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The Right Time for Passover

by Donald R. Mansager

The month Abib, in Hebrew meaning “green ears,” is the beginning of the year according to Yahweh’s calendar.

As Yahweh began to prepare His people Israel to be released from the bondage of Egypt, He told Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be unto you

the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you,” Exodus 12:2. Deuteronomy 16: 1 confirms this month as *Abib*, the month that begins the year.

Abib comes in the spring when the warming sun brings life back to the earth and foliage emerges in our northern

hemisphere. Passover falls in the month of Abib, reminding us of the renewal of our spiritual life, which begins with our Savior’s sacrifice.

Because Abib is central in ushering in the annual holy times, Satan continues his attempts to influence well-meaning people to follow teachings and practices outside the Scriptures. Not only does the Adversary attempt to confuse us as to the proper month of Passover, but he also tries to delay the proper time when Yahweh’s people should observe Passover. By listening to those who ignore the plain teaching of the Bible, some are led astray and keep a day or time the Bible does not honor for His sacred times.

Scripture tells us plainly which day we are to keep and exactly when on that day to observe the Passover memorial.

The Adversary works hard to bring confusion among those striving to keep the times Yahweh has given us for our own good. If we do not follow the Scriptures closely, we may be keeping Passover at the wrong time. Had the Israelites kept Passover even six hours later, they would have been slain by the Destroyer who went through the land at midnight on the 14th.

The seven Annual Holy Days were already programmed early in Yahweh’s grand plan for mankind back at creation when He said: “Let there be lights in the firmament

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of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years” (Gen. 1:14).

Jews a Day Late

The word “seasons” in this verse does not refer to the four seasons of the year — spring, summer, fall and winter — but is from the Hebrew *moed*. The word *moed*, **Strong’s** No. 4150, means “appointed time,” and is connected with Yahweh’s Feasts or special times of the year. The Hebrew word *eht* means seasons of the year, as we see in Deuteronomy 11: 14 and Leviticus 26:4, but not in Genesis 1:14.

Some teach that we should keep the same days the Jews do, as they have been observing the Feast days for some 4,000 years. The problem is that the Jews no longer follow the Bible in the days they observe. They have written their own rules that are not found in the Word and today keep Passover a day late. However, they do have a “Seder” service that they keep at home with the family on the 14th. They then go to the synagogue on the 15th for a supper that they mistakenly call “the Passover.”

It might be well to read chapter 12 of Exodus to get the true story flow of the first Passover. All Passovers must conform to the first example given us. The law is our standard for establishing observances. It tells us exactly when to keep them.

Exodus 12:3-5 says that a lamb without blemish was selected on the tenth day of Abib and was to be kept until the 14th. Verse 6 reveals when each family was to slay its lamb: “And you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.”

The phrase “in the evening” is literally the time “between the evenings,” which the Jewish *Tanakh* renders “twilight,” as does the Jewish Study Bible and the NIV. Other Bibles follow suit or translate it “dusk.” The first evening is sunset, the second is darkness.

The interpretation that “between the evenings” means the time between noon and 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. is a later rabbinic teaching. We see in Exodus 30:8 that the same Hebrew term “between the evenings” is used: “And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even [Heb. “between the two evenings”], he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before Yahweh throughout your generations.” Aaron’s actions show that lamps are needed “between the evenings,” when twilight or dusk brings darkness. .

When the 14th came, the lamb was to be

slain. Scripture shows that the day begins at evening (or dusk), at sunset (Genesis 1:5; Lev. 23:2; Mark 1:32), not at midnight as in our present worldly, Gregorian calendar.

Because the Scriptural day ends at sunset, when a new day begins as well, each day has one time for evening, at the beginning of the day. Days end and begin with darkness at sunset, and Yahweh brings light, just as He did at creation. Yahshua is the “Light of the World.” The proper time for slaying of the lamb would be just as the 13th day ends at sunset and the 14th begins. Thus, on the 14th they were to: “eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; [and] with bitter [herbs] they shall eat it.” (Ex. 12:8). Not the next night, but “in that night” of the 14th.

Thus, the beginning of the Scriptural day is evening, after the sun has set. Dusk sets in and begins the day after sunset, not in the middle of the night as in our present calendars that begin the day at midnight. It was at midnight on the 14th that the destroying angel came over the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:8 clearly says, “And they shall eat the flesh in that night!” Exodus 12:1-14 speaks of the activities of the 14th.

It is not until verse 15 that any discussion of the 15th of Abib takes place.

Therefore, we read in Exodus 12:12: “For I will pass through the land of Egypt THIS NIGHT, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt.” “This night” is the 14th, as the 15th is not mentioned until verse 15.

Scriptures Clear About Passover

The following Scriptures all tell us that the Passover observance is on the 14th of the first month, Abib:

- “These are the feasts of Yahweh, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is Yahweh’s Passover” (Lev. 23:4-5).

- “Let the children of Israel also keep the Passover at his appointed season. In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, you shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall you keep it” (Num. 9:2-3).

This is an especially important verse, as it clearly states that everything dealing with the Passover is to be done on the 14th, which is the appointed time (twilight, NIV),

the rites and ceremonies (rules and regulations, NIV) pertaining to it. Nothing pertaining to Passover was to be done on the 15th.

- “And they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel” (Num, 9:5).

- “And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of Yahweh. And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten” (Num.28:16-17).

- “But at the place which Yahweh thy Elohim shall choose to place his name in, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at even, at the going down of the sun [Heb. “bo”], at the season that you came forth out of Egypt” (Deut. 16:6). The Hebrew *bo* is elsewhere translated “sunset.”

Passover Observed on 14th

True to the command, we find Israel properly keeping the Passover at the appointed time:

- “And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the Passover; unleavened cakes, and parched [corn] in the selfsame day” (Josh. 5: 10-11).

- “Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of Yahweh” (2Chron.30:15).

- “Moreover Josiah kept a Passover unto Yahweh in Jerusalem: and they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month” (2Chron. 35:1).

- “And the children of the captivity kept the Passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month” (Ezra 6: 19).

These verses above do clearly declare that the 14th is the Passover, and the 15th is the Feast (of Unleavened

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Bread). The following verses are a real problem for those who mistakenly insist upon a 15th Passover. Note the similar wording that describes when the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles will be observed in the Kingdom:

- “In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the passover; a feast of seven days; unleavened

bread shall be eaten” (Ezek. 45:21).

The next day starts the Feast:

• “In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering” (Ezek. 45:25).

Passover Was Never on the 15th

If keeping the Passover at the end of the 14th is the correct time, then one should start the observance of Tabernacles at the end of the 15th as the 16th begins! This is an important parallel because the wording in both is almost exactly the same. If we understand from this that Passover in the Kingdom will be kept at the end of the 14th just as the 15th begins, then Tabernacles also will be kept a day later, at the end of the 15th as the 16th begins. But the Bible says that Passover is on the 14th of Abib and Tabernacles begins on the 15th of Tishri.

The sequence of events given in Yahweh’s Word is clear and logical. All verses dealing with Passover harmonize with a 14th Passover and 15th as the High Sabbath, the first day of Unleavened Bread. After sunset ending the 13th, the 14th would begin, which signaled the time to slay the lamb, smear blood on the doorposts and lintel. The lamb was roasted and eaten that night before midnight when the destroyer passed over.

On the morning of the 14th, the bones of the lamb were burned up, and the people began gathering their family, flocks and herds and assembling at Rameses. It was the time for spoiling the Egyptians. From Ramses they left Egypt as the 14th ended and the 15th began, which Deuteronomy 16:1 says was by night.

“Observe the month of A bib, and keep the passover unto Yahweh your Elohim: for in the month of A bib Yahweh your Elohim brought you forth out of Egypt by night” (Deut. 16: 1).

Once gathered at Rameses, Israel prepared themselves in a marching order with their families and livestock together and prepared to leave Egypt on the full moon night of the 15th.

“And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians” (Num. 33:3).

Yahshua Always Obedient to the Word

Yahshua kept the Passover at the right time and fulfilled all righteousness right up to the time of His death. Already the Jews were keeping Passover a day later even as they do today, John 18:28. The disciples were not in a quandry about when He would be

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keeping the Feast, see Matthew 26:18-19; Mark 14; Luke 22:8-14; John 13.

All Evangels say Yahshua was entombed on the preparation day: Matthew 27:62; Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:31,42. This itself shows that Yahshua kept the Passover as the 14th began; was on trial that night, and impaled as morning came.

Yahshua kept the Passover with His disciples and shortly afterward was taken prisoner and then impaled before the Jews had celebrated their late Passover. If He kept the law perfectly; should we not also keep Passover on the beginning of the 14th?

Should One Follow Error?

We are told by some we should follow the practice of the Jews in observing the Passover on the 15th. Far too much credence is given the practice of the Pharisees who already in Yahshua’s time kept Passover a day late. The *Encyclopedia Judaica* admits that the Jews have fused the two observances and now keep Passover a day late, together with the first day of Unleavened Bread: “The feast of Passover consists of two parts: the Passover ceremony, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Originally, both parts existed separately; but at the beginning of the exile they were combined,” Vol. 13, Article: “Passover,” p. 169.

The Jews freely admit that the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread were at one time two separate observances. However, following their return from Babylon, the two were merged into one observance and they now keep Passover on Abib 15. That they

began keeping Passover a day late is clear from John’s Evangel:

“Then led they Yahshua from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the Passover” (John 18:28).

This is long after Yahshua and His disciples had kept the Passover themselves, and yet the other Jews still had not observed it.

Avoid the Mistakes

It is clear that the Bible knows nothing about Passover’s being observed on the 15th. Scripture shows that Passover is to be on the 14th of Abib, which has to be in the evening when the 13th ends at sunset and the 14th begins. There is only one evening of the 14th. Neither can it be observed Scripturally on the afternoon of the 14th. We absolutely must keep it when the law tells us to keep it and when Yahshua our example kept it Himself. If it is acceptable to observe Passover at 3 p.m. at the death of Yahweh’s Firstfruits – His Son – then it might also be argued that Israel could keep it when the death angel caused the death of the firstborn at midnight on the 14th. Had they done so, and not as the law clearly commanded, they would also have suffered the death of their own firstborn.

Those who anchor their Passover to the Jews ignore the plain statements of Scripture that Passover is on the 14th. They depend upon a misunderstanding of Matthew’s statement: “Then spake Yahshua to the

multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not after their works: for they say, and do not" (Matt. 23:1-3).

Yahshua is telling us that when the scribes and Pharisees read Old Testament law, they will be quoting Moses, such as we have quoted throughout. These quotations from the Bible we are to obey. However, we are not to do what the Pharisees do, for they say one thing and do another. They tell us from their reading of the Bible to keep the Passover on the 14th. But they themselves keep Passover on the 15th. "Do not after their works," says our Savior.

Yahshua commands against following Jewish custom. We are to keep Passover on the 14th as Moses wrote, not as the Jews do today. There is not one verse in the Bible telling us to keep Passover or any rite or ceremony connected to it on any day except the 14th. Obey Yahweh, observe Passover on the 14th of Abib and Tabernacles on the 15th of the seventh month.

Yahshua kept the Passover at the beginning of the 14th and we are to walk in His steps. Follow Yahweh's instructions in the Bible and keep His Passover as the 14th begins, not as it ends.

If the growing barley in Israel is confirmed in the Abib stage and if the new moon of March 27 is seen, the Passover memorial service will be held at Holts Summit, Mo, on the **evening of April 9**. The first high day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread will be **April 11**, and the last high day will fall on the **17th**.

Editor's Note:

We have included an offering slip for the Feast, which is one of the key ways by which we are commanded to observe it. In Leviticus 23:8 Israel was told to bring an offering on **each** of the seven days of the Feast. Offerings were always required in Feast statutes.

Some have asked us what they should do about their income tax rebate—should they tithe on it? Our response is, if this is new money that you never had before, then it is counted as increase and it is to be tithed on, Deuteronomy 14:22; 26:12.

What about gifts, bestowments, inheritances or any income not associated with one's daily earnings? All of these, if they represent additional wealth, are considered increase and are subject to the tithe Yahweh expects of His people. May we be faithful in everything. 🙏



The Virtuous Woman is written by women for women, with articles about faith, home, marriage, child-rearing, recipes, and whatever may interest women in the Faith.

THE TEACUP

– Submitted by **Loretta Overman**

Love this story or not, you will not be able to have tea in a teacup again without thinking of this.



There was a couple who took a trip to England to shop in a beautiful antique store to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They both liked antiques and pottery, and especially teacups. Spotting an exceptional cup, they asked, "May we see that? We've never seen a cup quite so beautiful."

As the lady handed it to them, suddenly the teacup spoke, "You don't understand. I have not always been a teacup. There was a time when I was just a lump of red clay. My master took me and rolled me, pounded and patted me over and over and I yelled out, 'Don't do that. I don't like it! Let me alone.' But he only smiled and gently said, 'Not yet.'

Then, WHAM!, I was placed on a spinning wheel and suddenly I was spun around and around and around. 'Stop it! I'm getting so dizzy! I'm going to be sick!' I screamed. But the master only nodded and said quietly, 'Not yet.'

He spun me and poked, prodded and bent me out of shape to suit himself and then he put me in the oven. I never felt such heat. I yelled, knocked and pounded at the door. 'Help! Get me out of here!' I could see him through the opening and I could read his lips as he shook his head from side to side. 'Not yet.'

When I thought I couldn't bear it another minute, the door opened. He carefully took me out, put me on the shelf, and I began to cool. Oh, that felt so good! 'Ah, this is much better,' I thought. But, after I cooled he picked me up and brushed and painted me all over. The fumes were horrible. I thought I would gag. 'Oh, please. Stop it. Stop!' I cried. He only shook his head and said, 'Not yet!'

Then suddenly he put me back into the oven. Only it was not like the first one. This was twice as hot and I just knew I would suffocate. I begged. I pleaded. I screamed.

I cried. I was convinced I would never make it. I was ready to give up. Just then the door opened and he took me out and again placed me on the shelf where I cooled and waited and waited, wondering 'What's he going to do to me next?'

An hour later, he handed me a mirror and said 'Look at yourself.' And I did. I said, 'That's not me. That couldn't be me. It's beautiful. I'm beautiful!'

Quietly he spoke, 'I want you to remember, then,' he said. 'I know it hurt to be rolled, pounded, and patted, but had I left you alone you'd have dried up. I know it made you dizzy to spin around on the wheel, but if I had stopped, you would have crumbled. I know it hurt and it was hot and disagreeable in the oven, but if I hadn't put you there you would have cracked. I know the fumes were bad when I brushed and painted you all over, but if I hadn't done that, you never would have hardened. You would not have had any color in your life.'

'If I hadn't put you back in that second oven, you wouldn't have survived for long because the hardness would not have held. Now you are what I had in mind when I first began you.'

The moral of this story is this: Yahshua knows what He's doing for each of us. He is the Potter and we are His clay. He will mold us, make us, and expose us to just enough pressures of just the right kinds that we may be made into a flawless piece of work to fulfill His good, pleasing and perfect will.

So, when life seems hard and you are being pounded, patted, and pushed almost beyond endurance; when your world seems to be spinning out of control; when you fill like you are in a fiery furnace of trials; when life seems to "stink," try this:

Brew a cup of your favorite tea in your prettiest teacup, sit down and think on this story and then, have a little talk with the Potter. 🙏

Delicious Unleavened Food Recipes

The days of Unleavened Bread will soon be upon us. We are commanded to eat no leavening in our food during this period. Almost all breads, crackers, cookies, and yes, even tortillas contain some type of leavening agent. It's still fairly easy to serve unleavened meals and snacks, especially if one has some recipes on hand for this time of year. The sisters at YRM have gathered some of their favorites, which we share here.

UNLEAVENED CHEESE BREAD – Submitted by Cathey Hinson

½ lb. grated longhorn cheese
½ lb. grated cheddar jack cheese
3 eggs
1 1/3 cups milk
1 cup flour
½ cup melted butter
1 tsp. salt

After grating cheeses, mix all ingredients together. Pour into a greased 9 x 13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Very good when hot!

TOO MUCH FLATBREAD

– Submitted by Cathey Hinson

3 cups flour
3 eggs
1/3 cup oil
½ tsp. salt
Water



Mix all of the ingredients together. Add enough water to make the mixture easy to pour (I had mine the consistency of a thick cake mix). Pour into a well-greased 15/10 jellyroll pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. **This bread stays moist**, is a very good soft bread, and is great for cutting into sandwich size pieces to use for sandwich bread. It is also delicious buttered while hot!

NAOMI'S UNLEAVENED BREAD – Submitted by Naomi Holm

1 ¼ - 1 ½ cups flour
½ tsp. salt
½ cup quick oatmeal
1/3 cup brown sugar – or 1/3 cup natural, raw, or white sugar with 1 T. molasses
½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1/8 – ¼ cup olive oil

Mix the dry ingredients. In a separate bowl, mix the butter, sugar and oil together, and then add to the dry ingredients. Blend and stir to make a moist dough. Spread out 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick on a cookie sheet. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes at 350 degrees. You may experiment with this recipe's ingredients to suit your taste.

UNLEAVENED OATMEAL PECAN COOKIES – Submitted by Cathey Hinson

1 cup flour
¾ cup brown sugar
1 cup Crisco shortening
3 T. water
1 tsp. allspice
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground ginger
1 egg
3 cups raw oats
¾ cup chopped pecans



In a large bowl, measure the first 9 ingredients. Using a mixer on low, beat ingredients until well blended. With spoon, stir in oats and nuts. Grease cookie sheet. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Drop dough by heaping teaspoons 2 inches apart. Bake 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to wire rack to cool. Store in tightly locked container. Good for two weeks. Makes 3-4 dozen.

UNLEAVENED PIE CRUST – Submitted by Jennifer Foliard

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp salt
2/3 cup vegetable shortening
1 tbs white vinegar
5 to 6 tbs of milk
1/2 cup sugar



In large bowl, combine sugar, flour, salt. Cut in shortening using pastry cutter (or two knives) until mixture resembles course crumbs. Sprinkle with vinegar. Gradually add milk, tossing with a fork until a ball forms. Spread into pie plate. Bake 400 degrees for 25 minutes.

PEANUT BUTTER BALLS – Submitted by Leslie Seifert

2 T. melted butter
1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup peanut butter, chunky or creamy
1½ cups crisp rice cereal
½ lb. white chocolate, or almond bark



Stir melted butter into the powdered sugar. Next, stir in the peanut butter. Finally, stir in the crisp rice cereal. Roll into balls and refrigerate for several hours. In a double boiler, melt the white chocolate. Roll the chilled balls in the chocolate for a thin coating. Place coated balls on wax paper and let cool.

****Dark chocolate variation:** Add ½ cup chocolate chips to the dough before refrigerating. Use dark chocolate rather than the white to coat the balls.



Preparing delicious meals is a necessary endeavor as well as a noble art. Here at Yahweh's Restoration Ministry, our young ladies are learning to become great cooks. The following tasty dessert was prepared by ten year-old Sarah.

SARAH'S QUICK "CHERRY" DESSERT

- Submitted by **Sarah Avalos**

2 cans cherry pie filling
1 box yellow cake mix
½ cup butter or oleo, melted
1 cup shredded coconut (optional)
1 cup chopped nuts

In a buttered 9" x 13" pan, spread the cherry pie filling on the bottom. Sprinkle the yellow cake mix evenly over the fruit filling.

The Problem with Mixing Wool and Linen

– One Explanation –

– Submitted by **Luann Avalos**

Leviticus 19:19 – “Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.”

Yahweh's commands are given to humankind out of His love and concern for our welfare. But, while the first two prohibitions in Leviticus 19:9 make sense scientifically, the third has caused much perplexity. Why shouldn't we wear wool mixed with linen? Does this restriction pertain to the mixing of all fabrics?

Paleobiologist Brian Sass has found a possible answer to these questions. Sass notes that mixing fabrics is not forbidden, only mixing wool and linen is banned. Additionally, wearing an article of wool along with an article of linen (such as a wool tunic and a linen belt) is permitted. What this commandment actually means is that we are not to weave these two specific types of thread, wool and linen, together. Why?

According to Sass, it has been proven scientifically that wool when combined with linen increases its power of pulling electricity from the body. This could prove to be a deadly combination, especially in hot climates.

Wool readily sheds electrons, which you notice as static electricity such as when opening a woolen blanket in the dry winter air. But linen will not accept wool's shed electrons, pushing them away. When the wool tries the electron hand-off again, the cycle begins to amplify itself. As the cycle continues it draws electricity out of the body and upsets the body's delicate electron balance.

If you wore a garment woven of a wool/linen mix in a hot climate, the fabric would first cause tiredness possibly followed by fever as you lose energy. Internal organs could begin to fail as electricity is depleted. Skin may slough off. Dehydration may result. This situation would not only be extremely uncomfortable, but could prove dangerous.

Even though we may not understand everything we are commanded, obedience to Yahweh not only pleases Him but also keeps us out of harm's way.

(Brian Sass teaches Biblical science at Into His Harvest Bible training school in Regina, Saskatchewan.)

Next, drizzle the melted butter over all, sprinkle on the coconut (if desired) and the nuts. Bake for 50-60 minutes at 325 degrees. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped topping.

*This recipe was originally a peach dessert, but it can be changed according to taste – perhaps blueberry pie filling...

No matter what time of year, we crave the warmth and aroma of homemade soups. They are nutritious, filling, and economical. Each Sabbath common meal, somewhere amongst the fine array of salads, main dishes, and desserts, is at least one pot of steaming soup. Following is one of our favorites:

CREAM OF CABBAGE SOUP – Submitted by **Mil Mansager**
Makes 12-14 servings, about 3½ quarts

4 cups of water
1 teaspoon salt
2 T. chicken bouillon granules
1 teaspoon dill weed
3 cups diced, peeled potatoes
1 cup butter or margarine
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 cup flour
1 cup diced rutabaga (optional)
2 cups milk
½ cup diced carrots
1 can fat free chicken broth
6 cups chopped cabbage
½ lb. American cheese, cubed
1 cup chopped celery
½ teaspoon dried thyme
½ cup chopped green pepper
pepper, to taste
1 garlic clove, minced
additional milk (optional)

In a soup kettle, bring water and bouillon to a boil; add potatoes, onion, rutabagas and carrots. Simmer five minutes after reducing heat. Add cabbage, celery, and green pepper. Simmer uncovered for five minutes. Add garlic and salt.

In a separate saucepan, melt the butter and stir in the flour. Continue stirring over a medium heat until it is a golden brown. Gradually add the milk and chicken broth, stirring until smooth. Next, add the cheese, thyme and pepper. Cook on low until the cheese is melted. Stir into the soup kettle containing the vegetable mixture and simmer for five minutes. Thin with more milk, if needed.



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Am I supposed to observe all the 613 laws in the Old Testament?

Q “I believe with all my heart, mind, strength, and soul that we are to be obedient. I just don’t know to what extent. Are we required to keep all 613 laws or have a portion of them been abolished and abrogated? Is there a list with explanations of which and how and why we should keep what we do?”
– GN, FL

A Obedience is the only way of being considered worthy for life everlasting, Romans 2:6. As for the “613” laws, this is a number rabbinic Jews came up with and is not found in the Scriptures. Many laws in the Word are either in abeyance (like animal sacrifices) or meant for the government of Israel and the safety and health of the people back then. They include things like putting a fence around your roof so that no one would fall off because people actually lived up there, and restricting a woman in worship services during her estrous cycle so that any disease she might have would not be spread. In addition, many of those laws concern how to govern a nation (like knocking down statues of false worship). That was for another time and for an entire nation governed by the Scriptures, not for a nation under “Rome” as we are, when many of the laws in the Word cannot be enforced by us today and so are not for our situation, but will be enforced when Yahshua’s righteous government rules the planet.

Believers need to focus on the moral/spiritual laws affecting their personal salvation. These include the commandments, Feasts, clean food laws and those governing relationships like marriage and family and love of neighbor. These are the laws that specifically impact the individual heart and prepare us for Kingdom rulership.

Are all people saved, and how?

Q “Are all people able to be saved and are we saved by grace?” –NM, NY

A We believe everyone will be given an opportunity for everlasting life. But only a relatively few are called now. And because everyone is a sinner, there is nothing anyone can do to deserve salvation. It is only by grace that we have hope for salvation. So why does the Bible teach obedience? Two reasons: Although salvation is by grace and can’t be

earned, we still must show we merit it. We must also be worthy to be called. Paul in 2Thes. 1:5 said, “Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of Elohim, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of Elohim, for which you also suffer.” Revelation 22:14 says, “Blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have right [delegated authority] to the tree of life.” Secondly, Eternal positions are awarded only to the saved based on obedience in life, Matthew 16:27.

Must the new moon be seen locally or only from Israel?

Q “We are learning about the biblical calendar. Some people think we should go by the sighting of the moon seen in Israel to begin the month. What biblical proof is there how we should determine the beginning? Do we go by seeing it where we live or by a report from Israel? We have noticed that we might see it here where we live when it was not seen over there yet.” – Mitzi, TX

A The key to answering your question is in your last statement. If you resolve to go by the sighting in Israel, but you see the new moon where you live when Israel cannot, which commonly happens, you would need to ignore what you plainly see in the sky. This completely negates the directive Yahweh gives to “observe” the new moon, Deut. 16:1. Why observe it if you are going to ignore it? Is it acceptable to allow someone in Israel to keep this command for you? Is that how we treat the other commands we are given – let someone else keep them for us? Now, apply this reasoning to the Sabbath. It begins in Israel 8-11 hours earlier than in the United States (depending on your time zone). Should we then begin the Sabbath Friday morning at the corresponding time that Israel would begin keeping it? Of course not. We keep the Sabbath as it comes to us via the setting sun. And we observe the new month as it comes to us via the lunar crescent as well.

Consider the ministry of Paul when he was 1,000 miles away in Macedonia on his second and third missionary journeys. The trips took several years each, during which time he could not possibly have known when the new moons were seen in Israel; he had to go by the crescent he saw wherever he was at the time, just as we do. 🌕



We have embarked on a long-term project to publish a Sacred Name study Bible, and are in the process of editing an on-line version. The need is great for a Bible that not only restores the true Names of Father and Son, but also brings back the truths that have been changed in or translated out of English versions. More on this project as it progresses.



Making Progress

"I am immensely glad how far YRM has come in the last 10 years or so since I began getting the newsletter. My love for you all and Yahweh and Yahshua remains, and I plan to be more supportive money-wise in the coming months and years. I'm sending you my sign-up sheet to receive the DVDs."

– KM, OR

I'm Trying to Reach Out...

"How would a Yahwistic assembly be established, where there is none? I live in a small town — Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterian, etc. Have not found anyone willing to read Psalm 68:4, without their holding me responsible for writing it. I try to convince them 'I was not there, at the time of the writing.' They don't buy it. I'm still guilty, they believe. Sooner or later, I will find someone in this area who wants to share truth. So, if you have any suggestion on how to go about that, I'm listening. I attended a Christian university, a school where you are taught to parrot their understanding; and, I tend to resent it, now that I'm onto a more direct revelation of true history. Perhaps I can salvage that negative experience and use that to 'relate' to others who also came from it — but who sense the need for keener observation. I appreciate your website. I learned a lot from your live sermon on February 7, 2009. I'd already suspected that most of today's false traditions and beliefs originated with the Roman church... Also liked hearing the final music. I've not been to a church where the ladies covered their heads. But I know, instinctively, that this is the right thing to do. And it also adds to their overall beauty and presentation. I will soon arrange for a donation to be headed your way." —TP, IN

His Teaching Needs Overhauling

"You guys are doing an incredible job! After much study of your Web site I realize I need to change the way I teach the Bible. I have requested your DVD program and many pieces of literature. Your website

is the best out there I have ever seen for the truth. I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful job you are doing. I hope to financially support you in the future. I really am desiring more Spanish translations of your literature. I am praying for your ministry!"

– Pastor S., Email

Can't Believe We Are Still Telecasting

"How long have you been on TV in my area? I don't know why I haven't found you sooner. From everything that I see you are teaching, you are teaching truth. I'm afraid what you are teaching makes people mad because they don't want to hear the truth. I can't believe you haven't been kicked off of TV for the truths you are teaching." (*Selected comments of gentleman responding to local Discover the Truth TV program*)

Web Guidance Wonderful

"I just found your Web site and have been reading different articles. I just want to say thank you, thank you, and halleluyah! It is such a blessing! I am without any fellowship/assembly at this point due to my husband who no longer believes because of seeing all the pagan incorporations into "Christianity," so he now thinks that the New Testament is written to deceive the masses. I pray he can see the truth very soon. So, it's a wonderful thing (what is shared on your site) to have some help and guidance on understanding the truth. May Yahweh continue to bless you and make you a blessing to His people!"

– DL, email

Appreciates Teachings on Feasts

"I have just learned of your ministry through my father-in-law. I want to say thank you for your teachings on the true feasts and festivals and the true timing of those feasts. Please pray for my husband and my congregation to come to those truths, I have known for sometime now but as a woman I'm not really allowed to teach such things. I am the youth leader so I have been teaching the young ones." – DS, email

Soul Touched, Needs Fellowship

"How do I congregate with true believers of Yahweh's word close to my home here in Texas? Your words and thoughts touch my soul yet I need to see and hear and congregate with [Yahweh's] people. Is it only on-line?" – RG, email

(*We regret that to date we have no fellowship groups in Texas. We encourage you to make plans to be with us at the Feasts, not only for spiritual growth, but also because Yahweh commands it, Lev. 23.* – ED)

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