

**Just for clarification:** In my presentations I am using YHVH (Yahuwah) instead of LORD, which is a title and not a name and I am using Yahusha instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration and really has no meaning, neither in Hebrew nor in English! YHVH (Yahuwah) and Yahusha are the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

This presentation is entitled:



Holiness, it is something that many religions and people are seeking. We want to have a feeling of being special and set-apart for a divine purpose. Many of us have our own ideas of what it looks like to be holy. But, what does Biblical holiness look like? In Hebrew the word for holy is “kadosh”. This word carries the idea of being set-apart or to be separate. In other words, something that is holy is not like everything or everyone else, and it tends to stand out.

In Shemot Exodus (Shemot) 19:5-6, I like how the King James version translates the following, “**Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And you shall be unto me a**

kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak unto the children of Israel (*Yisra'el*).”



A “**peculiar treasure**” is something that stands out among all of one’s other possessions. Other versions of the Bible translate the phrase “**a peculiar treasure unto me**” instead, “**My own .....**

.... **possession**”, which brings us to another thought. Biblically, being holy and set-apart also means that you don’t own yourself, YHVH (*Elohim*) does.

**It means that you are His possession, His property.**

*In 1Corinthians 6:19-20 (CJB)we read, “..don't you know that your body is a temple of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) which is in you, which you have from Elohim? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify Elohim in your body and in your spirit, which are Elohim's.”*

Since we are not our own, and we want to be HOLY, we have no right to injure ourselves, no right to do anything with it that would defile it, we have no right to commit uncleanness, fornication, that would include drunkenness, gluttony, idle sleep, we have no right to let our talents lie waste, because we have been bought with a price. Worldly ambition, covetousness, and so forth, might claim to walk through our soul, but we say, “**No, it is not our own; we cannot, therefore, do what our old will would do, but we desire to be obedient to the will of our Father who is in heaven.**”

**Let’s remember that Yahusha has paid the price to redeem us; there is no mortgage or lien upon us; we have therefore no right to give a portion of ourselves to Satan. And he has bought us entirely from head to foot, every power, every passion, and every faculty, all our time, all our goods, all that we call our own all that makes up ourselves in the largest sense of that term; we are altogether HIS.**

**To further clarify, this means that you don’t have the right to do with yourself as you please, nor do you have the right to live life they way you see fit and on your own terms.**

**QUESTION: Do  
you still  
Want to be  
HOLY?**



**In regards to holiness, this is a foundational teaching that separates the sheep from the**

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Because Yahuwah (*Elohim*) is our owner and our keeper, our standard of Holiness comes from only from HIM. In *Leviticus (Vayikra) 20:7* Adonai says to His people, **“Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am YHVH your Elohim.”**

And, how does Adonai expect us to be holy and how does He set us apart as a peculiar treasure and as His own possession?

In the very next verse (*Leviticus 20:8 - ASV*) He qualifies for us and defines for us what this looks like. He says, **“And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am Jehovah (YHVH) who sanctifieth you.” I am the one that will make you holy!**

This is the reason why in Judaism before they precede with the keeping of a particular commandment (*mitzvah*) they bless Adonai with the following statement, **“Baruch atah Adonai, Elohenu Melech haolam, asher kidshanu b’mitzvotav”**, which translates to mean, **“Blessed are you, Adonai our Elohim, King of The Universe, whom sanctifies us in your commandments”**. This Biblically based blessing is done to recognize that it is Elohim whom sets us apart through His word. **It is not about legalism, it is about being holy to a Elohim whom we belong to.**



There are benefits to being owned by someone strong and powerful. If we belong to YHVH and are His valuable possession, he will guard us and take care of us, and no one will be able to steal us, and nothing will be able to remove us from His hand.

The question is! **Is there a sign of Yahuwah's ownership? And secondly What is it, what does it look like?**

Here is what *Scripture* says in 2Co 1:22 (Good News Bible –GNB) “(Elohim) has placed his mark of ownership upon us, .....”

*The Bible in Basic English* (BBE) says: “ ...it is he who has put his stamp on us,...”.

The *KJV* states: “Who hath also sealed us, ...”.

*Elohim's word* (GW) translated it this way: “he has put his seal of ownership on us ...”.

**The Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob does place a sign, a stamp, a seal of ownership on His faithful people, showing that they belong to HIM!**

We all do the same thing when it comes to a collection of valued treasures, something that is exceedingly precious, being our property that belongs to us, we will often mark it somehow as belonging to us. Some people write their name, place a symbol specific to them, or otherwise place a sign showing that they have rights and ownership over something.



In corporate America trademarks are guarded fiercely.

One of the possible definitions for a “trademark” is; “a distinctive mark or feature particularly characteristic of or identified with a person or thing.” **Well, our Heavenly Father also has a specific sign of ownership or a trademark!**

*In Exodus (Shemot) 31:13-17 (CJB) we read Yahuwah saying to Moses, “...Tell the people of Yisra'el, 'You are to observe my Shabbats; for this is a sign between me and you through all your generations; so that you will know that I am YHVH (HaShem), who sets you apart for me. Therefore you are to keep my Shabbat, because it is set apart for you. Everyone who treats it as ordinary must be put to death; for whoever does any work on it is to be cut off from his people. On six days work will get done; but the seventh day is Shabbat, for complete rest, set apart for YHVH (HaShem). Whoever does any work on the day of Shabbat must be put to death. The people of Yisra'el are to keep the Shabbat, to observe Shabbat through all their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the people of Yisra'el forever; for in six days YHVH (HaShem) made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day he stopped working and rested.”*

If one thinks and meditates on this for a moment, you could see how Satan, the Enemy of our souls, would not want people to bear Elohim’s sign or trademark. Satan wants ownership of you and all the people of the Earth, and therefore the Biblical seventh day Sabbath is a threatening sign to him because it bears witness that he doesn’t have rights over you. And, I believe that the rejection of the seventh day Sabbath among those whom claim to be Elohim’s people is the direct result of doctrine of demons being allowed to run rampant in churches today. **And, if you claim to be Yahuwah's possession yet reject the Sabbath, be it weekly or yearly, you are at the very least sending conflicting signs.**

## **Portraits of Holiness!**

In regards to the weekly Sabbath observance we have many good examples in scripture to follow. All of the holy men of Elohim throughout the scriptures kept the Biblical seventh day Sabbath, no question whatsoever.

But, inevitably someone will say, **“What about Paul, didn’t he teach us we don’t have to keep the Sabbath?”** Of course, this can be a loaded

Statement in the mind of some Christians as many times they want to tie their salvation into the mix.

But, aside from our salvation (*as we are not saved by our works*), Paul (*Sha'ul*) **never teaches us that keeping Sabbath isn't important any longer**, or that it is something believers shouldn't observe any longer.

**In fact, unless we conclude that Paul was a hypocrite, we can only conclude that he did indeed teach Jew and Gentile to keep the weekly Sabbath within the proper Biblical context. What am I talking about?**

*In Philippians 3:17 (CJB) Paul (Sha'ul) states, “Brothers, be imitators together of me, and note those who walk this way, even as you have us for an example.”*

*And, in 1Corinthians 4:15-16 Paul (Sha'ul) again states, “For though you have ten thousand tutors in Messiah, yet not many fathers. For in Messiah Yahusha, I became your father through the Good News. I beg you therefore, be imitators of me.”*

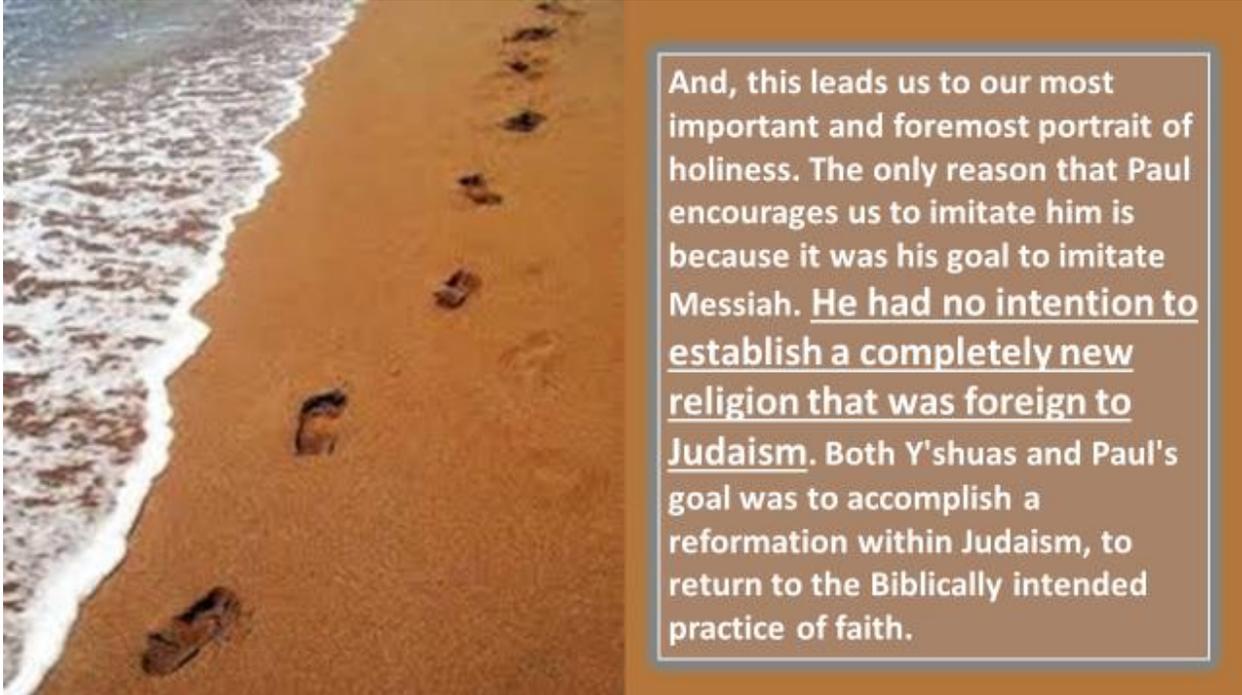
*One of the things that we see Paul practicing is the observance of Shabbat. In Acts 17:2 we read, “Paul (Sha'ul), as was his custom, went in to them, and for three Shabbat days reasoned with them from the Scriptures”.*

And, in Acts 21:24 we see Paul (*Sha'ul*) taking steps to dispel rumors that he wasn't Torah observant any longer. Advice was given to him to observe the following instructions, not only himself, but that he would take other men with him showing that he also prescribed the Torah for others.

*Acts 21:24 states, “Take them, and purify yourself with them, and pay their expenses for them, that they may shave their heads. Then all will know that there is no truth in the things that they have been informed about you, **but that you yourself also walk keeping the Torah (Law).**”*

*Because Paul certainly kept the Sabbath and observed the Torah, and kept the yearly appointed feast days, he in turn urges all believers to follow in His example.*

*And, once again in 1Corinthians 11:1-2 Paul shares with us his basis for instructing believers to be imitators of him. He says, “**Be imitators of me, even as I also am of Messiah.** Now I praise you, brothers, that you remember me in all things, and hold firm the traditions, even as I delivered them to you.”*



And, this leads us to our most important and foremost portrait of holiness. The only reason that Paul encourages us to imitate him is because it was his goal to imitate Messiah. He had no intention to establish a completely new religion that was foreign to Judaism. Both Y'shuas and Paul's goal was to accomplish a reformation within Judaism, to return to the Biblically intended practice of faith.

And, something to remember, when we read about this reformation is that Messiah didn't have a disciple camp for the Jews and a disciple camp for the Gentiles, teaching them each something different to observe. Yes, the Gentiles may have been at a different point in their learning and would not be expected to be completely observant of Torah before converting to faith in Messiah, but ultimately the same standard and instructions applied to them as we see taught in Numbers 15:15-16 where it instructs us:

**“For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you, and for the stranger who lives as a foreigner [with you], a statute forever throughout your generations: as you are, so shall the foreigner be before HaShem. One Torah (Law) and one ordinance shall be for you, and for the stranger who lives as a foreigner with you.” CJB**

*And, in Yochanan (John) 10:16 Messiah Yahusha foreseeing all the Gentiles that would come to faith said, “I have other sheep, which are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice. They will become one flock with one shepherd.”*

Today many of us have heard the statement, **“What Would Jesus Do?”** in connection with how we should live a holy and pleasing life unto God. Of course very few in Christianity today actually follow the logical progression that should come after such a question. For Christianity as a whole really isn't very interested in living their life exactly like Y'shua did, otherwise we would see the streets teaming with Torah observant Christians... **which we don't.**



**But, the fact remains that, along with the people of Elohim, our Rabbi Yahusha observed Sabbath on the seventh day throughout all the days of His life and He observed the annual feast days.**

*In Luke 4:14-16 (CJB) we read about His practice. It states, “Yahusha returned in the power of the Spirit into the Galilee, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. He entered, as was his custom, into the synagogue on the day of Shabbat, and stood up to read.”*

Yahusha observed the Passover, the Feast of Tabernacles and the other festivals that Elohim gave to Israel. At 12 years of age He attended Passover for the first time (*Luke 2:41-42*)

**One could assume that Yahusha as being Torah observant attended the feasts every year from then on with his parents, even though it is not recorded in Scripture. Verse 41 stated clearly that his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover, why would they stop when he was 12 years old.**

**At the first Passover after He began His ministry He cleansed the temple from all the unholy traffic (*John 2:13*)**

**Yahusha healed the lame man at Pentecost (*John 5:1*)**

## Yahusha taught in the temple during the Feast of Tabernacle (*John 7:14*)

And, if we would ever consider not following our Master in his example, shouldn't we expect to first see some clear instruction from our Rabbi Y'shua to do so? But, if we read Matthew (*Mattityahu*) 5:16-19 and Luke 16:17, he teaches us quite the contrary.



On what basis should we ignore the clear commandments of Yahweh and disregard the example of His son, Y'shua? Should we do it because churches tell us to do so? **Heaven forbid!**

**We ought to follow Messiah, and not churches or denominations. The Sabbath foremost was and is an extremely important commandment, so much so that it was made the everlasting sign of the covenant for the people that would come into covenant with Adonai.**

**It was so important in Yahuwah's eyes that the penalty for not keeping and rejecting this command was death. Therefore, if there was going to be change of this magnitude...you would expect to see some clear language from HIM or from His son (*the Word Of Elohim*) to that effect. Something like, "Thus says Yahuwah..." would have been sufficient.**

But, we see nothing remotely close to a proclamation communicating any change to the observance of **the seventh day Sabbath or the yearly appointed feast days**. If we claim to be disciples of the Master Yahusha wouldn't it follow that His practices would become ours? And, if he rested on the seventh day and gathered with the people of Elohim to worship and read the scriptures, and if he attended the yearly feast days, **doesn't it make logical sense that we would practice the same?** In Matthew 10:24-25 Yahusha tell us, "**A disciple (*talmid*) is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be like his teacher, and the servant like his lord...**".

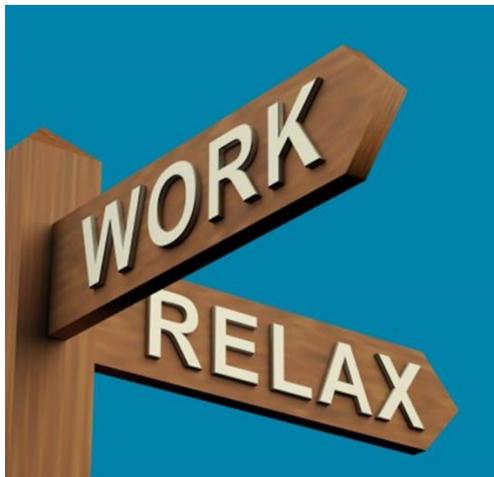


God gave the Sabbath to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

In Mark 2:27 Yahusha tells us, "**The Shabbat was made for man, not man for the Shabbat.**" Yahusha clarifies that the Sabbath was made to be a blessing to mankind, but **he doesn't say, "The Shabbat was made for the Jews..."**. Although, he very well could have said this to clarify things for us, but he didn't.

He said, "**The Shabbat was made for man (or mankind)**". Furthermore, support for this is found in the fact Yahusha's statement has its roots in Genesis, as we see in chapter 2:2-3 where it says, "**On the seventh day Elohim finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. Elohim blessed the seventh day, and made it holy, because he rested in it from all his work which he had created and made.**"

This sign of the covenant draws us back to creation. The Biblical Sabbath preceded Mt. Sinai, and is a memorial to creation Exodus 20:11.



But, as we see it applies to all mankind and not just the Jew, as we find our way back from creation we again remember that the Sabbath, which was made for all mankind, and thus all Elohim's people, is tied back to the covenant at Sinai and the giving of the Torah. Elohim makes the memorial to all creation (**for all mankind**), The Shabbat, the sign of the Sinai

Statement, "**The Shabbat was made for man**", also communicates that all Mankind is invited to take hold of Yahuwah's Torah. **It is a wonderful statement that few grasp today.**

*We see this connection further illustrated for us in Isaiah (Yeshayahu) 56:2-8 (CJB) where it says, "Happy is the person who does this, anyone who grasps it firmly, who keeps Shabbat and does not profane it, and keeps*

himself from doing any evil. A foreigner joining Yahuwah should not say, "Yahuwah (*HaShem*) will separate me from his people"; likewise the eunuch should not say, "I am only a dried-up tree."

*For here is what Yahuwah says (Isaiah 56:4-5): "As for the eunuchs who keep my **Shabbats**, who choose what pleases me **and hold fast to my covenant**: in my house, within my walls, I will give them power and a name greater than sons and daughters; I will give him an everlasting name that will not be cut off."*

*Isaiah 56:6-7 (CJB) "And the foreigners who join themselves to YHVH (*HaShem*) to serve him, to love the name of Yahuwah, and to be his workers, all who keep Shabbat and do not profane it, **and hold fast to my covenant**, I will bring them to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Yahuwah Elohim says, he who gathers Israel's exiles in Isaiah 56:8 (CJB): "**There are yet others I will gather, besides those gathered already.**"*

Notice how our passages here mention the Shabbat (in plural) in connection with taking hold of the covenant. This is of course referring to the Torah covenant as the Shabbat as well as the 7 annual feast days are part of that covenant! You find this covenant in Exodus chapters 21-23, which was ratified in chapter 24!

Let's be reminded of what Scripture says that the weekly Sabbath as well as the yearly appointed feast days belong to YHVH, they do not belong to the Jews or to man in general! These are HIS appointed times to meet with His people and to sanctify them.

It states in Leviticus 23:1-2 "**And YHVH spake unto Moses, saying, 2. Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, **concerning the feasts of Yahuwah**, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even **these are my feasts.**"**

Yes, many peoples and powerful nations will come at the time of the end to consult Yahweh in Jerusalem and to ask His favor (Zechariah 8:23) KJV. "Thus saith YHVH (the LORD) of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, **saying, we will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.**"



And, in Yochanan (John) 10:16 Yahusha says, "Also I have other sheep which are not from this pen; I need to bring them, and they will hear my voice; and there will be one flock, one shepherd." The question for all of those hearing this message is, "Will you be a part of the ingathering?"

What about some objections of keeping the weekly Sabbath as well as the yearly appointed feast days or the Torah as such. We probably could spend the next several hours going over all of the writings of Paul that many people get confused, as they think He is teaching against keeping the Torah or keeping the Biblical Sabbath or keeping Yahuwah's appointed feasts.



Let's address one specific Objection that we often hear in reference to the weekly Sabbath as an example. Someone will say, "As long as I pick one day in seven and observe it as my Sabbath, and make it holy, than I believe I am keeping ...

..... this commandment". Or, someone may say, "My Sabbath is on Sunday".

There are two fundamental problems with statements like these. The first is that this type of statement breaks the first commandment to have no other Elohim's before the Elohim of Yisra'el. If someone says that they are the one who picks and determines their own Sabbath...such a person has just supplanted the authority of Elohim, and instead observing the seventh day, which HE established, set apart, made holy, and blessed by His authority, by their own authority they have taken it upon themselves to **select their own Sabbath!**

This is nothing less than first rank blasphemy, especially because the seventh day Sabbath is a memorial to creation, and to the Creator.

Exodus 20:8-11 KJV **“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the Sabbath of YHVH thy Elohim: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11. For in six days YHVH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore YHVH blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.”**

*In the CJB the last verse is translated as follows: “For in six days, HaShem made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. This is why YHVH (HaShem) blessed the day, Shabbat, **and separated it for himself.**”*

Notice how the text in this translation says that Elohim **“separated it for Himself”**.

It is a day or time specific to Him. It points to the fact that He is Elohim and the Creator. Knowing this, do we then presume to set-apart another day for ourselves while ignoring the day that Adonai specifically set-apart for Himself and for us? **Do we really believe we have such a right and authority to change His Holy Day that he “separated for Himself”?**

We can also see a connection to this type of attitude and theology when it comes to the golden calf incident. Exodus – CJB (Shemot) 32:1-5 states, **“When the people saw that Moses was taking a long time to come down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Get busy; and make us gods to go ahead of us; because this Moses, the man that brought us up from the land of Egypt - we don't know what has become of Him.’ Aaron said to them, ‘Have your wives, sons and daughters strip off their gold earrings; and bring them to me.’ The people stripped off their gold earrings and brought them to Aaron. He received what they gave him, melted it down, and made it into the shape of a calf.”**



*They said, "Yisra'el! Here is your Elohim, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"* On seeing this, Aaron built an altar in front of it and proclaimed, **"Tomorrow is to be a feast for YHVH."**

Notice something very important here. The children of Israel (*Yisra'el*) broke both the first and the second commandment here and built an idol for themselves. They were doing things their own way. They were building themselves a Elohim that was more palatable and something that was more in accordance with what they wanted Elohim to look like. They thought that as long as they called it the Elohim of Yisra'el...it would be acceptable. In fact, after building the golden calf the proclamation went out saying, **"Tomorrow is to be a feast for YHVH."** **They used the actual personal name of Elohim (YHVH) and applied it to their new creation.**

**When we start changing Elohim's commandments and attribute these changes to Elohim, are we not attempting to recreate Elohim into an image that is more pleasing to our own eyes? And, in doing so, would we not be guilty of heresy and blasphemy? Something that HE attaches a death penalty to? How far has Christianity strayed from the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?**

The context in which we find the order of the Biblical Sabbath is that it occurs after six days of creation with the seventh day being the Shabbat that was sanctified and blessed. Therefore, the Biblical Sabbath cannot be just one day in seven, it is literally modeled after the creation week. Thus, to determine the weekly Biblical Sabbath, the counting begins from the first day of the week.

How do we know that the days of the week didn't change over time? Amongst other historical data that we have, the scriptures say that the oracles of Elohim were entrusted to the Jewish people (Romans 3:2), and there has always been a continual line of Jewish people from the earliest times, all around the world, keeping the same weekly Sabbath.

*One other fundamental problem with masses of people picking their own weekly Sabbath day as well as their own feasts is made evident when we read Leviticus (Vayikra) 23:1-3 (KJV). It states, “**And YHVH spake unto Moses, saying, 2. Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, concerning the feasts of YHVH, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts. 3. Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of YHVH in all your dwellings.”***

*Reading further in chapter 23 of Leviticus it states in verse 14 (KJV): “**Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.”***

*Then in verse 17 “**Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before YHVH ELOHIM.**”*

*That is talking about the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, the Day of Trumpet of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles! (This is repeated again in Deuteronomy 16:16, 1 Kings 9:25 and 2. Chronicles 8:13!)*

**How are Yahuwah's people supposed to come together to meet with each other and with their Savior for the holy convocations that is commanded (as it was Yahushas custom to do each Sabbath in the local synagogue and during the yearly appointed times) if everyone is picking their own different Sabbath day and yearly feasts? This type of theology is not only a great heresy, but it creates great division in the body of Messiah.**



*In the book of Isaiah (Yeshayahu) 66:22-23 (KJV) Adonai proclaims for all who have ears to hear, “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith YHVH, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith YHVH.”*

*Zechariah 14:16 (KJV) “And it shall come to pass, [that] every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahuwah of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.”*

Many of us who have already taken hold of the Father’s Torah and understand these things. But, if we do understand these things...than as His children, and as His representatives, what are we doing to spread the Word? Each and every one of us has a responsibility to teach and exhort the world to worship the Elohim of Israel, and to recognize Him as The Creator.

**The Elohim Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has commanded us to call the world to worship and to invite the Nations to corporately join us on the weekly as well on the yearly Sabbath days to praise His great and holy**

name. For, His house is indeed to be called a house of prayer and  
worship for all Nations.

**When we call the world to worship Yahuwah be it  
weekly, monthly or three times a year, we are also  
calling them to meet Yahusha, the one who is the  
truth, the way and the life.**

**THE END**

