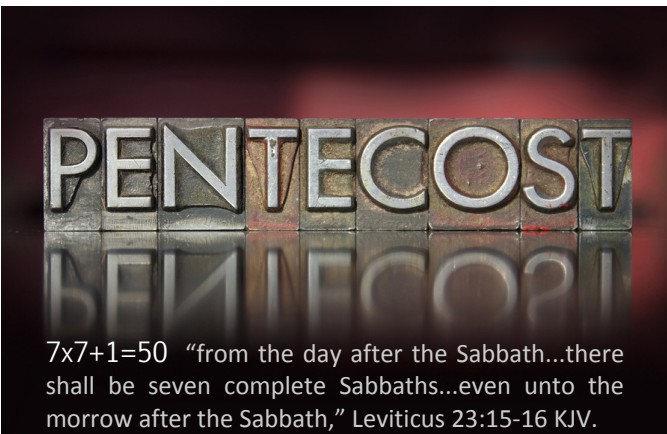


YAIY NEWS



Counting to Pentecost: This Year's Dilemma

How are we to count to Pentecost (Feast of Weeks) this Roman calendar year of 2015, if Passover happens to fall on the weekly Sabbath? We have been asked why the biblical calendar we've sent out this year is out of sync with Joshua 5:11, which appears to indicate the Israelites kept the Passover on the 7th day Sabbath. *And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain,* Joshua 5:11 ESV.



To understand the implication of this verse, we have to go back and take a look Leviticus 23:10 KJV, which says, *Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap*

the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath (Strong's H7676) the priest shall wave it.

This seems to show the wave sheaf would have been offered the day after the Passover of Joshua 5:11, since they were not to eat any new grain until then (Lev. 23:14). This understanding would place Passover on the weekly Sabbath.

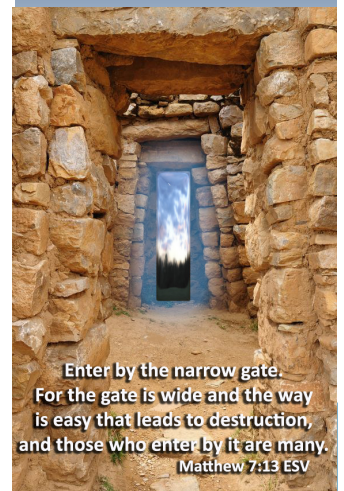
Taking a Closer Look

However, it's clear by going back to verses 6-15 of Leviticus 23, the command to count to Pentecost is from the weekly Sabbath within the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Verse 6 speaks of the first day of Unleavened Bread as the starting point of time. The Sabbath mentioned in verse 15 never precedes the first day of Unleavened Bread because verses 6-15 of Leviticus 23 refers to the days of Unleavened Bread. This is the law. Joshua 5:11 needs to be un-

You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete Sabbaths. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to Yahweh.

Leviticus 23:15–16 NASB



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derstood in this light.

The Israelites carried the book of Deuteronomy into the land of Canaan, the land promised to the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob. Which says, *Then it shall be, when you enter the land which Yahweh your Elohim gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it and live in it, that you shall take some of the first of all **the produce of the ground which you bring in from your land** that Yahweh your Elohim gives you (see also verse 10), and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place where Yahweh your Elohim chooses to establish His name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, "I declare this day to Yahweh my Elohim that I have entered the land which Yahweh swore to our fathers to give us." Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of Yahweh your Elohim, Deuteronomy 26:1-4 NASB.*



They would have understood that the crop they first saw going into the land was not of their planting. They had yet to settle in the land to plant and bring forth the fruits thereof. The command of the wave sheaf is not mentioned in Joshua 5:11, because they did not do it at that time. They ate of the produce of the land, at the time they did, because they no longer were given manna to eat (see verse 12).

In Context

Backing up to Deuteronomy 25:19 KJV, we see that the prophecy would be that the children of Israel would be given rest from all their enemies. *Therefore it shall be, when Yahweh your Elohim hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which Yahweh your Elohim giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.*

This rest from the enemies "round about," didn't take place immediately when they went into the promised land. They still had those at Jericho to deal with (Josh. 6), those at Ai (Josh. 7-8), and beyond them battles with various kings of the coalition of the Amorites (Josh. 10:5-28). Other numerous battles took place after that.

The point is, in context, they nor the land became settled and at peace (rest) until later (Josh 11:23). After this they would have then planted and honored Yahweh by keeping the law of the wave sheaf accordingly.

We are calculating the calendar correctly this year, we believe according to Scripture. As long as the early growth and the new moon are visually confirmed, the Day of Pentecost this year of 2015 will be on May 31st.

Elder David Brett

Your Favorite Recipes are Needed!

YAIY plans to publish a cookbook and your recipes are needed. Please send any and all favorites such as salads, soups, main dishes, desserts, etc., plus Unleavened Bread recipes by February 28, 2015.

RECIPES

SEND TO:

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*Thank you for
your participation!
Yahweh bless!*



One Year Ministry?

There are four locations in the book of John which could be looked upon as four different Passovers, with one year between each. For reference, their locations are:

1. John 2:13, 23
2. John 5:1
3. John 6:4
4. John 11:55; 12:1; 13:1



Their importance is noted, marking at least three years for the Yahshua's ministry, which we believe is actually 3.5 years.

There are some things people will point out that His ministry may have only been as little as 1 year in duration. Everything from quoting the so-called "Church Fathers" to emphasizing one of the oldest Greek manuscripts, which, apparently, is missing the word Passover in John 6:4.

Of particular interest for us is the Aramaic Peshitta, since we have the understanding that the New Testament letters were mostly, if not all, written in the Aramaic or Hebrew Semitic language. For John 6:4, "Passover" is clearly written in the *estrangela* script.

Some will point to the 70 Weeks of Daniel prophecy (Dan. 9:24) to show the time of Yahshua's ministry was less than 3.5 years. Of interest, Dr. Micheal S. Heiser has presented some of the various interpretations and noted that it is one of the more unsettling prophecies which can and does lead people down various bunny trails. While there can be various layers or at least a dual application of prophetic fulfillment, we must leave some prophecies open for the possibilities.

Considering the possibilities, we find Yahshua apparently bringing out the time for His ministry on earth in a few parables. It seems significant that three is mentioned not once, not twice, but three times. The first three years is mentioned in the Parable of the Fig Tree (Luke 13:7), but let's pay special attention to Luke 13:32-33. In verse 33, the root word *esor* for "travel" in Aramaic is the same for "work." It changes the context from traveling three days to working three days (i.e., a figurative reference to three years). Noteworthy also is that three, by itself, can be used idiomatically for three and a half years.

Wanting to Share the Word of Yahweh?

We have numerous outreach materials available for radio, television, magazine stands, laundromats, offices, etc. We've also advertized in local papers and offered meetings at local community centers and libraries as neutral locations, which we can help others do as well.

Something we don't advocate is the door-to-door approach, knowing it is too intrusive into people's personal lives, especially, in today's culture. Some ministries justify going door-to-door by looking at certain Scripture verses (i.e., Matt. 10:11; Luke 10:5) which could be interpreted as if the disciples were free to go knocking on the door of each house, which, by the way, is actually forbidden by the Master when He says, "Go not from house to house," Luke 10:7b.



As we understand, the disciples went to various towns or cities and spoke in the public areas meant for speaking (e.g., Acts 17:22) and afterwards would have most likely been invited into some homes of those who were particularly interested. We should also mention that we don't advocate standing on a soap box to preach into the open air with a bull horn. It just serves to irritate most people.

One thing to keep in mind is that Yahweh appears to only be taking "one from a city and two from a family" (Jer. 3:13) in our current time period (last days?), which fits with "many are called, but few are chosen" (Matt. 22:14) overall. It does appear there is a famine of the hearing of Yahweh's Word (Amos 8:11) for many people today. Still, we are encouraged by the few who step forward and express the fruits of the Spirit in their understanding and actions.

If you would like to reach out to those in your community, please consider some of these ideas mentioned above. Feel free to contact us, if you have some other recommendations which may help and, or, if you want further help for your own location.

Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow , Hap Tew, Michelle Love and Family, Dolores Parker, Terrell Frasure, Lois McDonald, David & Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Dan & Geri O'leary, Karen van Schalkwyk, Frances Rodgers and Family, Diana Abbot, Stella and Sean Rogers, Loretta Reyes and Family, Robert Creech, Cindy Gustke, Elder George J. Baptiste, Patrick Roether, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Danny O'Connor and Family, Deborah Grouwstra, Rina van der Merwe, Charmaine Potgieter, Maria Barnard, Jaco van der Merwe, Julian Aguero, Michael Potgieter, Carroll Isdell and Family, Ivenia Wayland and Family, Juan Castaneda and Family, Diana Murphy, Rina van Schalkwyk, Annari van der Merwe, Michael Johnson, Marilyn White, Samuel Snyder and Family, Hartwig Fleischmann and Family, Melanie Coetzee, David Butts, Lance Bullock and Family, Katherine Donias, Melanie Killiebrew, David Wilson, Jordan Vira and Family, Sheila Hurtado, Eric Perkins, Deborah Brock, Leonardo Drisdell, Donnie Miller, Craig Knudson, Sherrie Abril and Family, Brandon Newton and Family, Barnard van der Merwe, Byron Lamar, Albert Craig.



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Did You Know?

Prayers can be divided into three categories or levels with the following attributes:

1. Simple request or thanksgiving, short-type prayers.
2. Heartfelt and concerned, which can include fasting.
3. Type three will have attributes of one and two. Type three can have a more fervent, impassioned, or effectual emphasis. But, type three will specifically have supplication or petition for others included in it. It is a deep outgoing concern for others' well being.

All three should be with a humble and contrite attitude, believing that Yahweh will answer. We are also to be unceasing or constant (an example, Dan 6:13 and Ps 55:17).