

## Stay Focused

Dear Saints,

Each year, we are called upon to rehearse, remember, and proclaim the Feasts of YHWH, as they show forth the Good News, the story of salvation from start to finish. **Passover**, both historically and prophetically, shows deliverance through the Blood of the Lamb. The removal of sin is signified by the days of **Unleavened Bread** and the resurrection from the dead beams forth from the **Feast of Firstfruits**. In the third month, we celebrate the giving of God's Torah and the mighty empowering of the Holy Spirit at **Shavuot, or Pentecost**. When the seventh month comes, the month of fullness, or completion, we who live in these, the last of days, are reminded that the six- thousand-year lease that God gave man on this earth is nearly complete. **The Feast of Trumpets** sound a wake-up call to be alert, for the coming of the Lord, and to call us to return to a pure faith in Messiah, to re-gather unto Him during the Ten Days of Awe between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement when the whole house of Israel, and all who have put their trust in Messiah Yeshua, will be finally brought together to Him.

These moadim, or appointed times, are cyclical to reveal over and over the wonder of Feasts of the Lord. They are not as they are commonly referred to as the Jewish Feasts, but rather God's own rehearsals for His people to remind and encourage all believers to focus their lives in recognition of the finished work that Yeshua accomplished for them, remembering Him and His power released in them by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

*Leviticus 23:1-2 (TLV) <sup>1</sup> Then Adonai spoke to Moses saying: <sup>2</sup> "Speak to Bnei-Yisrael, and tell them: These are the appointed moadim of Adonai, which you are to proclaim to be holy convocations—My moadim.*

We celebrated the re-gathering at the Feast of Trumpets on Tishrei 1, or September 21 and we are about to commemorate the **Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur**. On the thirtieth day of September this year, which is Tishrei 10 on the Hebrew calendar, the High Priest of Israel was to enter the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and make atonement for the sins of all Israel. This had to be done one time each year and, it was a type of the time when Yeshua, the Great High Priest, would enter the Holy of Holies in heaven to, not only make atonement through His own blood, but to totally remit sin, reconcile and redeem all who would trust in Him forever. His death was a one-time sacrifice for all men for all time.

There is a day coming very soon when people who are dead in their sins will have their eyes opened to look upon the awesome sacrifice and work of salvation wrought in Yeshua, and those who see will awaken to life eternal.

Yeshua's words from the execution stake, "**It is finished,**" are the great meaning of the Day of Atonement for believers in the Messiah. His grace to the world was clearly seen through the offering of Himself as a sacrifice for sin to restore *shalom*, nothing missing, nothing broken, to all who will to receive it by responding to Him with faith. This time of remembering will also usher in an awakening for sons of Israel who will see their Messiah.

*Zechariah 12:10 (TLV) <sup>10</sup> "Then I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication, when they will look toward Me whom they pierced. They will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only son and grieve bitterly for Him, as one grieves for a firstborn.*

*Matthew 23:39 (TLV) <sup>39</sup> For I tell you, you will never see Me again until you say, 'Baruch ha-ba b'shem Adonai. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!'"*

This is a strategic time in the end of days, and it is imperative for all of us to keep this truth constantly in our minds and hearts, no matter what circumstances we encounter; Jesus Christ has finished the work He was sent into the world to accomplish, and He has done it on our behalf. There is no work you can do that can bring about what He has already done for all of us. Believe it! Respond to His finished work of grace by trusting in what He has done. **It is finished! Now rest and give Him thanks. Stay unwaveringly focused on Him.**

*Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus **the author and finisher of our faith**; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Focused on Him,  
Terry