all feasts are calculated by the new moon, the lunar cycle or phases of the moon are of significant importance. During each lunar month, the moon has eight distinct phases as it completes its circle around the Earth in its orbit. (see previous page #3)









During the new moon or 1st phase, the moon is positioned between the earth and the sun, thus, making it "invisible" except during a solar eclipse.





The new moon, just as the kingdom of God, does not come with physical observation. During the <u>first quarter or 3rd phase</u>, one half of the moon appears to be illuminated by direct sunlight.

During the time between the new moon and the full moon, the moon "waxes" crescent (2nd phase) and gibbous (4th phase).

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The moon appears to be completely illuminated by direct sunlight bringing in the full moon or 5th phase. During the last quarter or 7th phase, one half of the moon is illuminated by direct sunlight.

During the time between the full moon and the following new moon, the moon "wanes" gibbous (6th phase) and crescent (8th phase).

The average lunation from new moon to new moon is about 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes in length. Thus, each lunar calendar month has 29 or 30 days. The bible month generally is 30 days. (Gen 7:11, 24 & Gen 8:3-4).

"Bring no more vain oblation, incense is an abomination unto me, the new moons and Sabbaths, the calling of the assemblies, I CANNOT (DO) AWAY WITH, it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates! They are a trouble unto me. I am weary to bear them?" Isaiah 1:13-14

"And lest you lift up your eyes to heaven and when you see the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, should be driven to worship them and serve them which YHWH your ELOHIM has divided to all nations under the whole heaven." Deut. 4:19 Because YHWH ELOHIM (The LORD GOD) divided gods to the nations to worship and serve, the holy seed was separated or sanctified to the true and living Elohim as his servants in the earth.

However, some of the children just as their fathers, did not take heed to the forewarning and refused to offer the "First Fruits" unto the Elohim of Israel which thing caused the new moons and Sabbaths to be polluted.

Not only did the "rebellious" withhold the first ripe fruit from the Elohim of Israel, they also received to themselves the last or remnant of the crop.

"Hear this, O you that swallow up the needy even the poor of the land to fail. Saying, When will the new moon be gone that we may sell corn? And the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat....and falsifying the balances (measurements) by deceit?" Amos 8:4-5

"I have reserved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." Rom 11:4-5

This feast could only be recognized by the reckoning of time or calculating the new moon. Because the feasts and holy days were kept throughout the book of Acts. We have a witness that the new moon is as relevant today as it was yesterday and as it will be forever.

"For behold, YHWH will come with fire...and it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me says YHWH." Isaiah 66:15-24

"Thus says YHWH ELOHIM; the gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days, but on the Sabbath ..., and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened."—Ezekiel 46:1

"And it shall come to pass that everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem (battle of Armageddon) shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, YHWH of hosts and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles." Zech 14:16

When mankind has the heart to move from knowledge to understanding and then to the knowledge of Elohim, we witness that Yahshua the Messiah magnifies the law, thus making it honorable with his sacrifice (Isa. 42:21, Mt. 5:17). With the "sacrificial law" being triumphed over, we then begin to understand that the law is heavenly or "of the Spirit".

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Many people around the world have knowledge as it pertains to the historical or Old Covenant aspects of the Holy Feast Days (Lev.23). Yet, the feasts of YHWH also testify of Yahshua as a faithful witness of YAHWEH Elohim's Law Code as instructed to Moses (Heb.3:1-3). Messianic Israelites (House of Judah) acknowledge the Feast Days as a walk in the Spirit of Yahshua. Their relevance yearly is as important as it was yesteryear due to the coming fulfillment of prophecy by the children of Judah and Jerusalem.

Due to the lamb's blood, the death angel passed over the houses of Israel as the firstborn in Egypt were destroyed (Ex.12). The children of Israel were thrust out of Egypt the following day, thus leaving the leaven (sin) of Egypt behind. As the proud Egyptians pursued the children of Israel, YHWH allowed our forefathers to become the First Fruits as they were baptized into a new life as the Red Sea was parted (Ex.14). The Law of Moses was given at Mt. Sinai in the same month as the Feast of Weeks (Ex.19).

Born in the town of Bethlehem (House of Bread) and offering his own soul (blood), the lamb of YHWH became the Passover sacrifice with his death (1 Cor 5:7). The Star of Jacob was separate from sin as his body laid in his tomb on the

Feast of Unleavened Bread. On the third day, the Lion of Judah was resurrected and became the First Fruits among many brethren (1 Cor 15:20-23). After being instructed to dwell in Jerusalem (Acts 1,2), the apostles and disciples of Yahshua, the Root of David, received the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost).



As the spring Feast Days speak of a time of birth (rebirth) and growth, the Passover still holds prophetic significance for the Jews in Captivity as it speaks towards deliverance and redemption from 400 years of bondage (cultural, economical, & physical). Delivering ourselves (Zech.2:7) through wholehearted service and worship of YHWH, Yisrael, and Yahshua, the Feast of Unleavened Bread speaks to our separation (sanctification) from the evil deeds of the daughter of Babylon (America). As we cross the mighty Atlantic Ocean, our allurement into the wilderness (Hos.2:14-23) will confirm the justification of the firstborn or First Fruits to Yahshua as the scourging by fire purifies the Sons of Promise.

Please reference the following for the historical, messianic, and relevant aspects of the following Feast Days:

Feast of Trumpets

Lev.23:23-25; Psa.47; Ezek.33:1-5; 1 Cor.15:51-53

Day of Atonement

Lev.23:26-32; Lev.16; Rom 5:6-11; Heb.2:16-18

Tabernacles

Lev.23:33-44; Psa.43; John 7:2; Heb 8 & 9

Spring Feast Days

Josh 4:19, 5:8-15; Acts 12:1-3; 20:6; Jas.1:16-18, 1 Cor.16:8