



Topic: "YHWH's Appointments" Pt 17
 Scripture: Leviticus 23:9-14
 Definition: "First Fruits" Intro pt 1

YHWH'S APPOINTMENTS

Leviticus 23:9-14 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Remember that First Fruits is still part of the process and appointment associated with both Passover and Unleavened Bread. These are three distinct yet observed appointments that concur (to act together to a common end or single effect) with one another.



Keeping the Appointed Times

There are 7 'Feasts' or appointed times that are recorded in Leviticus 23

First Fruits



1. Pesach (Passover)
2. Hag Hamatzot (Unleavened)
3. **Yom HaBikkurim (First Fruits)**
4. Shavuot (Weeks or Pentecost)
5. Rosh HaShanah (Trumpets)
6. Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
7. Sukkot (Booths or Tabernacles)

Leviticus 23:1, 2 "And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, The set feasts of YAHWEH which you shall proclaim as holy gatherings, shall be these: These are My appointed feasts:"

Side Note: In the pursuit of academic correctness we (I) may have missed an important connection here concerning the "Appointments" and the "holy gatherings."



Typically two views:



1. We are to gather as a family, tribal unit, clan gathering, etc.
2. We are to assemble as a “Whole” congregation in our synagogues or churches.



I have come to see that both have merit but miss the real intent of these appointments. My reasoning for selecting a family based is, one, how we have the weekly Shabbat. Second, the passover meal in our homes, and third, a reference that Messiah Yahshua makes concerning how we no longer will come (make or attend the appointments) to YHWH like we use to...

John 4:5-43

4:19-26 The woman said to Him, my Master, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers have bowed down and worshiped in this mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship. Yahshua said to her, Woman, believe Me that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for life is of the Jews. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such, the ones worshiping Him. Elohim is spirit, and the ones worshiping Him must worship in spirit and truth. The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming, When that One comes, He will teach us all things. Yahshua said to her, I AM! The One speaking to you.”



Here’s where it can get really confusing so hang on. In no way am I saying that we are to neglect or dismiss the three pilgrimages to Jerusalem to the temple. If there was a temple that was consecrated by YHWH then we absolutely would go (men) to the prescribed instructions concerning the feasts.

However, even if we were to attend these feasts in Jerusalem, if we do not attend in the right frame of mind and being, then we are simply going through the process. There is no ‘drawing near’ in relationship.

In John the reference is worship...worship was connected most often to the sacrifice of animals known as a “korban” offering. In Hebrew (H7133) literally meaning “to draw closer to through relationship.” It’s not the mountain (location, Mt Geranium or Jerusalem). It’s not the sacrifice. It’s coming in the presence of YHWH. That’s why it is so important to see the whole of Passover (preparation=accepting Messiah Yahshua’s blood to cover [thus the death penalty will not be upon us]), Unleavened (time of burnt offering [dying to self and surrendering our all]), First Fruits (giving of the very best of (our all) ourselves to YHWH, is the real appointment.

Drawing Near

When we look at the whole there is no part that can be left out. It is an appointment with Him so that we might draw closer to Him in relationship. That can only be done by following His instructions. His rules, statutes, principles and commandments. This is a type of Genesis 3 experience where we being brought back to fellowship with our Creator.

To YHWH

Next week: "First Fruits" Historical

