



PREPARING FOR THE FALL FEASTS

A LOOK INWARD

God's Calendar



GENESIS 1

14 GOD SAID, “LET THERE BE LIGHTS IN THE DOME OF THE SKY TO DIVIDE THE DAY FROM THE NIGHT; LET THEM BE FOR **SIGNS** (אוֹת - EVIDENCE), **SEASONS** (מִעֵד - FEASTS/APPOINTED TIMES), DAYS AND YEARS.

God's Calendar



EXODUS 12:1

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.**

Leviticus 23:
God Lays Out His Calendar
~ His Appointed Times (“Feasts”) ~

God's Calendar



LEVITICUS 23:1

ADONAI said to Moshe, ² “Tell the people of Isra’el: ‘The **DESIGNATED TIMES [Feasts]** **OF ADONAI** which you are to proclaim as holy convocations **ARE MY DESIGNATED TIMES** **[Feasts]**’.

The Appointed Times (Feasts)



The Feasts [designated times] of the Lord...

Hebrew: מועדי יהוה – moedei Adonai

A time appointed by Adonai

An appointment WITH Adonai

...these are My Feasts [designated times]

Hebrew: הם מועדי – hem moedi

Leviticus 23:2



² “Tell the people of Isra’el: ‘The designated times of *ADONAI* which you are to proclaim as **HOLY CONVOCATIONS** are my designated times.

Holy Convocations



Hebrew: **מִקְרָאֵי קֹדֶשׁ**

MICREI KODESH

A sacred or holy calling together (assembly)

A sacred rehearsal

Rehearsal: The act of practicing in preparation for an actual performance

God's Calendar



LEVITICUS 23:3

3 “Work is to be done on **SIX DAYS**; but the **SEVENTH DAY** is a Shabbat of complete rest, a holy convocation; you are not to do any kind of work; it is a **SHABBAT FOR ADONAI**, even in your homes.

Shabbat – The Day of Rest...Why?



Genesis 2

2 On the seventh day God was finished with his work which he had made, so he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 God blessed the seventh day and separated it as holy; because on that day God rested from all his work which he had created, so that it itself could produce.

- We remind ourselves Who the creator is
- We remember the purity of life and relationship before the fall
- We look forward to the age to come when life will be as it was in the Garden: “Adonai will be king over the whole world. On that day Adonai will be the only One, and his Name will be the only Name.”

God's Appointed Times



SPRING FEASTS



PASSOVER
PESACH

FIRST
FRUITS
HAG
HABIKURIM

FEAST OF
WEEKS
SHAVUOT

UNLEAVENE
D
BREAD
HAG HAMATZOT

THE SUMMER HARVEST

FALL FEASTS

DAYS OF
AWE

FEAST OF
TRUMPETS
YOM T'RUAH

TABERNACLES
SUKKOT

DAY OF
ATONEMENT
YOM KIPPUR

1ST DAY

3RD DAY

50TH DAY

1ST DAY

10TH DAY

15TH - 22ND

Day

THE FIRST of the ANNUAL APPOINTED TIMES: PESACH (PASSOVER)



Pesach: Leviticus 23



4 “These are the designated times of *ADONAI*, the holy convocations you are to proclaim at their designated times.

5 “In the **first month**, on the fourteenth day of the month, between sundown and complete darkness, comes *Pesach* for *ADONAI*.

Passover



- The Annual Feast

- The yearly reminder of the Lord's deliverance – the capstone of the judgment upon the gods of Egypt, which resulted in the freedom of God's people from slavery
- The celebration of the Paschal Lamb whose sacrificial blood saved the firstborn from the “messenger” of death – the final plague that delivered the people from their oppression
- The sorrow and grief for the death of the Egyptian firstborn
- A night to remind us that it was only by the outstretched hand of God that a nation was miraculously redeemed out of bondage
- A night to remind us of God's continual protection throughout all generations

Prophetic Fulfillment



The “Appointed Time” & “Sacred Rehearsal” fulfilled in Messiah

- Yeshua - The Paschal [Passover] Lamb who was sacrificed for the sins of His people, whose blood was spilt to save us and all who call upon His name from eternal death
 - As it commemorates the FINAL plague that forced Pharaoh to free the Israelites from the bondage of slavery
 - So, it was a rehearsal and now a memorial to the ultimate and FINAL sacrifice that the Messiah made to free us from the bondage of sin

SPRING FEASTS

COUNTING THE OMER

**MESSIAH
BECAME
OUR FINAL
PASSEVER
LAMB**

**FIRST
FRUITS**
[CHAG HABIKURIM]

FEAST OF WEEKS
[SHAVUOT]
GR: PENTECOST

**UNLEAVENED
BREAD**
[CHAG HAMATZOT]

3RD DAY

50TH DAY

Hag Hamatzot: Leviticus 23:6-7



⁶ On the fifteenth day of the same month is the festival of *matzah*; for seven days you are to eat *matzah*. ⁷ On the first day you are to have a holy convocation; don't do any kind of ordinary work. ⁸ Bring an offering made by fire to *ADONAI* for seven days. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work.”

CHAG HAMOTZI

The Feast of Unleavened Bread



- The Annual Feast

- Yearly memorial to the bread of affliction as the Children of Israel were liberated from the Egyptians
- The first of the three annual pilgrimage feasts
- Removal of all leaven from the home, which is prohibited during this feast – a symbol of spiritual cleansing of impurities and a recommitment to reject sin and surrender to God in obedience

Micrey Kodesh of Hag HaMatzot



The Appointed Time & Sacred Rehearsal
fulfilled in Messiah

The burial of our sinless, “unleavened” Messiah
who with a singular act, removed all “leaven”
from us once and for all, by Himself

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BROKEN FOR US
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OUR LEAVEN**

3RD DAY

50TH DAY

Hag Habikurim: Leviticus 23:10-11



⁹ ADONAI said to Moshe, ¹⁰ “Tell the people of Isra’el, ‘After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the cohen. ¹¹ He is to wave the sheaf before ADONAI, **SO THAT YOU WILL BE ACCEPTED**; the cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat.

The Feast of Firstfruits



- The Annual Feast

- Harvest festival: On the 3rd day – the day after the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened bread, the first fruit of the harvest season was RAISED to the Lord for His acceptance
- The beginning of the countdown to the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot) – the “Counting of the Omer”
- Families would bring the first fruits of their harvest as a praise offering
- It is waved beseeching God to “accept” the nation and bless the future harvest

Micrey HaKodesh of Firstfruits



- The Appointed Time & Sacred Rehearsal fulfilled
 - Messiah was raised from the dead as the first fruit of the harvest and of the future resurrection of all believers
 - He was accepted as the sacrifice for sin on our behalf

1 Corinthians 15:20-23



But the fact is that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, the **FIRSTFRUITS** of those who have died. For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man. For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive. But each in his own order: the Messiah is the **FIRSTFRUITS**; then those who belong to the Messiah, at the time of his coming...

Luke 24:1-7



But the next day, while it was still very early, they took the spices they had prepared, went to the tomb, ² and found the stone rolled away from the tomb! ³ On entering, they discovered that the body of the Lord Yeshua was gone! ⁴ They were standing there, not knowing what to think about it, when suddenly two men in dazzlingly bright clothing stood next to them. ⁵ Terror-stricken, they bowed down with their faces to the ground. The two men said to them, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has been raised. Remember how he told you while he was still in the Galil, ⁷ ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be executed on a stake as a criminal, **BUT ON THE THIRD DAY BE RAISED AGAIN**’?”

SPRING FEASTS

COUNTING THE OMER

MESSIAH
BECAME
OUR FINAL
PASSOVER
LAMB

MESSIAH WAS
RAISED THE
FIRST FRUITS
OF OUR
RESURRECTION

FEAST OF WEEKS
[SHAVUOT]
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Counting The Omer – Leviticus 23

¹⁵ “From the day after the day of rest — that is, from the **day you bring the sheaf for waving** — you are to count seven full weeks...



Sefirat HaOmer



Counting the Sheaves

- 49 days counted carefully between the 2nd day of Unleavened Bread and Shavuot

Greek: Pentecost

- “Fifty” = 50 days from the Feast of Firstfruits

Luke 24



⁴⁴ Yeshua said to them, “This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the *Torah* of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the *Tanakh*, ⁴⁶ telling them, “Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day; ⁴⁷ and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ **Now I am sending forth upon you what my Father promised, SO STAY HERE IN THE CITY UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH POWER FROM ABOVE.**”

SPRING FEASTS

TARRY IN JERUSALEM

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Shavuot – The Fourth & Final Spring Feast



Three designations IN SCRIPTURE:

- The Feast of Weeks
 - Seven “weeks” to be counted from the day after the Unleavened Bread Sabbath - Feast of First-fruits
- The Feast of the Harvest
 - The end of the barley season and the beginning of the most important harvest season, the summer wheat harvest
- The Day of First Fruits of the Wheat Harvest
 - Another first fruits marking the beginning of the great summer harvest

Shavuot – Leviticus 23:15-22

¹⁶ ...until the day after the seventh week; you are to count **FIFTY DAYS**; and then you are to present **a NEW grain offering** to ADONAI.

SPRING FEASTS



Shavuot – Leviticus 23:15-22



21 On the same day, you are to call a **holy convocation**; do not do any kind of ordinary work; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, **NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE.**

Shavuot – Leviticus 23:15-22



²² “When you harvest the ripe crops produced in your land, don’t harvest all the way to the corners of your field, and don’t gather the ears of grain left by the harvesters; leave them for **THE POOR AND THE FOREIGNER**;

I AM ADONAI YOUR GOD.””

Deuteronomy 16



11 You are to rejoice IN THE PRESENCE of Adonai
your God —

YOU, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, YOUR
MALE AND FEMALE SLAVES, THE L'VI'IM
LIVING IN YOUR TOWNS, AND THE
FOREIGNERS, ORPHANS AND WIDOWS
LIVING AMONG YOU

Deuteronomy 16



— **IN THE PLACE** where Adonai your God will
choose to **HAVE HIS NAME LIVE.**

12 **REMEMBER THAT YOU WERE A SLAVE IN**
EGYPT;

THEN YOU WILL KEEP AND OBEY
THESE LAWS.

Shavuot



Celebrating the land producing a harvest – the end of the spring harvest and the freedom to begin the great summer harvest

Bring an offering of praise to God in thanksgiving with the first fruits and the two loaves

Bring a purification offering to cleanse you and free you to draw closer to the Lord

Bring an offering of fire (an olah) in submission to the God of creation – the source of all blessings

Allow the poor and needy to eat of your land

It is a Sabbath day of complete rest for everyone in the land

Commanded again to remember your redemption from slavery in Egypt

Giving of The Torah

Exodus 19



1 **IN THE THIRD MONTH** after the people of Isra'el had left the land of Egypt, the same day they came to the Sinai Desert. 2 After setting out from Refidim and arriving at the Sinai Desert, they set up camp in the desert; there in front of the mountain, Isra'el set up camp. 3 Moshe went up to God, and Adonai called to him from the mountain: "Here is what you are to say to the household of Ya'akov, to tell the people of Isra'el:

Giving of The Torah

Exodus 19

4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and **BROUGHT YOU TO MYSELF.**

Giving of The Torah

Exodus 19

5 Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be **MY OWN TREASURE** from among all the peoples...**FOR ALL THE EARTH IS MINE;**

Giving of The Torah

Exodus 19



6 and **YOU WILL BE A KINGDOM OF COHANIM FOR ME, A NATION SET APART.** These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el.”

Giving of The Torah

Exodus 19

16 On the morning of the third day, there was thunder, lightning and a thick cloud on the mountain.

**THEN A SHOFAR
BLAST SOUNDED SO LOUDLY THAT
ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE CAMP
TREMBLED.**

Giving of The Torah



Exodus 19

17 Moshe brought the people out of the camp **TO MEET GOD**; they stood near the base of the mountain. 18 Mount Sinai was enveloped in smoke, because Adonai **DESCENDED ONTO** **IT IN FIRE** — its smoke went up like the smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain **SHOOK VIOLENTLY.**

Giving of The Torah

Exodus 19



19 As **THE SOUND OF THE SHOFAR**

grew louder and louder, Moshe spoke; and
God answered him with a voice.

20 Adonai came down onto Mount Sinai, to
the top of the mountain...

Luke 24:44-49

The Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day; and **in His name REPENTANCE LEADING TO FORGIVENESS OF SINS IS TO BE PROCLAIMED TO PEOPLE FROM ALL NATIONS**, starting with Yerushalayim. You are witnesses of these things.

Now I am sending forth upon you what My Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have BEEN EQUIPPED WITH POWER FROM ABOVE."

Acts 1:8



⁸ But you will receive power when the *Ruach HaKodesh* comes upon you; **YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES** both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!” ⁹ After saying this, he was taken up before their eyes; and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 2:1-4

The festival of Shavuot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like **TONGUES OF FIRE, WHICH SEPARATED AND CAME TO REST ON EACH ONE OF THEM**. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Jeremiah 31



30 (31) “Here, the days are coming,” says Adonai, “when I will make **A NEW COVENANT** with the house of Isra’el and with the house of Y’hudah. 31 (32) It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them,” says Adonai. 32 (33) “For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra’el after those days,” says Adonai: **I WILL PUT MY TORAH WITHIN THEM AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS; I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY WILL BE MY PEOPLE.**

The Feasts: God's Plan of Redemption



ISAIAH 61
"THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR"

SPRING FEASTS

Tarrying In Jerusalem
Until Power On High

COUNTING
THE OMER

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Death, Burial And
Resurrection of Messiah

The Ruach
HaKodesh
Coming to
Inhabit &
Empower Us

*The Torah
Within*

THE GREAT
PERSECUTION
TIME OF JACOB'S
TROUBLE

THE GREAT SUMMER HARVEST

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ISAIAH 61
"THE DAY OF VENGEANCE"
THE DAY OF THE LORD

FALL FEASTS

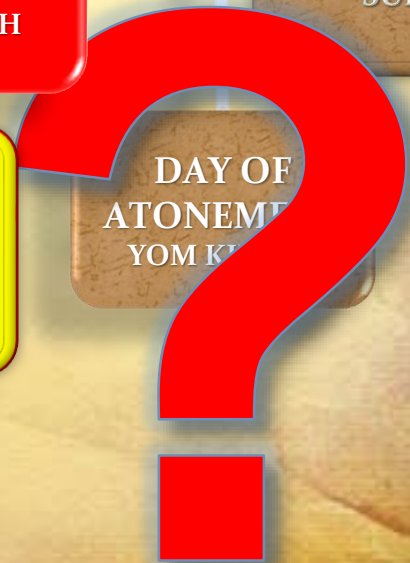
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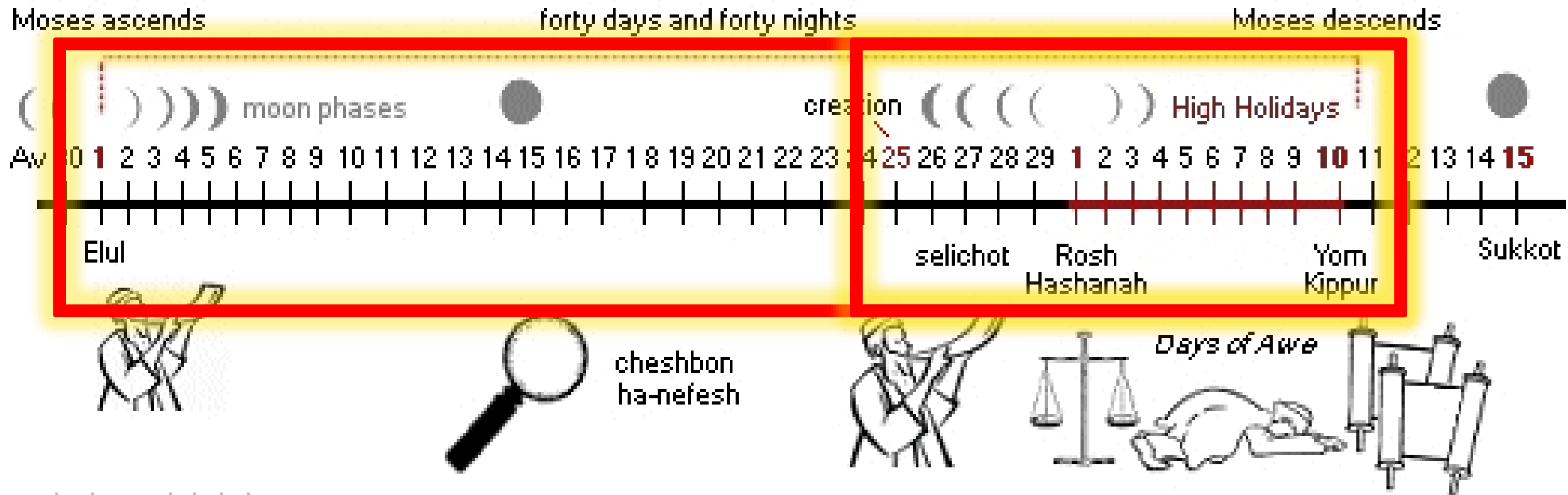
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Selichot: Days of Teshuvah



Elul & the Season of Teshuvah



Romans 2:15 – The Repentant Life



14 For whenever Gentiles, who have no Torah, do naturally what the Torah requires, then these, even though they don't have Torah, for themselves are Torah!

15 For their lives show that the conduct the Torah dictates is written in their hearts...

Romans 2:15 – The Repentant Life



...Their consciences also bear witness to this,

FOR THEIR CONFLICTING THOUGHTS

SOMETIMES ACCUSE THEM AND

SOMETIMES DEFEND THEM.

Cheshbon HaNefesh

“An accounting of the soul”

THE REPENTANT LIFE

Romans 2:15 – The Repentant Life



Their consciences also bear witness to this, **for**

their **CONFLICTING THOUGHTS**

Λογισμός – logismos [from logizomai]
TO TAKE AN INVENTORY, A COMPUTATION

sometimes **ACCUSE** them

Κατηγορέω – katēgoreō
TO CHARGE WITH AN OFFENSE, TO ANNOUNCE

and sometimes ^{GUILT} **DEFEND** them

ἀπολογέομαι – apologeomai
TO EXCULPATE OR BE EXCUSED FROM AN OFFENSE

Romans 2:15 – The Repentant Life



1. Torah Obedience – The Goal
 - Living in a **STATE OF OBEDIENCE** to God's commands
2. Cheshbon Hanefesh – Searching for Gaps
 - Constantly **TAKING INVENTORY** of your good and evil inclinations – supporting the good, identifying the evil
3. Teshuvah – The Bridge to The Goal
 - Actively and intentionally **SURRENDERING TO GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS & COMMANDS**

Romans 2:16 – The Repentant Life



16 on a day when God passes judgment on people's inmost secrets. (According to the Good News as I proclaim it, **he does this through the Messiah Yeshua.**)

Would you rather consistently and faithfully take inventory of your heart, comparing it to the Torah's requirements and bridge the gap through Teshuvah? Or would you prefer God passing judgment because you refused the process asked of those invited and appointed to walk holy?

1 Corinthians 11



31 If **we would examine ourselves**, we would not come under judgment. 32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined, so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

Would you rather consistently and faithfully take inventory of your heart, comparing it to the Torah's requirements and bridge the gap through repentance?

Or would you prefer God passing judgment because you refused the process of becoming holy?

1 John 1



¹ The Word, which gives life! He existed from the beginning. We have heard him, we have seen him with our eyes, we have contemplated him, we have touched him with our hands! ² The life appeared, and we have seen it. We are testifying to it and announcing it to you — eternal life! He was with the Father, and he appeared to us. ³ What we have seen and heard, we are proclaiming to you; so that you too may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Yeshua the Messiah.

1 John 1



⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ And this is the message which we have heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him — none! ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him while we are walking in the darkness, we are lying and not living out the truth. ⁷ But if we are walking in the light, as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of his Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1



8 If we claim not to have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 IF WE ACKNOWLEDGE [Confess] OUR SINS, then, since he is trustworthy and just, he will forgive them AND PURIFY US FROM ALL WRONGDOING.

10 If we claim we have not been sinning, we are making him out to be a liar, AND HIS WORD IS NOT IN US.

Vidui — Ashamnu (Part 1 of 4)



בַּגְדָנוּ

Bagadnu

We have betrayed God & others

אָשָׁמְנוּ

Ashamnu

We have sinned

דִּבְרָנוּ דִּפִּי

Dibarnu dofi

We have spoken slander

גָּזַלְנוּ

Gazalnu

We have robbed

וְהִרְשָׁעְנוּ

V'hirshanu

We have acted wickedly

הֶעֱוִינוּ

He'evinu

We have caused others to sin

Vidui — Ashamnu (Part 2 of 4)



חַמָּסְנוּ

Chamasnu

We have extorted

זָדְנוּ

Zadnu

We have sinned willfully

יַעֲצֵנוּ רָע

Ya'atznu ra

We have given evil counsel

טַפְּלָנוּ שָׁקֶר

Tafalnu sheker

We have accused falsely

לָצְנוּ

Latznu

We have mocked

כִּזְבָּנוּ

Kizavnu

We have deceived

Vidui — Ashamnu (Part 3 of 4)



נִאֲצָנוּ

Ni'atznu

We have provoked

מָרַדְנוּ

Maradnu

We have rebelled

עָוִינוּ

Avinu

We have sinned iniquitously

סָרַרְנוּ

Sararnu

We have turned away

צָרַרְנוּ

Tzararnu

We have oppressed

פָּשַׁעְנוּ

Pashanu

We have transgressed

Vidui — Ashamnu (Part 4 of 4)



רָשָׁעֵנוּ

Rashanu

We have acted wickedly

קָשִׁינוּ עֹרֶף

Kishinu oref

We have been stiff-necked

תַּעֲבָנוּ

Ti'avnu

We have committed abomination

שִׁחַתָּנוּ

Shichatnu

We have acted corruptly

תַּעֲתֵּנוּ

Ti'ta'nu

We have led others astray

תָּעִינוּ

Ta'inu

We have gone astray

Luke 9



²³ Then to everyone he said, “If anyone wants to come after me, let him say ‘No’ to himself, take up his execution-stake DAILY and keep following me. ²⁴ For whoever tries to save his own life will destroy it, but whoever destroys his life on my account will save it. ²⁵ What will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world but destroys or forfeits his own life?