



Topic: "YHWH's Appointments" Pt 9
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YHWH'S APPOINTMENTS



Getting Ready: Some thoughts

Ezekiel 11:16 Therefore, say, So says Adonai YAHWEH: Though I have sent them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the lands, yet I was to them as a little sanctuary in the countries there where they had gone.



John 4:23, 24 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.

While there is no established Temple in Jerusalem to keep certain criteria concerning the appointed times or any priestly duties, we are to operate in the 'spirit' concerning the principles of YHWH in all of His Holy Scriptures.

Knowing this we strive to keep as best we can the appointments set by YHWH Himself.

How do we determine the date?

There are basically two methods used today.

1. Follow the Rabbinical calendar. Today's calendar has Nissan 1st being in conjunction with March 28th. Note: The name of the month was changed to Nisan- Meaning: 'their flight' - after the Babylonian Captivity ([Neh. 2:1](#)). The traditional Jewish calendar consists of months that relate to the phases of the moon. The new moon occurs at the beginning of the month and the full moon occurs in the middle of the month. Religious observers celebrate Passover on the 14th day of the Jewish month of Nisan.



A calculation such as that used during the Julian calendar era can be used...

$$\frac{3156215}{98496} + \frac{765433}{492480} ((12Y + 17) \bmod 19) + \frac{(Y \bmod 4)}{4} - \frac{313}{98496} Y$$

As you can see it is quite difficult.



Today a more scientific way is determined. Since the Hebrew calendar is based on a lunar cycle and not the solar cycle we can determine with quite accuracy when there will be a full moon. Simply subtract 15 days and you have the beginning of the month.

2. Karaites (see some interesting facts concerning the Karaites) do not rely on formulas nor scientific methods. They still wait to physically see the first sliver of the moon (in Jerusalem) to determine the beginning of each month. This year (2017) they did not see the sliver of moon until the 29th. This means that for the Karaites they will be observing the appointed times on different days than that set by the traditional calendar.



How do we cope today???? Are we suppose to do it according to the calendar that most of Israel is observing or do we follow the Karaites method?

Observation....This is not a new dilemma. Shaul (Paul) is dealing with this in his letter of Romans.

Romans 14



As you research and study YHWH's Word consider that whatever day you deem to observe do so with faith. If your brother deems differently do not judge him but rather rejoice that he too is celebrating the times of YHWH. Our Master will see the hearts of His servants and judge righteously.

I submit that although SOAF has a meal celebration scheduled for the community of faith family it is not to take the place of your personal passover observance. It is in conjunction with what you are doing at home.

Whether you choose the calendar date of Abib 1st or are following the Karaites date, those you celebrate with your family at home, because they do not fall on the date that we are having our "Fellowship Meal" together. To use that (Fellowship Meal) as your primary time of observance is to not following YHWH's instructions concerning the appointed time.

Determining the timeline of "Passover" (8 day appointed time that includes 'Unleavened and First Fruits').

It is important at this point to formulate the timeline of the first three appointments of YHWH to better establish our keeping of these times and to also see the story of redemption played out especially in the life of Messiah Yahshua.

NEXT WEEK: We will look at Yahshua's fulfillment as inferred in the appointed times of YHWH and the importance of Unleavened.

