



ONE NEW MAN ASIA
Restoring the Roots of Our Faith

Eph 2:14-16
14 For he himself is our peace, **who has made the two one** and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create **in himself one new man out of the two**, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body **to reconcile both of them to God through the cross** (NIV)



Our Purposes:

1. To help Christians connect with Israel in a balanced way
2. To reach Jews and introduce them to their Messiah, Yeshua



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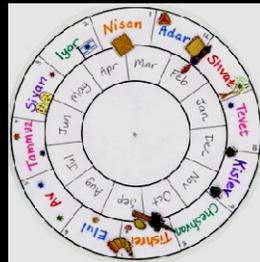
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THE KINGDOM'S HOLIDAYS
1. THE CALENDAR




I. Paradigm Shift

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God NKJV



A. Church Paradigm

- “going to church”
- “my church” or “your church”
- denominations etc and often don’t get along
- Neglect God-ordained holidays for man-made holidays
- Pentecost according to church calendar

Rooted in Anti-Semitism and Replacement Theology



Emperor Constantine in 325 AD, at the Council of Nicea, changed the observance of the Lord's death and resurrection from Passover on the Jewish calendar to the first weekend of Spring. Thus Easter falls on a different date every year.

He said “we should have nothing in common with the murderers of Christ” i.e. Jews



B. Kingdom Paradigm

1. Adam was a “vassal king”

Gen1: 26 "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."



Satan took the kingdom by deceiving man;

Jesus referred to him as prince of this world (John 12:31-33,14:30, 16:11, Ephesians 2:1-3)



Israel was created to be God's kingdom on earth.

Exodus 19:5-6

5 "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." NKJV



The gospel John the Baptist and Jesus preached – “repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2, 4:17)

Angel's declaration: Revelation 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" NKJV



2. Our present reality

- i. We moved house:
Colossians 1:13 For he **has** rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, NIV
- ii. We were once controlled by Satan:
Ephesians 2:1-2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, NKJV



- iii. We are citizens of heaven:
Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship **is** in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, NKJV
- iv. We are one with Israel:
Isaiah 51:1-2 Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. 2 Look to **Abraham your father. And to Sarah who bore you**; NKJV



Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. NKJV

Eph 2:14 For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. (NLT)



C. Instituted By the King

Lev 23:1-2
1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: **'The feasts of the Lord**, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, **these are My feasts**." NKJV

John uses "feast of the Jews" in John 5, 6 & 7 as a point of reference



II. The Calendar

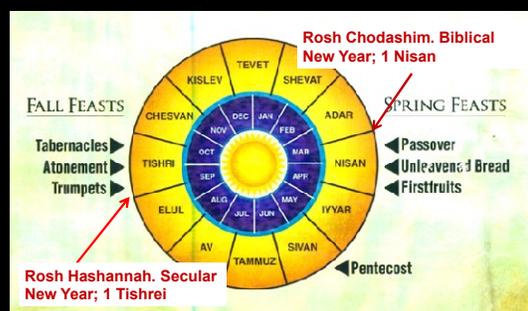
Primarily a lunar Calendar

Two "New Years"

Rosh Hashanna – secular

Nisan 1 – Biblical Year

Changed at Passover – : Exodus 12:1-2
"The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year." NIV



Exodus 12:1-2
ADONAI spoke to Moshe and Aharon in the land of Egypt; he said, 2 "You are to begin your calendar with this month; it will be the first month of the year for you. (CJB)

III. What They Are?

- A. Sabbaths – God commanded His people to rest at these times:
- Weekly Sabbath (Shabbat) – Leviticus 23:3
 - Passover – Leviticus 23:7-8
 - Pentecost – Leviticus 23:21
 - Tabernacles – Leviticus 23:23, 26,31, 35 &36



B. Holy Convocations

Convocation: an assembly or gathering together of people.

Leviticus 23:4 Convocation = “miqra” (rehearsal)



C. Prophetic Pictures

Colossians 2:16-17

16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a **shadow of things to come**, but the substance is of Christ. NKJV



Passover (including Firstfruits and Unleavened Bread – Yeshua our Passover Lamb, The Firstfruit of Resurrection & The Bread of Life.

Pentecost – Yeshua the Word of God and Baptiser with the Holy Spirit

Trumpets, Atonement & Tabernacles – Rapture, Second Coming of Yeshua and His Millennial reign.



IV. The Meaning of “Feasts”

Feast as: “a periodic religious observance commemorating an event or honoring a deity, person, or thing” (webster’s)

Mo’ed (Lev 23:2) - An appointment, a fixed time or season, a cycle or year, an assembly, an appointed time, a set or exact time”

Galatians 4:4, Acts 1:7, Acts 17:31



Chag (Lev 23:6) from “chagag” – to move in a cycle.

Feasts to be celebrated in annual cycles



V. The Church and the Feasts

Early Church celebrated the Feasts:

1 Cor 5:7-8

7 Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast — as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore **let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast**, the yeast of malice and wickedness, **but with bread without yeast**, the bread of sincerity and truth. NIV

Implies Passover



A. Should Christians Celebrate the Feast

1. Arguments against it

a. They are “Old Testament” so no longer valid.

Matt 5:17-18

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, **not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen**, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. NIV

Law /Torah = instructions
Feasts are part of the Torah



Gal 4:9-10

9 But now that you know God — or rather are known by God — how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? 10 You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! NIV

Context of the book – Galatians trying to find salvation by works such as keeping holy days.

Keeping the Feasts does not save us.



b. They were fulfilled by Christ – Colossians 2:16-17

Christmas and Easter also have been fulfilled.

c. They are for the Jewish people only

Yes, they pertain to events that happened in Jewish history.

Leviticus 23:1 – they are God’s feasts, not the feasts of the Jews

Ephesians 3:6 – we share the things of God together with Israel



2. Arguments for it

a. They are ordained by God (biblical) – Leviticus 23

b. They teach us about Christ

c. They connect us with our roots in Israel



d. We observe them to the Lord – Romans 14: 6

We honour God by keeping them

e. Jesus himself observed them:

> Passover – Luke 2:41-42, Luke 22:7-8

> Tabernacles – John 7:2-4, John 7:37-38

It is safe to assume that He observed Pentecost as well.

f. They will be celebrated in the millennial kingdom

> Passover – Ezekiel 45:21-22,

> Tabernacles – Ezekiel 45:25, Zechariah 14:16-17

