



September 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Messiah,

Shalom! שלום!

"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts." Zechariah 4:6

זְכַרְיָה 4:6 "וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-זֵרְבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We pray that by God's grace you are well, as we send along this September newsletter. We just concluded the month of August, where I had the privilege to officiate the wedding ceremony of a lovely young couple. Now we are in the month of September, and it is a very busy month for us. We had the privilege of witnessing the TVILA, the baptism, of three of our brethren who attend the meetings of the Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible fellowship.



These believers wanted to identify in water baptism with our Lord Jesus the Messiah in His death, burial and resurrection. We can say with the Psalmist, how good is the God we adore; how good is our Lord *YESHUA*, how faithful He is to each one of His own people.

The month of September happens to fall on the Hebrew-Biblical month of *TISHREY*. This month is a very important month for Israel. On the first day of *TISHREY*, our Jewish people are called to keep the feast of Trumpets. The *SHOFAR*, is blown as a memorial as it is found in Leviticus 23:24b. This feast of trumpets is also known as Israel's first day of the civil New Year; in Hebrew it is called, *ROSH HA-SHANAH*, The head of the year. In Leviticus 23, one of the most interesting chapters in God's Word, we read of God's instruction to Israel concerning His feasts.

They are called *MO-A-DEY YHWH*, the feasts of the Lord. These seven feasts are yearly-appointed times and seasons, which God commanded Israel to remember and observe. In Leviticus 23:1-2 we read, **And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.** The Hebrew word *MO-A-DIM*, or *MO-ED* singular, means much more than just a feast day, or a day of celebration, but literally it means an appointment, or an appointed season. God has an appointed plan and program, in which in due season He will bring about His own purpose for mankind. We, who are believers in Jesus and part of the Assembly, the called out ones, learn that through these seven appointed seasons, God reveals His preplanned program of redemption for Israel, for the assembly and for all humanity. The apostle Paul, who knew well his Hebrew Scriptures, pointed to this truth in his letter to the Romans in chapter 15:4 saying: **For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

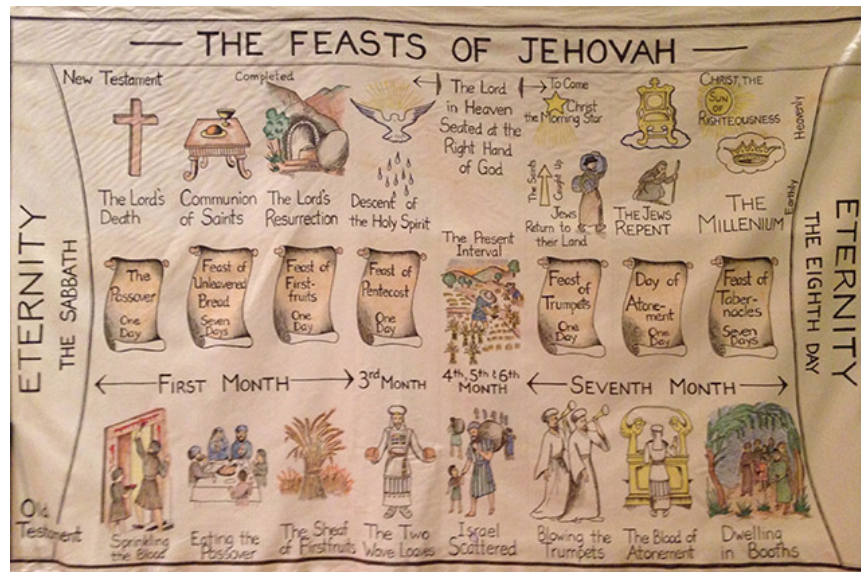


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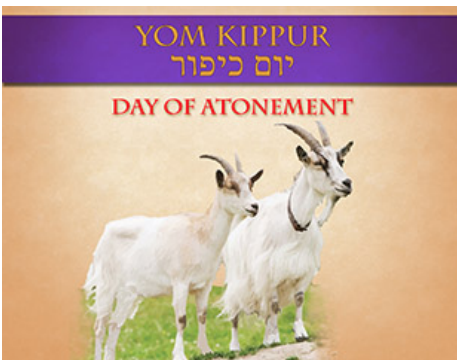
We praise God for the hope that we, believers in Yeshua - Jesus the Messiah have. This hope is detailed for us in God's Word. There is an amazing prophetic outline found in these seven feasts of *YHWH*. Each one of these seven feasts clearly points to events that will happen in Israel's history. Each event relates to the person of Jesus the Messiah, and to God's dealings with Israel, the Assembly of God and all humanity. This chart gives us a clear picture of God's program from eternity to eternity.

Seven *MO-A-DEY YHWH*, the seven feasts of the Lord (Leviticus 23):

1. Passover (Chag Pesach) - Nisan 14-15 - Messiah's death.
2. Unleavened Bread (Chag Ha-matzot) - Nisan 15-22 - Messiah's sinless life.
3. First Fruits (Chag Hakatsir) - Nisan 16-17 - Messiah's resurrection.
4. Weeks (Chag Shavu'ot) - Sivan 6-7 - Holy Spirit's descent, the birth of the assembly.
5. Trumpets (Yom Teru'ah) - Tishri 1 - Israel's physical restoration to the land.
6. Atonement (Yom Kippur) - Tishri 10 - Israel's spiritual regeneration to Messiah.
7. Tabernacles (Chag Sukkot) - Tishri 15-22 – The Messianic kingdom.



Through the teachings of Leviticus 23 we learn of the two comings of Messiah. The first is seen in the feast of Passover, God's son came entered to this world as man, in order to become the Passover Lamb, according to John 1:29b. **Behold The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.** He suffered, died and rose again, He became the sacrifice Lamb for of God for the sin of the world; this has happened in past history. On the other hand, the second coming is presented for us in the Fall feasts of YHWH, the feasts of Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles, where Jesus the Messiah will come a second time, Israel will recognize Him and receive Him. According to Zechariah 12:10b: **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.** Than Yeshua will reign as Israel's king, as truly He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Israel will be restored to God, and He will provide the promised Messianic Kingdom for all humanity.



What a blessed hope we believers in Jesus have. As we listen these days to world news and watch how events develop in the land of Israel and all around the world, we can understand YESHUA's words to His disciples as written in Luke 21:28: **Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.** We can also be encouraged by James' words to the believers in chapter 5:8: **You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.** So dear brothers and sisters, may the Lord help us to be encouraged waiting on our Lord, and be like David who encouraged himself in the Lord his God, according to 1 Samuel 30:6b: **but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.**

Our hearts' desire is to serve our Lord Jesus among our Jewish people. We thank God for each one who prays for Irene and I, and supports us in a practical way this ministry. We also are thankful for our brothers and sisters who are burdened in their hearts for Israel's salvation, love God's word and attend the Holy Scriptures and Israel's Friday's Bible classes and Saturday's ministry meetings, learning together the word of God. We praise God as He brings into our midst regularly new people, for which we are so thankful. We are privileged to be able to share God's word with every one, Jewish or non-Jewish, those who are willing to listen.

The subject of our last Saturday ministry meeting was the feast of Trumpets. We read in Genesis 22, the binding of Isaac. This story of Abraham, Isaac and the Ram who became the substitute for Isaac is read in the synagogue every feast of Trumpets. It is an amazing story of love, obedience and worship. There was good attendance in our meeting and we enjoyed hearing the sound of the *SHOFAR*. A reminder of Israel's physical restoration to the Promised Land, this will ultimately lead Israel as a nation to acknowledge that *YESHUA* truly is the promised Messiah, this will happen at the end of the time of Jacob's trouble, Jeremiah 30:7. In John 8:56 Jesus said: **Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.** Often our people ask us this question, Why did God request from our father Abraham, to offer his only son Isaac for a burnt offering on Mount Moriah? And again, how could God request this from our father Abraham, after so many years, in which Abraham waited for this very son? With God's help and the leading of the Holy Spirit we point our hearers to the greatest love story ever told, the story of God the father who gave His only begotten son *YESHUA*, to become the substitute for us all. Of this we read in John 10:17-18: **Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.**

Lord willing in the next 2 Saturdays' ministry meetings, we will look into God's Word and learn from Scriptures of the last two Fall feasts of the LORD, found in Leviticus 23. The Day of Atonement and the feast of Booths, *YOM KIPPUR* and the feast of *SUKKOT*. We will emphasize the importance of Atonement, but even more, the complete removal of sins by our Lord Jesus the Messiah and the promised Messianic Kingdom.

We value your prayers for the Holy Scriptures and Israel radio programs. We appreciate your prayers and financial support to enable us to continue to air the programs. We receive feedback from some who listen and are encouraged to continue on as the Lord leads. Some, who listen to the Bible teachings, visit our Bible classes and ministry meetings. The three stations that air our programs are Joy 1250 in Ontario <http://www.joy1250.ca/> WDCX in Buffalo N.Y. <http://www.wdcxradio.com/> and KDIA in San Francisco California <http://www.kdia.com/> For those of you who inquire about our website, you can listen to our bible teachings and are now able to download any of the books that are available on the website: www.holyscripturesandisrael.com

Please pray for:

- The Jewish community during these days of the Fall feasts.
- The salvation of Israel.
- The Jewish people who come across our path.
- Those who were just baptized.
- The weekly Bible study and ministry meetings in Toronto.
- The radio programs, for Gideon to be faithful in presenting God's Word.
- The needed physical and spiritual strength of Irene and Gideon.
- The growth of all those who attend our meetings.
- The upcoming [tour to Israel](#) in March, 2016.

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."
Isaiah 62:1

יְשַׁעְיָהוּ 62:1: לְמַעַן צִיּוֹן לֹא אֶחְשָׁה וּלְמַעַן יְרוּשָׁלַם לֹא אֶשְׁקוּט עַד--יֵצֵא כְנֶגְהָ צְדָקָה וְיִשׁוּעָתָה כְּלָפִיד יִבְעָר:

May the Lord bless you.

In Messiah, Gideon and Irene

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Please pray for Israel to open their hearts and see Yeshua our Messiah who said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

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