

Beginning Study of the LORD-5

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1. Salvation

In previous times or those people that die before the Tribulation starts, salvation is defined as follows. It is based upon three actions, the first is repentance which was covered in the previous study. In brief repent means to change and walk forward forming new habits of no longer sinning. To become a new person, leaving the old sinful person behind. To walk forward in this manner continually up to the time of one's death. Sin is defined as not walking in the Torah, not obeying the directives in the Torah. Second one must accept Yeshua as the Messiah and the Son of God, following Him, hearing and obeying Him. The third is growing and maturing as a son or daughter of God, that means having the heart grow in love to God and the Son first and foremost, then love to all others. It requires growing with a pure heart, being humble, meek, serving, loving and forgiving. These are all directives of God to every one of us.

Understand that one is given salvation as a gift from God. You cannot earn it from walking in righteousness. However recognize that just as we give gifts to others, it is a result of our love to others and their love to us. It is no different with the Heavenly Father, He gives the gift of salvation to those that love Him. Love to God is defined for us in the Bible, it is walking forward through life in total obedience doing what God directs us to do. At our resurrection, we are all judged by how we walked through life. It is only after judgment that salvation is extended to those that pass the testimony attached to the ark of the covenant, as a gift or by grace. So be very careful on how you walk. Walk as described above.

Many if not all of the 6 mainstream Churches think in error that Yeshua did everything for them and they do not need to do anything. Yeshua showed them how to walk and expects them to walk the same way. They cannot even get that right.

At the present time, if you are alive and will be going through the Tribulation the requirements for salvation have changed. Now you must take and pass the test that God brings down upon the whole world just before the Tribulation starts. This is a pass or fail test. If you pass your salvation is secured and you will also be given a major reward of becoming one of the Saints of God at the end of the Tribulation. Once the decision is made for the test, it cannot be changed.

If you fail the test you will lose your salvation and you will experience God's plagues and die before the end of the Tribulation. That means at the last day, judgment day, your judgment is different than those that died before and did not take the test. Because you failed the test, you will be thrown unto the lake of fire and contained there to eternity.

2. The Test

The test that God brings upon the whole world is called a Temptation, it is one of walking forward placing all your trust in the LORD and not placing your trust in the world. You must not compromise in your walk, you must keep God's directive on how to pass the test. God's word tells us in Revelations how one is to walk in order to pass the test.

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **worship the beast** and his image, **and receive his mark** in his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who **worship the beast** and his image, **and whosoever receiveth the mark** of his name.

One must not worship the beast or its image and must not receive the mark of the beast. Either one or both will result in failing the test.

In the world system that is in place before the Tribulation starts, a person will not be able to buy and sell unless he takes the mark of the beast. To God this is the same as worshiping the beast. Either worshiping the beast or taking the mark in order to buy and sell and live in the world society, is that of failing the test.

Rev 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Rev 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Rev 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

That means if you pass the test, one will not be able to work and get paid, to use any infrastructure and not to obtain the necessities of life from the world system. It means one can only go forward with trust in the LORD, you will not know first whether you will be alive or killed tomorrow, or how you will be able to live or survive tomorrow. Only, if the LORD decides to provide a means for your survival, will that occur. Alternately the LORD will allow the evil world to kill you, so that you will sleep with your fathers. Whichever event occurs it will be according to His will. The reward for passing the Test is being given Saint status at the end of the Tribulation, whether alive or dead. Even though those that take the test were not walking as required for Saint status, they receive this great one-time reward. The test is so severe and the reward is so great , a balance of justice needs to be maintained, with the punishment being extreme.

Note the following scripture that applies to passing the Test;

Psa 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints.

3. The Holy Days

These are given in Leviticus chapter 23. The following scriptures are clear, these are LORD's Holy Days, or His Feasts, not the Israelites, not man's. they are the LORD's. They are to be carried out forever, or until being told otherwise by the LORD, which has not happened.

Lev 23:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev 23:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning the feasts of the LORD*, which ye shall proclaim *to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.*

Note, the Bible words are extremely important. The six mainstream Churches of today all say that these were done away with, but there is no scripture that says that. No, the scriptures clearly tell us these Feasts of the LORD are required to be followed until the Last Day.

Recognize, scripture tells us anyone that follows in the same manner as required of the Israelites are all God's Children, all are the same.

The 7th Day Sabbath

The first of the Holy Days or Feasts of the LORD, is the weekly Sabbath. We are to keep it by gathering together and worshiping the LORD, a Holy Convocation.

Lev 23:3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein*: it *is* the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

This is a special day, starting at sunset on Friday and going through to the following sunset on Saturday. It is a day of rest and reflection, a day of thanksgiving for all the blessings that one is given from the LORD. Recognize everything we have is given to us from the LORD, and He can give and take as He wishes. It is 24 hr period where no work is done. It is a time to both rest and reflect on the wonders of God and to worship the LORD. A time to truly grow in knowing the LORD and in evaluating how you are walking and whether as a child of God, if you are maturing as He requires you to grow. It is not a day of doing your hobbies, or of watching sports, or shopping, or eating out, or doing your own thing. Our focus is to be on the LORD, it is a day of rest and reflection. We can go out in nature and reflect on God's handiwork. We have 6 days to do our work and we need to prepare on the 6th day for being able to go through the 7th day with minimal effort as it a Holy Day given to us from God. It distinguishes us from the rest of the world, it identifies us as God's people. It is in fact a test of our obedience to the LORD. It is part of the testimony that is used to judge one at the Last Day.

Passover or Pesach

Next are the annual Holy Days and counting of days to establish the day they occur on by using Nisan 1 as our origin. Nisan 1 is God's New Year Day, it occurs on the first new moon closest

to the spring equinox. This occurs either in March or April, depending upon the year. The first annual Holy Days have three grouped together. They are referred to as first Passover, second is Days of Unleavened Bread and third Day of Spring Harvest of the First Fruits. All together these three sets of holy Days are referred to as Passover or Pesach. Passover starts at sunset on the beginning of Nisan 14, at sunset on that day. This day is not an annual Sabbath. Then at the next sunset which is the beginning of Nisan 15, is the first day of Unleavened bread. This day is an annual Sabbath. Unleavened bread is eaten for 7 days and the last day of unleavened bread is an annual Sabbath. Every annual Sabbath is treated in the same manner as a weekly Sabbath.

The Days of unleavened bread are symbolic of the Israelites fleeing out of Egypt and the bread not having time to rise. It is now a representation of God taking us out of sin and to keep sin out of our life we need his help. In the same manner that the Israelites were taken out of sin, represented by the Egyptians, we always need God's help. Unleavened bread is bread made with flour without any yeast. During these 7 days one eats only unleavened bread, and no flour product containing yeast, with their meals. The 7 days of unleavened bread are significant, leaven is puffing up, it represents our ego and sin in our mind as well as sin in our life. We need God's help to keep the sin out of our mind and out of our life. The 7 days represent 7,000 years of man walking on earth, a day for each 1,000 years. At the moment we are very close to the end of 6,000 years. The last 1,000 years is the Millennium.

What Passover itself means is first, the build up to the 10th plague where death of the first born of the Egyptians and their animals took place, while God's people were protected by the blood of a lamb on their doorposts. Death passed over the houses of the Israelites, hence Passover. This final plague by God resulted in Pharaoh letting the Israelites go, they were being taken out of Egypt by God. They were now established as a Nation, being a Nation of God's people. However, the meaning was added to further with Yeshua being killed and spilling his blood as the sacrificial lamb in the daylight portion of the 14th of Nisan. This resulted in our being reconciled to God by the blotting out of our sin by Yeshua dying for our sins. So in essence, God's people are taken out of sin with death passing over again with the death of Yeshua. Note that Yeshua died on Nisan 14th late in the day and rose three days and nights later, late on Nisan 17th. These days change every year on the day of the week in which they fall. The Catholic Church made a counterfeit of God's Holy Days, calling these Easter with Good Friday and Easter Monday and Palm Sunday, which from the Bible are in error at the time Yeshua rode into Jerusalem, the day He was killed and the day that He rose. In addition, we were never told to celebrate the day that Yeshua rose from the dead, rather we are to keep God's Holy Days. All the 6 mainstream churches of today follow Easter and the Catholic Church instead of the Holy Days of God. Take note of the disobedience of the Churches.

Within the days of unleavened bread, the first day of unleavened bread is an annual Sabbath which is followed closely by the weekly Sabbath. Then the following day, the first day of the week, Sunday, during the daylight portion is the Holy Day of the Spring Harvest of First Fruits. This day is not an annual Sabbath, one is to have the head priest wave a sheave of the spring first fruits of the barley harvest before the LORD. It is a thanksgiving before God of the first of the spring harvest. In addition an animal offering and two loaves of bread and a drink offering is made to the LORD. We are coming before the LORD in thankfulness and thanking God for providing the necessities of life to us, by the spring harvest that He provided. To God this represents His first harvest of special souls, or of His special ones called Saints, these being resurrected right after

Yeshua was resurrected, Mat 27:52-53. Yeshua as our new chief priest and the first to rise permanently from the grave, waved Himself before the Father, nearly completing these Holy days at the time of his resurrection.

Yes the Holy Days were set up for meaning to man and meaning to God. They are in fact the manner that generations of man will complete his path of living in this world. They are the way of understanding prophecy right up to the Last Day, to final judgment day at the very end of the current world and heavens. Fulfillment of these first Holy days are in many ways completed by Yeshua. What remains is the last years of walking on earth and having the LORD help us to keep sin out of our life as well as the spring harvest occurring each year. . The Israelites in Egypt were God's people being taken out of Egypt that represented sin. In these times today, the end times, which are upon us, a repeating of only God's special people, the Saints only, that will again be taken out of sin, now being the evil world. The 10 plagues are being repeated again today in a parallel manner to those in Egypt. In today's time the first 3 plagues occur in the times of sorrow and the last 7 plagues occur in the Tribulation. As we celebrate Pesach we look forward towards, again in the near future, being taken out of sin. Understand that those that walk as the Saints and those that pass the Temptation or test are those alone that are taken. The Masses that fail the test are not taken.

Today we cannot do the sacrifices since there are no longer legitimate priests and temple. Today we keep the Holy Days as best as we can. It is a celebration of coming and gathering before the LORD, reflecting upon its meaning, and being thankful. Since our body is now a Holy Temple, where ever we celebrate these Holy Days, we have come before the LORD. The last supper was in the evening or start of Nisan 14, usually this is carried out in remembrance of Yeshua, up to His return. Now days many celebrate with what is known as a Seder. A meal with bitter herbs, unleavened bread, a roast of lamb or meat, a glass of wine and lots of deep reflection.

Feast of Weeks or Shavuot

The next annual Holy Day is that of the Feast of Weeks or Shavuot also called Pentecost. It is the summer harvest First Fruits of the wheat. Again it is a thanksgiving for the First Fruits of the summer harvest. It is a one day event. Again a sheave, this time of wheat, is waved before the LORD by the head priest. This day is established by counting weeks or seven weekly Sabbaths plus one day to have it always fall on the first day of the week. The counting starts on the weekly Sabbath before the day of first fruits of the spring harvest as above. Again in addition to the sheave wave, an animal sacrifice and two loaves of bread and a drink offering is made to the LORD. This day is an annual Sabbath. It is the First Fruits of the summer harvest.

It is the day that the Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles and many others when they gathered together in the upper room.

To man this is a second thanksgiving to the LORD for the summer harvest. To God it is another harvest of the remainder of souls of His Saints. These will be the resurrection of Saints only, at the second coming of Yeshua. We are getting very close to this, it occurs at the end of the Tribulation. When this happen, then this Holy Day will be completed.

There are three Holy Days that are tied together with the same theme, they are the three **harvests**, the three thanksgivings. God's people are told to come before Him to celebrate on these days. The Lord then can look into the hearts of these at these times. The resurrections are tied to these three Holy Days. The third thanksgiving is the second and final resurrection of the great fall harvest, the large harvest of souls that are the LORD's, the Masses. This occurs on the Last Day at the end of the Millennium.

Feast of Trumpets or Yom Teruah

This is a one day event, it is an annual Sabbath. It is on the first day of the 7th month, it is the 7th new moon from Nisan 1, counting Nisan 1 as the first new moon. It is a day of blowing trumpets or rams horns that are called shofars. It is a celebration and announces getting ready for atoning for one's sins, preparing for the final 2 Feasts of the LORD. Preparing is that of reflecting on one's sins and God's merciful nature and being thankful the LORD is merciful and slow to anger. Being thankful the LORD provides for our needs.

Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur

This is the most solemn feast day. It is a one day feast starting at sunset and going through to the following sunset. It is on the 10th day of the 7th month, follows closely after the Day of Trumpets. One is instructed to afflict your soul, that means fasting with no food or water for 24 hrs. This day is an annual Sabbath. Fasting helps amplify prayer and bring one closer to God. This day is a deep reflection of purging of all sin out of your mind and life, repent, weep and ask God to forgive all your sins and help one to walk forward. It is also of recognizing the sin of one's Nation, as well as getting ready for walking forward properly for the coming Fall Feast. Originally the head priest on this day would go into the Holy place in the temple and place blood from the sacrifice on the mercy seat. Two goats would be selected and a lot would be made to determine which goat was to be the scapegoat, the one to take all evil away from the people. The priest would lay his hands on the head of the chosen goat, transferring all the sins of the people, the goat would then be lead out into the wilderness and released. The other goat would be sacrificed and its blood would be used to make atonement. Now the whole congregation was cleansed and went forth for another year.

The future fulfillment of prophecy for this most Holy Day is very likely the time when the Israelites have their blinders taken off and recognize Yeshua as the Messiah. A time when they will be brought back to the land of Israel. They will then be purified and they will go forward again, but this time carrying out the original intent for the LORD. This will be at or near the beginning of the start of the Millennium.

Feast of Booths or Sukkot

This is the main thanksgiving day in the fall, at the end of the harvest. It is a 7 day celebration. It starts on the 15th day of the 7th month. The first day is an annual Sabbath. On the first day one is to take boughs of thick trees, like willows and with them rejoice before the LORD. We are to rejoice for 7 days. We are to dwell in booths, temporary shelters, as a reminder of living in the wilderness after being taken out of Egypt. This is a major thanksgiving celebration, a holiday before the LORD. You are to save 2% of your income each year to use for this week of celebration. You are to purchase what you desire for your celebration. On the **eight day** it is an annual Sabbath. This is a special day it is symbolic of the **Last Great Day**.

The meaning of the 7 days is that of a day for each thousand years of man living on the earth. Roughly two days to the flood, two days more to Yeshua's first coming and 2 days more to his second coming and one day more for the Millennium. The 8th day is the Great Last Day, it is the second resurrection and Judgment day, followed by the New Earth and New heavens and New Jerusalem. The 8th day is God's great harvest of souls that are His, the Masses. Currently we are getting very close to the end of the 6th day with Yeshua's second coming. The end of the 7th day or end of the Millennium is where Yeshua shall gather all the masses that are His and not lose any. It is judgment day before the great white throne.

Without an in-depth knowledge of the Holy Days of God, one cannot understand end time prophecy. There are two perspectives in understanding, one is what it means to man, and the other is what it means to God. The 3 Harvests are to the LORD the 3 days of the 2 resurrections. The Saints being resurrected on two separate days roughly 2000 years apart. This being the first resurrection. The masses being resurrected on the Last Day, the 8th Day, being the second resurrection.

These Holy Days are given to man to be kept forever. Scripture tells us about Sukkot being kept and all nations in the world, who need to come to Jerusalem to worship the LORD, during the Millennium. We are also told in scripture all flesh throughout the world will come before the LORD to worship on each new moon and on every Sabbath during the Millennium.

4. What is in the Torah

This is a summary of what is in the Torah and what one is to obey. It covers the main way that one is to walk in the Torah.

As an over view, there are many commands that one is to do and many commands of what not to do, the blessings and the curses. It also covers growing in knowledge of what is righteous, what is just and what are judgments. It includes the times and manner of counting days, weeks, months and years. The Holy Days are identified and how to count when they occur and how to walk in them. There are many examples that teach us how we are expected to walk. To learn the Torah one must read it through many times.

Here is a summary. All the 10 commandments are to be kept. One is to love the Father and the Son with all your heart and strength. One is to love your fellow man by looking out for his well being. One is to keep the Holy Days also called Statutes. One is to keep the first day of the new moon. One is to eat only clean animals which includes fish, birds and insects. One is to fast periodically. One is not to have anything to do with the evil spirit world. One is not to cut or mark their bodies. One is not to associate with evil people. One is not to be cruel to animals. One is to treat their brother in the LORD as one of their own, meaning one does not take advantage of them, does not charge interest on money, rather they loan them, one does not hold back wages owed to them and helps them when they are in need. One is to be just, fair and righteous and not make differences between people based upon their status in life, all are to be treated equally. There are many abominations and many sexual sins. The blessings and curses are explicit in how to walk, you need to read them for yourselves, Deu 27 & 28. Also read Lev 17, 18,19 . This is generally the main highlights of the Torah.

Carefully read the first 5 books of the Bible as your walk depends upon walking in obedience to the Torah.

The food laws tell us not to eat pork, shrimp, lobster, clams, or any shellfish. We are not to eat rabbit. We are not to eat any scavenger that is a bird, an animal or a fish. The fish must have scales and fins, so we cannot eat shark. We are not to eat any reptiles, we can eat cows, deer, antelope, elk, sheep, goats, oxen, moose and buffalo. We can eat chicken, duck, pheasant, goose, turkey and song birds as well as their eggs. The same goes for dairy of clean animals. We cannot eat horse, donkey, camels, rabbits, cats or dogs. We can eat locusts, and grasshoppers, but no other insects. We cannot eat ostrich, emu or lama. The Torah describes the way of identifying the animals that we can eat. These are laws from God and he knows more than man, don't question just obey. We cannot eat blood, nor fat. We are not to eat any clean animal that died of its own or was killed by another animal. There is a seventh year Sabbath of the land as well and a Jubilee year. The problem we have is not really knowing when these occur in today's time. We are not to mix wool and linen in clothing or mix seeds when planting nor mix races when we marry. We are not to mix animals in creating new types of animals. The same would occur to fruit trees, we can graft as long as the same type of fruit is grafted on. If you reflect on these, it is evil to alter our God given DNA, such as what is done in creating mRNA gene therapy injections.

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