

“Firstfruits”

Ps 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Ps 24:2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

03068 יהוה Yehovah {yeh-ho-vaw'}

Meaning: Jehovah = "the existing One" 1) the proper name of the one true God 1a) unpronounced except with the vowel pointings of 0136

Usage: AV - LORD 6510, GOD 4, JEHOVAH 4, variant 1; 6519

The Psalmist declared that everything belongs to YeHoVaH

- The earth/Land
- Everything in the Earth/the fullness thereof (trees, vines, animal, water, etc.)
- The world/inhabitable places
- The people/they that dwell

Why/How?

For He created it/founded and established it or laid the foundation and made it stable.

YeHoVaH created EVERYTHING according to Genesis 1-2.

YeHoVaH wanted the people to know that even though He parceled out the land to different groups, it all belonged to Him because He is the Creator of Everything.

To keep the people mindful that everything belonged to Him, YeHoVaH established certain Laws which reminded the people that He who created everything, set Laws to govern everything He created.

Ps 67:1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

Ps 67:2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Side note: the Hebrew translation for “saving health” is Yeshua.

03444 ישועה yeshuw`ah {yesh-oo'-aw}

Meaning: 1) salvation, deliverance 1a) welfare, prosperity 1b) deliverance 1c) salvation (by God) 1d) victory

Usage: AV - salvation 65, help 4, deliverance 3, health 3, save 1, saving 1, welfare 1; 78

Ps 67:3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Ps 67:4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

Ps 67:5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Ps 67:6 Then shall the earth/land yield her increase/produce, fruit; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

Ps 67:7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

The tithes, freewill offerings, and Firstfruits are simple reminders that everything belongs to YeHoVaH.

Giving the tithe, freewill offerings, and Firstfruits, are an acknowledgement of the Giver in recognition that the tithe, freewill offerings and Firstfruits belong to the Almighty.

When we keep the Sabbath Holy, we acknowledge that the Sabbath is Holy because YeHoVaH made it Holy and commanded His creation that we, who are Holy, keep the day Holy in His Holy presence.

When we keep the Feasts, His Holy Convocations, we are acknowledging He is Holy, and we, who are Holy, assemble before Him on the day He has made Holy and Set Apart.

All of these things are to remind us Who is in charge and to Whom everything belongs.

- The Sabbath
- The Feasts Days
- The Tithe of the land
- Animals
- Increase
- Income
- Offerings
- Firstfruits

When we refuse to do the things we are commanded, or reject His Word, we rebel against the Creator and take hostage His Creation as if it belongs to us and is ours to do as we please or see fit.

Obedying the instructions in Torah guarantees the promises and blessings of YeHoVaH will be upon us and our house.

This is why Joshua declared,

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. (Jos 24:15 KJV)

Exodus 23:14-19 KJV

Exo 23:14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

Exo 23:15 Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

Exo 23:16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Exo 23:17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

Exo 23:18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning. 19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Leviticus 23:4-17 KJV

Lev 23:4 These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

Lev 23:5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S passover.

Lev 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

Lev 23:7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

Lev 23:8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

Lev 23:9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

Lev 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

Lev 23:12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

Lev 23:13 And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin.

Lev 23:14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Lev 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

Lev 23:16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

Lev 23:17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

Exo 34:21 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

Exo 34:23 Thrice in the year shall all your menchildren appear before the LORD God, the God of Israel.

Exo 34:24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.

Did you see the promises in those verses?

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Solomon writes concerning the Firstfruits.

Pr 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Pr 3:10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Not only did Solomon instruct us to bring the Firstfruits, but he brought Firstfruits himself.

1st King 9:25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

In Leviticus 23, after YeHoVaH gives the Commandments concerning the Feast Days, YeHoVaH said to Moshe:

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

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

Here are the instructions on bringing the Firstfruits.

Deuteronomy 26:1-19

Deut. 26:1 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;

Deut. 26:2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.

Deut. 26:3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD swear unto our fathers for to give us.

Deut. 26:4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

Deut. 26:5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:

Deut. 26:6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:

Deut. 26:7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression:

Deut. 26:8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

Deut. 26:9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Deut. 26:10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

Deut. 26:11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

Deut. 26:12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

Deut. 26:13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given

them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow...

...according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them.

Deut. 26:14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away ought thereof for any unclean use, nor given ought thereof for the dead: but I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

Deut. 26:15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swearst unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Deut. 26:16 This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Deut. 26:17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

Deut. 26:18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments;

Deut. 26:19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

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