

THE APPOINTED TIMES OF YAHUAH

The feast days or appointed times of YAH in the scriptures is something that has been lost in modern Christianity. People look at these times as something negative or something that no longer needs to be done. It is important to reset your mindset when understanding these days.

We do not practice these times to receive salvation. We use these days to remember. We remember YAHUAH and His Covenant with us. All of these days are used to bring remembrance of YAH. Whether you have family that believes the same way, or you are alone in your faith, you can and should remember these days. The importance of these days is not about legalism, but it is about remembrance. These times and days spread out through the year, keep our minds fixed upon YAHUAH, His Word and His Promises. If you keep these days and remember them, you should always be in a state of readiness for YAH and His Kingdom. If you use these days and just keep the word "REMEMBER" in focus, you will truly come to understand the importance of these days. Our lives are not about serving ourselves, they are about serving the Most High. Use these days to keep Him and His Covenant with us always at the forefront of your mind.

These are some points and highlights about each of these appointed times. Be blessed!

The Sabbath

Leviticus 23:3

- A weekly feast that we have on the 7th day
- It is included in the feasts because it is an appointed time of YAHUAH that we rest, refocus, and regather ourselves for the next week
- In honoring the Sabbath, we do no work
- We rest and we remember YAHUAH, while we fellowship with our family
- Honoring this command forces us to stop, rest, and refocus ourselves weekly
- We can take a break from this world and enjoy what truly matters in our lives
- We rest, do no work, and do not cook and we regather ourselves while remember YAHUAH
- It is a good best practice to prepare a sabbath meal before the Sabbath Day starts, for yourself or your family honoring the sabbath with you
- This day is a blessing, it is not a burden

Passover

Leviticus 23:4-5

- This is on the 14th day of the new year, the month of Nisan/Abib
- This is a highly important day when we remember the power of YAH and when He introduced it to the world
- The account can be read in Exodus 12: 3-14
- It is a day of memorial that we remember YAHUAH when He passed over Israel and struck the land of Egypt
- We remember YAHUAH's power freeing Israel from captivity in Egypt
- This day is also used as a prophetic example of YAH's plan for us against the bondage of sin
- The unblemished lamb sacrificed and it's blood over the door posts protecting Israel all point to YAH's plan through our Messiah
- Yahusha our Messiah is our Passover Lamb
- On Passover, we not only remember YAH's power of Egypt and how he freed His children from captivity, we also remember Yahusha our Messiah as our Passover Lamb
- We remember that through His sacrifice our Father YAHUAH will pass over us when we are covered in the blood of the lamb
- Our Father will pass over us when He judges the world
- We also remember that YAHUAH will again show His power as He did in Egypt and free His children again and bring Him back to Him
- We prepare the Passover meal according to the scriptures with a roasted lamb with bitter herbs
- After the meal we remember Yahusha through the bread and wine as He did in His last meal
- This is an important day that should always be remembered

The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Leviticus 23:6-8

- This is the next day after Passover and celebrated for 7 days
- In keeping this feast on the 15th day the day after Passover, we eat unleavened bread for a week
- Remove all leaven from your home
- Leaven is yeast
- On the first and 7th day, if you are able to, you do no work and you gather with your family and feast
- A feast is a big meal. It's like those same big meals we used to do for Easter & Thanksgiving
- Bring your family over. Read some scripture, so they remember and understand
- Pray together and fellowship while you remember YAHUAH and His power
- In this feast we remember how YAHUAH delivered His people from their bitter experience of a long enslavement
 - One day they were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, the next they were free
- As we keep this feast, we not only remember Israel's exodus from Egypt into freedom, but also our own deliverance from sin and death into the freedom
- By keeping this, we remember to obey YAHUAH and serve Him in righteousness
- We remember this feast because it keeps of in remembrance of how fast YAHUAH works
- When keeping this feast remember it shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that YAHUAH's law may be in your mouth
 - for with a strong hand YAHUAH has brought you out of Egypt
- By keeping this feast, we keep the power of YAHUAH and His promises are always at the forefront of our minds

Shavuot or The Feast of Weeks

Leviticus 23:9-11

- It is observed on the 50th day after Passover
- We remember that this is the time when YAHUAH gave Yahusha's body the gift of the Holy Spirit
- In this feast of Shavuot, we remember YAHUAH, His power, and His promises
- We know and remember that YAHUAH has a plan for us
- We use this day as a day of remembrance and devotion to YAHUAH
- This Day should be used as time to reflect and remember
- A day to fellowship with family and like-minded believers and keep your mind on YAH
- Use this feast to remember all that YAHUAH has done and all that He is prophesied to do
- It is a day of remembrance and praise

The Feast of Trumpets

Leviticus 23:23-25

- This is on the 1st day of the 7th month
- It is to be a “memorial” with “blast of trumpets”
- We do not recognize it as the modern day Rev 2:9’s with Rosh Ha Shanah
 - This is not the mark of a new year
- The Feast of Trumpets, the sound of the shofar or trumpet, reminds Israel that they are a people under covenant, a nation who has accepted the responsibilities of being YAHUAH’s people
- Being in covenant with YAHUAH includes repenting of sin, and then seeking atonement
- The covenant and repentance become hallmarks of remembrance on this day
- The Day of Trumpets begins a 10-day period of serious reflection and repentance in which Israel would set their accounts right with one another to prepare for the Day of Atonement
- For the next 10 days we set our minds on YAH and we reflect over our life and we pray and repent
- The Day of Trumpets celebrates YAHUAH’s faithfulness to His covenant and His promises to Israel by blasting the shofar
- As we remember this time in our faith, it brings back some promises that Messiah said when He would come back like
 - Matthew 24:30-31
 - Isaiah 27:13
 - Isaiah 11:11-12
- On this Feast day we rest from work, we pray, we repent, we go to the scriptures and remember
- We remember the promise of what happens at the blasts of the trumpets
- On this day we remember that we must be ready for this trumpet blast which will bring back the gathering of Israel and the reappearance of our Messiah, our King!

Yom Kippur or The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 23:26-32 & Leviticus 16:29-31

- The Day of Atonement is the 10th day of the 7th month
- This day is considered to be the most solemn day of the year
- It is not a feast or a festival, but a solemn day of fasting
- On this day we do no work
- This day focuses on repentance and forgiveness
- Yom Kippur has always been remembered by Israel
- Now that we have Messiah, we do not forget this day because He provides our atonement
- On the contrary we recognize Yahusha as the continuous fulfillment of this day
- Yahusha is the High Priest who atones for the sins of the people, and He is also the atoning sacrifice Himself
- Yahusha offered his own life up as an atonement for us and He is our atonement
- Yahusha is our High Priest and His sacrifice atoned for our sins
- He is our eternal High Priest
- Our salvation does not cancel out the need for ongoing repentance
- The Day of Atonement is a time for YAH's people to mourn, plead for mercy, and seek cleansing
- This day brings renewal and spiritual cleansing, as each of us reflects on the sins of the past year and lays open our secret thoughts and intentions before YAHUAH
- Repentance calls us to turn from wrong and walk in the ways of YAH
- The Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur points to YAHUAH's grace
- Through Yahusha our High Priest our sins are atoned for, and we use this period of time from the Day of trumpets to the Day of Atonement to spiritually cleanse ourselves from our past and live renewed and continue to grow in YAH

Sukkot or The Feast of Tabernacles/ Booths

Leviticus 23:33-43

- This feast is held on the 15th day of the 7th month
- It lasts 7 days with the first day observed as a Festival Sabbath and an eighth day, following the seven also celebrated as a festival Sabbath
- Those 2 days are big feasts
- The dominant theme of this feast is the command to rejoice
- Sukkot is a memorial to remind us of the building of booths during our ancestors' wanderings in the wilderness
- The Feast of Tabernacles was an annual reminder to the people that YAHUAH is the Great Shepherd who has chosen to 'tabernacle among them,' to protect and bless them wherever they wander"
- The practice of keeping the Feast of Booths and how we as believers today celebrate it is important
- In celebrating it, it reminds us that YAHUAH will establish His Kingdom and fulfill His Promises
- This feast reminds us that YAHUAH has pitched His tent with Israel
- He has pitched His tent with us and dwells with us and for this we celebrate and rejoice
- We feast, we celebrate, and we remember
- This is 7 days of feasting and on the 8th day the biggest meal
- Prepare meals for your family throughout this time and celebrate and remember YAHUAH
- If you are able make a tent or booth in your home or outside and use this time with your family to truly illustrate our relationship with YAHUAH
- Read the scriptures and remember Him
- Remember that YAHUAH dwells with us through YAHUSHA and He has promises to restore us back to Him in full

Hallelu YAH