

## Leviticus 23:1-44 The Biblical Holy Days Pt 2

The Christian church and the people of the world celebrate shared religious holy days like Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving that cannot be found in the Bible. This is done while rejecting the Biblical Holy Days given by YeHoVaH that are clearly mentioned and celebrated by the people of the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments.

In this Chapter of Leviticus, **YeHoVaH, the Most High, instructs Moses to give His people the Holy Days that are to be celebrated by the Body of Messiah with Him as the focus.**

Different teachers, in different schools of thought, teach their students different things from the same verse or passage of Scripture.

Because of the various teachers and their interpretations, various beliefs and terminology arise.

Various beliefs and terminologies manifest in the sacred Name of Father.

When it comes to the Feasts, we have different dates, different terminologies, and different traditions.

In this portion of Leviticus, we will look at the Latter Feasts of YeHoVaH, traditionally referred to as the Fall Feasts.

The Latter Feasts include:

- The Day of Trumpets/Yom Teruah
- The Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur
- Tabernacles/Sukkot
- The Eighth Day/Shemini Atzeret

### Feast of Trumpets

Lev 23:23 And **YeHoVaH spake unto Moses**, saying,

YeHoVaH spoke the Torah to Moses.

Moses wrote what YeHoVaH spoke.

Lev 23:24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, shall ye have a **sabbath**, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an **holy convocation**.

Sabbath – **07677** שַׁבָּתון shabbathown {shab-baw-thone'}

**Meaning:** 1) Sabbath observance, sabbatism 1a) of weekly sabbath 1b) day of atonement 1c) sabbatical year 1d) of Feast of Trumpets 1e) of the 1st and last days of the Feast of Tabernacles

**Usage:** AV - rest 8, sabbath 3, 11

Holy – **06944** קֹדֶשׁ qodesh {ko'-desh}

**Meaning:** 1) apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness 1a) apartness, sacredness, holiness 1a1) of God 1a2) of places 1a3) of things 1b) set-apartness, separateness

**Usage:** AV - holy 262, sanctuary 68, (holy, hallowed,...) things 52, most 44, holiness 30, dedicated 5, hallowed 3, consecrated 1, misc 3; 468

Convocation – **04744** מִקְרָא {mik-row'}

**Meaning:** 1) convocation, convoking, reading, a calling together 1a) convocation, sacred assembly 1b) convoking 1c) reading

**Usage:** AV - convocation 19, assemblies 2, calling 1, reading 1; 23

Blowing of Trumpets - **08643** תְּרוּעָה {ter-oo-aw'}

**Meaning:** 1) alarm, signal, sound of tempest, shout, shout or blast of war or alarm or joy 1a) alarm of war, war-cry, battle-cry 1b) blast (for march) 1c) shout of joy (with religious impulse) 1d) shout of joy (in general)

**Usage:** AV - shout 11, shouting 8, alarm 6, sound 3, blowing 2, joy 2, misc 4; 36

In Judaism, the Day of Trumpets is referred to as Rosh Hashanah.

The Day of Trumpets, Biblically, is **NOT** Rosh Hashanah. Biblically, Rosh Hashanah is the 1<sup>st</sup> of Abib.

Ex 12:1 And YeHoVaH spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

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Ex 12:2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.

Ex 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house:

Ex 12:4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Ex 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats:

Ex 12:6 And ye 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 first day of the seventh month may be the head or beginning of that month, but not the head or beginning of the year.

Lev 23:25 Ye shall do no servile work *therein*: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto YeHoVaH.

The Offering made by fire was the work of the Priests, not the people.

## Day of Atonement

Many in Judaism and Messianic Judaism declare this day the holiest day on the Feast calendar although it is not recognized as such Biblically. Not to mention, that the Day of Atonement is not a day that the Children of Israel were required to appear before YeHoVaH.

Calling the **Day of Atonement** the holiest day on the Feast calendar is a stated opinion, NOT a Biblical fact.

We must distinguish opinion and traditions from Biblical FACTS.

Lev 23:26 And **YeHoVaH spake unto Moses**, saying,

Lev 23:27 Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an **holy convocation** unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto YeHoVaH.

Afflict – **06031** עָנָה `anah {aw-naw'}

**Meaning:** 1) (Qal) to be occupied, be busied with 2) to afflict, oppress, humble, be afflicted, be bowed down 2a) (Qal) 2a1) to be put down, become low 2a2) to be depressed, be downcast 2a3) to be afflicted 2a4) to stoop 2b) (Niphal) 2b1) to humble oneself, bow down 2b2) to be afflicted, be humbled 2c) (Piel) 2c1) to humble, mishandle, afflict 2c2) to humble, be humiliated 2c3) to afflict 2d4) to humble, weaken oneself 2d) (Pual) 2d1) to be afflicted 2d2) to be humbled 2e) (Hiphil) to afflict 2f) (Hithpaal) 2f1) to humble oneself 2f2) to be afflicted

**Usage:** AV - afflict 50, humble 11, force 5, exercised 2, sing 2, Leannoth 1, troubled 1, weakened 1, misc 11; 84

Soul – **5315** נֶפֶשׁ nephesh {neh'-fesh}

**Meaning:** 1) soul, self, life, creature, person, appetite, mind, living being, desire, emotion, passion 1a) that which breathes, the breathing substance or being, soul, the inner being of man 1b) living being 1c) living being (with life in the blood) 1d) the man himself, self, person or individual 1e) seat of the appetites 1f) seat of emotions and passions 1g) activity of mind 1g1) dubious 1h) activity of the will 1h1) dubious 1i) activity of the character 1i1) dubious

**Usage:** AV - soul 475, life 117, person 29, mind 15, heart 15, creature 9, body 8, himself 8, yourselves 6, dead 5, will 4, desire 4, man 3, themselves 3, any 3, appetite 2, misc 45; 751

The Day of Atonement is the only day we are commanded to afflict our soul.

Leviticus 16 lays out the order of the day for the High Priest who is the only person allowed in the Tabernacle to perform the sacrifices of the day.

Lev 23:28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before YeHoVaH your God.

Lev 23:29 For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

Lev 23:30 And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

Lev 23:31 Ye shall do no manner of work: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Lev 23:32 It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye **celebrate** your sabbath.

Celebrate – **07673** שָׁבַת shabath {shaw-bath'}

**Meaning:** 1) to cease, desist, rest 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to cease 1a2) to rest, desist (from labour) 1b) (Niphal) to cease 1c) (Hiphil) 1c1) to cause to cease, put an end to 1c2) to exterminate, destroy 1c3) to cause to desist from 1c4) to remove 1c5) to cause to fail 2) (Qal) to keep or observe the sabbath

**Usage:** AV - cease 47, rest 11, away 3, fail 2, celebrate 1, misc 7; 71

Some have interpreted, based on the phrase in this verse alone, that the Day of Atonement is the only Feast you shall observe or celebrate from even to even.

## Feast of Tabernacles

Lev 23:33 And **YeHoVaH spake unto Moses**, saying,

Lev 23:34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles for **seven days** unto YeHoVaH.

Tabernacles is a seven-day Feast.

Tabernacles - **05521** סֹכֶה *cukkah* {sook-kaw'}

**Meaning:** 1) thicket, covert, booth 1a) thicket 1b) booth (rude or temporary shelter)

**Usage:** AV - tabernacle 12, booth 11, pavilion 5, cottage 1, covert 1, tents 1; 31

Lev 23:35 On the first day *shall be* an **holy convocation**: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

The seventh and last day of Tabernacles came to be known as Hoshanah Rabbah.

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Hoshanah Rabbah was viewed by the rabbis of the Talmud as a mini-Yom Kippur, a day on which the entire Jewish community is judged by God to be worthy or not of the seasonal rains.

On the night before Hoshanah Rabbah, many Jews stay up late to study Torah — some even study Torah the entire night long. It has become traditional to read the Book of Deuteronomy, both because it can serve as a summary of the entire Torah and because it is the last book of the Torah and Jews everywhere are about to conclude the yearly cycle of reading the Torah on Simchat Torah (two days after Hoshanah Rabbah). Some also recite Psalms, and Sephardic Jews also recite Selichot prayers.

On the evening following Hoshanah Rabbah, the festival of Shemini Atzeret begins.

## The Eighth Day

Lev 23:36 **Seven days** ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto YeHoVaH: **on the eighth day** shall be an **holy convocation** unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto YeHoVaH: it *is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

Lev 23:37 These *are* the feasts of YeHoVaH, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto YeHoVaH, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

Lev 23:38 Beside the sabbaths of YeHoVaH, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto YeHoVaH.

Lev 23:39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto YeHoVaH seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on **the eighth day** *shall be* a sabbath.

Lev 23:40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before YeHoVaH your God seven days.

Boughs – **06529** פְּרִי *periy* {per-ee'}

**Meaning:** 1) fruit 1a) fruit, produce (of the ground) 1b) fruit, offspring, children, progeny (of the womb) 1c) fruit (of actions) (fig.)

**Usage:** AV - fruit 113, fruitful 2, boughs 1, firstfruits + 07225 1, reward 1, fruit thereof 1; 119

Branch – 03709 קַנֶּה kaph {kaf}

**Meaning:** 1) palm, hand, sole, palm of the hand, hollow or flat of the hand 1a) palm, hollow or flat of the hand 1b) power 1c) sole (of the foot) 1d) hollow, objects, bending objects, bent objects 1d1) of thigh-joint 1d2) pan, vessel (as hollow) 1d3) hollow (of sling) 1d4) hand-shaped branches or fronds (of palm trees) 1d5) handles (as bent)

**Usage:** AV - hand 127, spoon 24, sole 19, palm 5, hollow 3, handful 2, apiece 1, branches 1, breadth + 04096 1, clouds 1, misc 7; 191

Boughs – 06057 קֶנֶף `anaph {aw-nawf'}

**Meaning:** 1) bough, branch

**Usage:** AV - branch 4, boughs 3; 7

Lev 23:41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto YeHoVaH seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

Lev 23:42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

Lev 23:43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* YeHoVaH your God.

Booths – 05521 סֹכֶכֶת cukkah {sook-kaw'}

**Meaning:** 1) thicket, covert, booth 1a) thicket 1b) booth (rude or temporary shelter)

**Usage:** AV - tabernacle 12, booth 11, pavilion 5, cottage 1, covert 1, tents 1; 31

Israel dwelt in booths for forty years.

Lev 23:44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of YeHoVaH.