

*Greetings, today our manna is from Lev. 23; Psalm 30; Ecc. 6; 2Tim. 2.*

## *April 19 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Leviticus 23**

Leviticus 23 records details of the appointed times of YHWH. Frequently, these appointed times are incorrectly labeled as ‘Jewish’ Feasts; when they should be called YHWH’s Feasts.

Moedim is another term for appointed times; these are important dates on YHWH’s calendar and are times we rehearse with our Groom. There are seven moedim that are grouped into the Spring/Summer feasts and Fall feasts. In addition, Shabbats are also considered His appointed times.

Why are His feasts, our wedding rehearsals, so important? They make up His **‘appointment’ calendar with us!** We are on His calendar and He is on ours! If we want to know what He is about to do and when He is going to meet with us; then we need to hold these special times with Him close to our hearts.

When Yahusha (YHWH in Son) came the first time; He was born during the fall feasts and He was crucified during the spring feasts. Everything about YHWH is orderly and prophetically planned. For YHWH so loved the world, that He gave us His one and only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life! (John 3:16) This is His proposal to us!

When we accept His proposal, we begin our journey with Him by faith. We recognize what He did for us on the crucifixion tree at **Passover**. We are born anew when our once blind eyes see, and our deaf ears hear; we repent for our sins; we ask Him for forgiveness; and we accept His proposal. We acknowledge in so many words that, truly He is the Son of Elohim.

Yahusha HaMashiach, the Lamb of Elohim, voluntarily chose to lay down His life and take it back up so as to redeem us, His bride. His dying for our sins represents the **feast of Matzot or Unleavened Bread** and His resurrection on the third day represents the **feast of First Fruits**.

Numerous times we read about His feasts not only in the Tenak (Old Testament); but also in the Brit Hadasha (New Testament); and even to this day! **They were and are observed annually.** In the Tenak during the Exodus, the people rehearsed the spring feasts which foretold of the **coming Messiah** and the fulfillment of the promise given to Abraham. The agricultural connections depicted in His rehearsals, represented **a much bigger picture** to be fulfilled. The cyclic prophetic fulfillment of these rehearsals not only took place in the Tenak, like with the Exodus out of Egypt and their entry into the promised land; but also, we see them come to life in the Brit Hadasha (New Testament) with Yahusha's first coming; his crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection; and His ascension, in which He is now seated at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order. And guess what? As we practice YHWH's feasts annually, they **have yet more prophetic fulfillment to take place** regarding His second coming!

But wait! There's more! **We, His people, are very much in these feasts!** After all, would the bride not show up for the wedding rehearsals? **He will gather all that belong to Him.** Throughout the ages, those that received Him by faith before, during, and after His crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection were **justified** by and through Him. He is the Door of the Tabernacle! By His torn flesh, the outer veil of the set-apart place was torn top to bottom, giving His people access into the set-apart place once and for all! **He has made us a kingdom of priests, a holy nation of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation.**

We come to Him just as we are; but He refuses to leave us that way. Each day He is lovingly committed to maturing us as His bride. Our sanctification, our maturing, is represented by the counting of the Omer (50 days) from the Barley harvest of the spring feasts that ends with the Wheat harvest, Shavuot or Pentecost. Each year, we grow in our maturity as we are being readied for the end-time harvest and marriage supper of the Lamb.

The **end-time harvest** takes place during His fall feast rehearsals. The spring feasts will also have their role as well during the end-times. The **Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah)** ushers in the coming of the King of kings; then comes the 10 days of Awe which leads to the **Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)** when corporate judgment of the nation's take place. The **feast of Tabernacles (or Booths) (or the feast of In-gathering)** occurs on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month for 7 days, with the 8<sup>th</sup> day being a set-apart gathering; a time of 'new beginning' with our Groom. The feast of Tabernacles is the time when **the bride and Groom will 'tabernacle' together** face to face and consummate the marriage.

This is just an overview of some of the prophetic significances of His appointed times. Remember His Sabbaths [are also appointed times](#).

### Feasts of YHWH

**Lev 23:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Lev 23:2** “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, and say to them, ‘The appointed times of יהוה, which you are to proclaim as set-apart gatherings, My appointed times, are these:

#### The Sabbath

**Lev 23:3** ‘Six days work is done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, a set-apart gathering. You do no work, it is a Sabbath to יהוה in all your dwellings.

#### The Passover

**Lev 23:4** ‘These are the appointed times of יהוה, set-apart gatherings which you are to proclaim at their appointed times.

**Lev 23:5** ‘In the first new *moon*, on the fourteenth day of the new *moon*, between the evenings, is the Pěsah<sup>a</sup> to יהוה. [Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Passover.](#)

**Lev 23:6** ‘And on the fifteenth day of this new *moon* is the Festival of Matzot<sup>b</sup> to יהוה – seven days you eat unleavened bread. [Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Unleavened Bread.](#)

**Lev 23:7** ‘On the first day you have a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.

**Lev 23:8** ‘And you shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה for seven days. On the seventh day is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.’ ”

#### The Feast of Firstfruits

**Lev 23:9** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Lev 23:10** “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, and you shall say to them, ‘When you come into the land which I give you, and shall reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest to the priest.

**Lev 23:11** ‘And he shall wave the sheaf before יהוה, for your acceptance. On the morrow after the Sabbath the priest waves it.

**Lev 23:12** ‘And on that day when you wave the sheaf, you shall prepare a male lamb a year old, a perfect one, as an ascending offering to יהוה,

**Lev 23:13** and its grain offering: two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to יהוה, a sweet fragrance, and its drink offering: one-fourth of a hin of wine.

**Lev 23:14** ‘And you do not eat bread or roasted grain or fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your Elohim – a law forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

#### The Feast of Weeks

**Lev 23:15** ‘And from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the

sheaf of the wave offering, you shall count for yourselves: seven completed Sabbaths.

**Lev 23:16** 'Until the morrow after the seventh Sabbath you count fifty days, then you shall bring a new grain offering to יהוה'.

**Lev 23:17** 'Bring from your dwellings for a wave offering two *loaves of bread*, of two-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour they are, baked with leaven, first-fruits to יהוה'.

**Lev 23:18** 'And besides the bread, you shall bring seven lambs a year old, perfect ones, and one young bull and two rams. They are an ascending offering to יהוה', with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet fragrance to יהוה'.

**Lev 23:19** 'And you shall offer one male goat as a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old, as a slaughter of peace *offerings*.'

**Lev 23:20** 'And the priest shall wave them, besides the bread of the first-fruits, as a wave offering before יהוה', besides the two lambs. They are set-apart to יהוה' for the priest.

**Lev 23:21** 'And on this same day you shall proclaim a set-apart gathering for yourselves, you do no servile work on it – a law forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.'

**Lev 23:22** 'And when you reap the harvest of your land do not completely reap the corners of your field when you reap, and do not gather any gleaning from your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the stranger. I am יהוה' your Elohim.' ”

### The Feast of Trumpets

**Lev 23:23** And יהוה' spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Lev 23:24** “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, ‘In the seventh new *moon*, on the first day of the new *moon*, you have a rest, a remembrance of Teru’ah,<sup>c</sup> a set-apart gathering. Footnote: <sup>c</sup>Lit. Soundings, by instrument or human voice.

**Lev 23:25** ‘You do no servile work, and you shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה’.

### The Day of Atonement

**Lev 23:26** And יהוה' spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Lev 23:27** “On the tenth day of this seventh new *moon* is Yom haKippurim.<sup>d</sup> It shall be a set-apart gathering for you. And you shall afflict your beings, and shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה'. Footnote: <sup>d</sup>Day of Atonement or Day of the Coverings.

**Lev 23:28** “And you do no work on that same day, for it is Yom Kippurim, to make atonement for you before יהוה' your Elohim.

**Lev 23:29** “For any being who is not afflicted on that same day, he shall be cut off from his people.

**Lev 23:30** “And any being who does any work on that same day, that being I shall destroy from the midst of his people.

**Lev 23:31** “You do no work – a law forever throughout your generations in all your

dwellings.

**Lev 23:32** 'It is a Sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your beings. On the ninth day of the new *moon* at evening, from evening to evening, you observe your Sabbath.'

### The Feast of Booths

**Lev 23:33** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Lev 23:34** "Speak to the children of Yisra'ël, saying, 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh new *moon* is the Festival of **Sukkot**<sup>e</sup> for seven days to יהוה. **Footnote:**  
<sup>e</sup>Booths.

**Lev 23:35** 'On the first day is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.

**Lev 23:36** 'For seven days you bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. On the eighth day there shall be a set-apart gathering for you, and you shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. It is a closing festival, you do no servile work.

**Lev 23:37** 'These are the appointed times of יהוה which you proclaim as set-apart gatherings, to bring an offering made by fire to יהוה, an ascending offering and a grain offering, a slaughtering and drink offerings, as commanded for every day –

**Lev 23:38** besides the Sabbaths of יהוה, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your voluntary offerings which you give to יהוה.

**Lev 23:39** 'On the fifteenth day of the seventh new *moon*, when you gather in the fruit of the land, celebrate the festival of יהוה for seven days. On the first day is a rest, and on the eighth day a rest.

**Lev 23:40** 'And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of good trees, branches of palm trees, twigs of leafy trees, and willows of the stream, and shall rejoice before יהוה your Elohim for seven days.

**Lev 23:41** 'And you shall celebrate it as a festival to יהוה for seven days in the year – a law forever in your generations. Celebrate it in the seventh new *moon*.

**Lev 23:42** 'Dwell in booths for seven days; all who are native born in Yisra'ël dwell in booths,

**Lev 23:43** so that your generations know that I made the children of Yisra'ël dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim. I am יהוה your Elohim.' "

**Lev 23:44** Thus did Mosheh speak of the appointed times of יהוה to the children of Yisra'ël.

In **Leviticus 23** these feasts are reviewed, as well as in **Exodus 23**; and multiple times throughout His Word! **They cycle annually**, so we see them taking place over and over again! Just as **non-believers** celebrate man-made traditional pagan holidays; **believers, being set-apart**, celebrate their wedding rehearsals known as His feast days! Practice, practice, practice makes perfect! We want to stay in step with YHWH.

Do you see this beautiful picture! I truly hope so! His ‘appointment’ calendar is His feasts days and these appointments should be written on our calendars!

## Psalm 30

We were once ‘walking dead in our trespasses’ but now we walk in newness of life. In Him, all things become new! To this day the blind see; the deaf hear; the dead are raised in Him!

2Co 5:14 **For the love of Messiah compels us,** having judged this: that if One died for all, then all died;

2Co 5:15 and **He died for all,** that those who live should no longer live for themselves,<sup>c</sup> but for Him who died for them, and was raised. Footnote: <sup>c</sup> Rom 14:7-8, Gal 2:20.

2Co 5:16 **So from now onwards we know no one according to the flesh.** And if we have known Messiah according to the flesh, yet now we no longer know *Him thus.*

2Co 5:17 **Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a renewed creature – the old matters have passed away, see, all matters have become renewed!**

### Joy Comes with the Morning

**Psa 30:1** I exalt You, O יהוה, for You have drawn me up, And have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

Psa 30:2 יהוה my Elohim, I have cried to You, And You have healed me.

Psa 30:3 יהוה, **You brought me up from She’ol; You have kept me alive, from going down into the pit.**

Psa 30:4 Sing praise to יהוה, You lovingly-committed ones of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His Set-apartness.

Psa 30:5 For His displeasure is for a moment, His delight is for life; Weeping might last for the night, But joy comes in the morning.

Psa 30:6 As for me, I have said in my ease, “Never would I be shaken!”

Psa 30:7 יהוה, in Your good pleasure You have made my mountain to stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.

Psa 30:8 I cried out to You, O יהוה; And to יהוה I prayed:

Psa 30:9 “What gain is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Would dust praise You? Would it declare Your truth?”

Psa 30:10 “Hear, O יהוה, and show me favor; יהוה, be my helper!”

Psa 30:11 You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; **You have torn off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,**

Psa 30:12 **So that esteem might praise You and not be silent. O יהוה my Elohim, I thank You forever.**

## Ecclesiastes 6

YHWH wants us to cycle through His feasts days in **set-apartness to Him**; instead of cycling through the futile things mentioned in Ecc. 6. We are to be **His royal ambassadors in this world**; but we are not to be 'of this world.'

**Matthew 6: 19** “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,

**20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

**21** “For where your treasure is, there your heart shall be also.

**22** “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, all your body shall be enlightened.

**23** “But if your eye is evil, all your body shall be darkened. If, then, the light that is within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

**24** “No one is able to serve two masters, for either he shall hate the one and love the other, or else he shall cleave to the one and despise the other. **You are not able to serve Elohim and mammon.**

**Ecc 6:1** There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is great among men:

**Ecc 6:2** A man to whom Elohim has given riches and wealth and esteem, so that his being lacks none at all of what he desires, but Elohim does not permit him to eat of it, and a foreigner consumes it. This is futile, and it is an evil disease.

**Ecc 6:3** If a man brings forth a hundred *children* and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his being is not satisfied with goodness, or indeed he has no burial-place, I say that a premature birth is better than he,

**Ecc 6:4** for it comes in futility and goes away in darkness, and in darkness its name is covered;

**Ecc 6:5** even the sun it has not seen – it has more rest than that man.

**Ecc 6:6** And though he lives a thousand years twice over, yet he shall not see goodness. Do not all go to one place?

**Ecc 6:7** All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not satisfied.

**Ecc 6:8** For what advantage has the wise over the fool? What *advantage* does the poor have who knows how to walk before the living?

**Ecc 6:9** What the eyes see is better than what the desire goes after. That too is futile and feeding on wind.

**Ecc 6:10** Whatever shall be, has already been named, and it is known that he is son of Adam. And he is unable to contend with Him who is mightier than he.

**Ecc 6:11** The more words, the more futility – what is to man the advantage?

**Ecc 6:12** For who knows what is good for man in life, all the days of his futile life, which he passes like a shadow? For who declares to man what shall be after him, under the sun?

**2Tim. 2**

Paul is motivating Timothy to fight the good fight of faith; run the race; and finish well.

**A Good Soldier of Yahusha HaMashiach**

**2Ti 2:1** You then, my son, be strong in the favor that is in Messiah יהושע.

**2Ti 2:2** And what you have heard from me among many witnesses, entrust these to trustworthy men who shall be competent to teach others as well.

**2Ti 2:3** Suffer hardship with *us* as a good soldier of יהושע Messiah.

**2Ti 2:4** No one serving as a soldier gets involved in the affairs of this life, in order to please *only* him who enlisted him as a soldier.

**2Ti 2:5** And if anyone competes in a game, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

**2Ti 2:6** The hard-working farmer ought to be first to receive his share of the crops.

**2Ti 2:7** Think over what I say, for the Master shall give you understanding into all this.

**2Ti 2:8** Remember that יהושע Messiah, of the seed of Dawid, was raised from the dead according to my Good News,

**2Ti 2:9** for which I suffer hardship, as a criminal, unto chains, but the Word of Elohim is not chained.

**2Ti 2:10** So I endure through it all for the sake of the chosen, so that they too obtain deliverance which is in Messiah יהושע with everlasting esteem.

**2Ti 2:11** Trustworthy is the word: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him.

**2Ti 2:12** If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also shall deny us.

**2Ti 2:13** If we are not trustworthy, He remains trustworthy, it is impossible for Him to deny Himself.

**A Worker Approved by Yah**

**2Ti 2:14** Remind them of this, earnestly witnessing before the Master, not to wage verbal battles – which is useless – to the overthrowing of the hearers.

**2Ti 2:15** Do your utmost to present yourself approved to Elohim, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth.

**2Ti 2:16** But keep away from profane, empty babblings, for they go on to more wickedness,

**2Ti 2:17** and their word shall eat its way like gangrene. Hymenaios and Philetos are of this sort,

**2Ti 2:18** who have missed *the goal* concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and overthrow the belief of some.

**2Ti 2:19** However, the solid foundation of Elohim stands firm, having this seal, “יהוה”

**knows those who are His,” Num 16:5 and, let everyone who names the Name of Messiah turn away from unrighteousness.**

2Ti 2:20 But in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some unto value and some unto no value.

**2Ti 2:21 If, then, anyone cleanses himself from these matters, he shall be a vessel unto value, having been set apart, of good use to the Master, having been prepared for every good work.**

2Ti 2:22 And flee from the lusts of youth, but **pursue righteousness, belief, love, peace with those calling on the Master out of a clean heart.**

**2Ti 2:23 But refuse foolish and stupid questions, knowing that they breed quarrels.**

2Ti 2:24 And a servant of the Master should not quarrel but be gentle towards all, able to teach, patient when wronged,

2Ti 2:25 in meekness instructing those who are in opposition, lest somehow Elohim gives them repentance unto a thorough knowledge of the truth,

2Ti 2:26 and they come to their senses, out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his desire.

*Shalom ~ Libby*

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