

# Revival of Faith Ministries Foundations of Faith

Member's Handbook



*Worshipping in Spirit and Truth*

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Revival of Faith Ministries! We're excited because we know that Yahweh has good things ahead for you. Life as a Messianic Believer is the most exciting and rewarding life a person can ever experience. Yahweh has plans for your life that are beyond your greatest expectations.

As a believer, there are Foundations of Faith that are important for you to take to help you to grow spiritually. This handbook contains the Foundations of Faith of the Ministry based from the word of Yahweh and the teachings of our Messiah Yahshua.

This handbook has been put together with the purpose of helping all new (and also) older Messianic believers to establish a firm foundation for their faith. Yahweh has much in store for every believer's life. We must never limit what Yahweh can do through our lives. It is important that every believer grows strong in their faith, so that they will be overcomers and fulfill all that Yahweh has planned and purposed for their life.

When we fulfill Yahweh's plan and purpose for our life, others will also become believers and fulfill Yahweh's plan for their life. We all have an important part to play within the Body of our Messiah Yahshua and we all need one another. When all believers flow in their gifts and callings the church makes a great impact on the world.

Yahweh has a good plan and purpose for every believer. The Apostle Paul wrote: **"For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yahshua for good works, which Yahweh prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."** (Ephesians 2:10)

**"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us."** (Ephesians 3:20)

We pray that this Handbook will be a blessing to all who read it. Just believe that your life can make a big impact in this world for the Glory of our Almighty Father Yahweh and our Messiah Yahshua.

In Yahshua,

Pastor Rex W. Francke  
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## Five Steps on the Path of Your Messianic Journey

**(1) First Step** – Accept Yahweh and Yahshua into Your Life First of all, Yahshua said, “Come to Me.” You’ve done that by accepting Yahweh and Yahshua, and you are probably already experiencing the rest and peace that they have promised. It also means that each day we need to come to them in “quiet time” of prayer and Bible reading. That way, we start each day on the right foot!

**(2) Second Step** – Give Yahweh and Yahshua Control Over Your Life Secondly, Our Messiah Yahshua said, “wear My yoke.” A yoke was what the farmer would use to steer the oxen to do his work. By pulling on the reins, he could steer the oxen from left to right, from one field to another. The ox knew that the farmer was in control of what he would be doing and where he would be going. Yahshua wants the reins of your life. He wants the steering wheel.

Give Him control of your life. At first you might feel a little uncomfortable, but Yahweh knows everything. Yahweh is omniscient; that is, He knows everything. Wouldn’t you rather have Him in control? Not only that, but Yahweh made you and gave you a unique personality. He knows how to use your particular talents in the best ways possible.

***“As therefore you received Messiah Yahshua, so live in Him ...” – COLOSSIANS 2:6***

**(3) Third Step** – Learn Yahweh’s Word After you have come to Yahshua and willingly turn control over to Him by faith, we come to the third step.

Yahshua said to let Him “teach you.” Learning of and from Yahshua Messiah is a never ending process. The Bible tells us that Messianic growth happens as a result of our knowledge of Yahshua Messiah.

***“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and righteousness through our knowledge of him...” – 2 PETER 1:3***

***“But we all (with no veils on our face, behold Him as in a mirror the glory of the Lord), are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, by the Spirit of the Lord” – 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 (PARAPHRASED)***

You learn of Yahshua through reading the bible and attending services. That is why at RFM we put such a high emphasis on teaching the Word of Yahweh. As a new believer, Peter said:

***“Like newborn babies you should crave the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured and grow unto salvation, since you have tasted the goodness and kindness of Yahweh.” – 1 PETER 2:2, 3***

As we study Yahweh's Word, the Bible says we are actually feasting on the "bread of life" which enables us to grow. It is exciting to learn about Yahweh and to hear Him speaking to you through His Word.

**(4) Fourth Step** – Water Baptism The fourth step is water baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward commitment. It's a public confession and symbolic of dying to the old sin nature, and being transformed and united in heart with Yahshua, living a life of submission to the Messiah and a willingness to live Yahweh's way.

***"Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Yahshua Messiah was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father(Yahweh), so we too may walk in a new way of life. "-ROMANS 6:4***

**(5) Fifth Step** – Share the Good News with Others! To personally evangelize is the command of the Great Commission. For all who call Yahshua "Messiah" evangelism is not an option. Whether we witness to our families, go next door or across the country, we can fulfill Yahshua's command. Evangelism becomes a natural part of our lives as we tell others of our personal experiences, and as they see our changed life. People think the Bible is good advice, but as the people of Yahweh, we can tell them that it is more than just good advice; it is good news!

***"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." – MATTHEW 28:19***

## **BEGINNING TO USE THE BIBLE LEARNING TO GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YAHWEH**

Now that you are a believer, you will need to learn and grow in your relationship with Yahweh. Our Messiah said that we need Yahweh's Word (the Bible) to really live. You might not know anything about the Bible at all, and you might be confused about how to use it. This has been written to give you a basic knowledge of the Bible as a whole and the New Testament in particular. Read this over carefully and use it to help you understand more about the Bible.

### **What is the Bible?**

The Bible is made up of a number of different accounts, letters and writings that we call the "books" of the Bible. These were written by different righteous men at different times and places. The first human author to write down the biblical record was Moses. He was commanded by Yahweh to take on this task, for Exodus 34:27 records Yahweh's words to Moses, "**Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.**" And what language did he use? He wrote in his native language, called **HEBREW**.

The Bible is, however, more than just the words of men. As these men wrote, Yahweh was working through them to get the exact words that He wanted written so that what we have is actually the truths that came from Yahweh Himself.

### **Where did the Bible originate?**

The Old Testament books were originally written in the **HEBREW LANGUAGE**, and the New Testament books were written in Hebrew and Greek language. This took place many, many years ago. Since we don't speak ancient Hebrew or ancient Greek, educated men have translated the Bible into different languages, so that we can read and understand Yahweh's Word.

### **How is the Bible arranged?**

The Old Testament books are the accounts of Yahweh's first dealings with men and how Yahweh has special dealings with a man (Abraham) and his descendants (the Jews) who were the ancestors of Yahshua Messiah.

The New Testament contains the life of our Messiah Yahshua and what happened among His followers after He arose and went back into heaven. It also contains letters written by His followers to explain our Messiah and how to live a Messianic living.

The books themselves are broken into chapters (the big numbers on the pages) and verses (the small numbers on the pages). This is done so that we could find things easier.

## Tips for Using the Bible

1. Pray for understanding before and as you read the Bible.
2. Use the Table of Contents to find the various books of the Bible.
3. Use the markings at the top of each page to keep track of which book and chapter you are at as you look for a passage.
4. Think about what you read, especially the things that strike you. Yahweh uses His Word to speak to you this way.
5. Ask yourself questions: Is there: A promise to claim? An action to take? A truth to learn? An example to follow? Something to avoid? Something I should pray about now?
6. Underline important places so that you can find them again easily.
7. Believe and obey what Yahweh says!!!

Yahshua said, "***If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples, then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.***" – JOHN 8:31-32

# 1. Yahweh

We read of many gods in the Bible. The original people of Canaan called their god Ashtoreth. They also had another god that they called Baal. We know that throughout history these nations have worshipped many gods, but there is only one God that is the creator of the universe and He is YAHWEH. The only true and personal name of God in Hebrew Language (**bible was originally written in the Hebrew language not in English or Tagalog**) can be found in Exodus 3:13-15,

## **Exodus 3:14-15 New Living Translation (NLT)**

**13** But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The Elohim of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" **14** Elohim replied to Moses, "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh" ("I am who I am") Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you." **15** Elohim also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: **Yahweh**, the Elohim of your ancestors—the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob—has sent me to you. **This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations.**

Yahweh's personal name, as we translate its meaning in English, is "I am that I am." Here are some other ways it has been translated:

### **He who is, The self-existent one, He who is ever becoming what He is**

Yahweh's name, the I AM, reveals the fullness of His nature. All of Yahweh's nature and attributes are embodied in His name. Yahweh is self-existent, self-sufficient, he is eternal and unchangeable, he is faithful and true to all His promise, and he is the same yesterday, today, and forever. "I AM" is the English translation of the meaning of Elohim's (God's) personal name. The English transliteration of God's personal name is YHWH.

The four Hebrew letters transliterated YHWH are:

י , or Yod, rhymes with rode, which we transliterate "Y"

ה , or He, rhymes with say, which we transliterate "H"

ו , or Waw, which we transliterate "W"

ה , a second He, rhymes with say, which we transliterate "H"

Three thousand years ago, the original Hebrew language didn't have any vowels, and was written right to left.

Let's summarize.

God's name, as written in Hebrew from right to left:



Spelled left to right:



Transliterated into English: YHWH

With vowels added: **YaHWeH**

Most Christians don't know that God's name is Yahweh, or that He even has a name. The ignorance of the true name of God is unacceptable given that YHWH occurs 6,828 times in the Hebrew Scriptures. The ignorance is puzzling given that many academic works regularly use the name Yahweh or YHWH in their biblical and theological studies. There is only one true, supreme God—the God of the Bible—and his Name is YAHWEH (YHWH). For example, the exact word “Yahweh” occurs 2287 times in the revised International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, 2090 times in United Bible Societies OT Handbooks, and 4023 times in the OT portion of New American Commentary. In English Bibles, when the word “Lord” is printed in small capitals as Lord, it indicates that the original word in the Hebrew text is YHWH or Yahweh, which is God's personal name.

Many people and churches today say the word “**hallelujah**,” (correct spelling is HalleluYah) and it is actually a Hebrew word which means, “**Praise Ye Yahweh.**” The reason that the j has the ‘y’ sound is because there is no letter J in the Hebrew. We never hear people pronouncing it as hallelu-je or hallelu-ja, because the correct pronunciation is **HALLELU-YAH** with the shortened form of the name of Yahweh (*p. 301, - Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament, Unger and White, Thomas Nelson Publ., 1980*).

In the original Hebrew Scripture, the shortened form of the name Yahweh- “**YAH**” were used several times. (*Ex. 15:2, Ps. 118:17, Ex. 17:16, Ps. 118:18, Ps. 68:4 Ps. 118:19, Ps. 68:18 (:19) Ps. 122:4, Ps. 77:11 (:12), Ps. 130:3, Ps. 89:8 (:9) Ps. 135:1, Ps. 94:7, Ps. 135:3, Ps. 94:12, Ps. 135:4, Ps. 102:18 (:19), Ps. 135:21, Ps. 104:35, Ps. 146), Ps. 68:4*).

Furthermore, all the names in the Bible that contain and/or end in “iah”, example Nehemiah and some of the names that begin with a “J” or “Jah” should be spelled/pronounced as “Yah” because those names have meanings that contain

the name of **“Yahweh”**. Recognizing the meanings of the names can give you a better understanding of the Bible and its characters.

Here are a few examples:

NAME	Hebrew	MEANING
Jeremiah	Yirme <b>YAH</b> u	(Yah) Yahweh has established
Nehemiah	Nechem <b>YAH</b>	(Yah) Yahweh comforts
Zechariah	Zekhar <b>YAH</b>	Yah Has Remembered
Zephaniah	Tsephan <b>YAH</b>	Stored By (For)Yah, Hidden Of Yahweh
Hilkiah	Chilqiy <b>YAH</b>	Yahweh is my portion

Another evidence to the correct name of our creator being “Yahweh” is found in most Bible prefaces. Although they don’t give a good excuse, many Bibles will tell you that the translators decided to change the Devine name from “YHWH” to ‘the Lord’. The important point here is that they recognize “Yahweh” as being the Devine Name of our Creator.

The author Max Lucado in his book, *“Travelling Light said;*

***“Is that the kind of God you want? Is that the kind we have? David’s answer is a resounding no. “You want to know who God really is? He asks. “Then read this.” And he writes the name Yahweh. “Yahweh is my shepherd.” Though foreign to us, the name was rich to David. So rich, in fact, that David chose Yahweh over El Shaddai (God Almighty), El Elyon (God Most High), and El Olam (God the Everlasting). These and many other titles for God were at David’s disposal. But when he considered all the options, David chose Yahweh. Why Yahweh? Because Yahweh is God’s name. If you want to call God by his name, say Yahweh. (page 13, Travelling Light)***

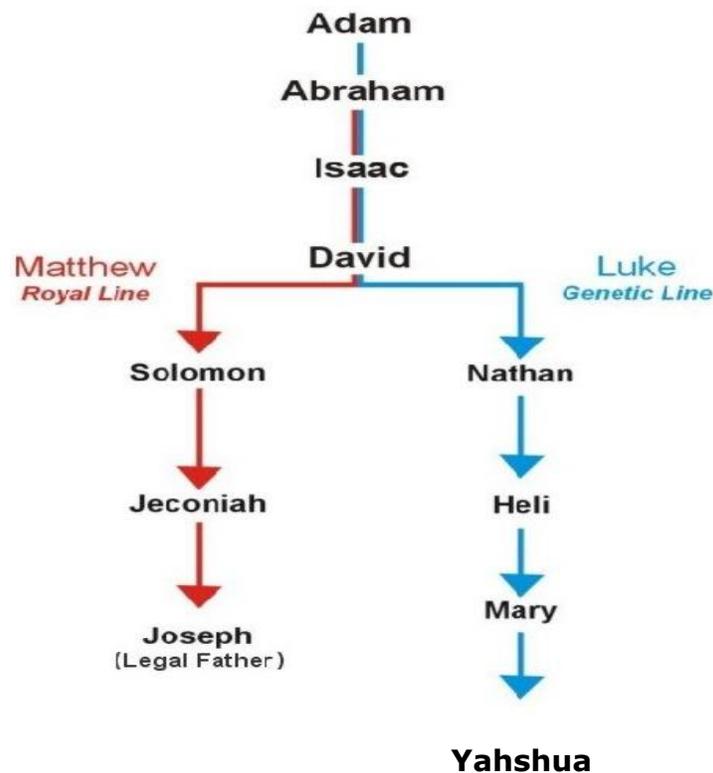
Yahweh has revealed His name to you. He has given it to you to use. Knowing His true and personal name will help you to worship Him in Spirit and truth (John 4:24). Psalm 9:10 says that people who know Yahweh’s name will trust him. Using the name Yahweh will help you trust him with your daily affairs and it will bring blessings in your life.

*“Sing to Elohim! Sing praises to His name. Exalt Him who rides on the clouds His name is **Yahweh**—and rejoice before Him. “Psalm 68:4(HCSB)*

## 2. Yahshua

One of the important thing we should learn in our search for the true Messiah (Savior) is His Name. In Philippians 2:9 says, **“For this reason Yahweh highly exalted Him and gave Him the NAME that is above every name.”** What is the true name of our Messiah? Many Christians today calls him Jesus, but as amazing as is sound, Jesus has never been the name of our Savior.

**(1) For one thing our Messiah came from the Jewish lineage** (Matthew 1:1-16);



**(2) Secondly our Savior was a Jewish man;**

*“You don’t know what you’re worshiping. **We Jews** know what we’re worshiping, because salvation comes from the Jews.” John 4:22*

**(3) Third he spoke Hebrew not Greek or Latin.**

*We all fell to the ground. Then I heard a voice speaking to me in the **Hebrew language**, saying, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? You are only hurting yourself by fighting me.’ I said, ‘Who are you, Master?’ And he said, ‘I am Yahshua, the one you are persecuting. Acts 26:14-15*

**(4) Fourth our Messiah was called by the Roman authorities as King of the Jews;**

***A written notice was placed above him. It said, "This is the king of the Jews."  
Luke 23:38***

**(5) Fifth our Messiah was called Rabbi by his Disciples;**

***Peter said to Yahshua, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Mark 9:5***

**Rabbi (rab-bi)**, a **Jewish** scholar or teacher, especially one who studies or teaches Jewish law. • a person appointed as a **Jewish** religious leader.

There is no such as Jesus in the Hebrew language and there is no letter **"J"** nor any letter that makes this sound in the Hebrew or the Aramaic. The name Jesus comes to us through the Latin and Greek language which was only used in 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> century.

**YAHSHUA** is the actual name of our Messiah (Savior) and not Jesus. His name is composed of two words; one is the shortened-poetic form of the name of "Yahweh" which is **"Yah"** (Psalm 68:4/LEB) and means "Self-existent one" or "I am that I am" and **"shua"** which is the Hebrew word for "save or salvation". Therefore, the name **Yahshua** means **"Yahweh is Salvation."** The name of Yahshua fulfills the duty assigned to our Savior of coming and saving the people for Yahweh the Father.

*"Yahweh loved the world this way: **He gave his only Son** so that everyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. **Yahweh sent his Son** into the world, not to condemn the world, but to save the world."* John 3:16-17

*"Yahshua saith unto them, **My meat is to do the will of him that sent me**, and to finish his work."* John 4:34

*"**I have come in My Father's name**, yet you don't accept Me. If someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him."* John 5:43

*"After Yahshua said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and **Yahshua Messiah, whom you have sent**. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.*

*"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. **They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.**" John 17:1-9*

Yahshua is the true name of our Messiah (Savior) and he is the only begotten Son of Yahweh the Father (John 3:16). He preexisted with the Father (John 1:1–3), was preeminent in the Creation (Colossians 1:13-18), and shared His Father's glory before taking on the form of a man (John 1:14). He appeared to and interacted with individuals in the Old Testament (Gen.16:7 See, "Angel of the Lord "AMP Footnotes), the Messenger of Yahweh (Malachi 3:1), and the Arm of Yahweh (Isa. 52:10-15). He was conceived of Holy Spirit and born in the flesh to the virgin Miriam (Mary) (Luke 1:26-35). He is also the promised Messiah, sent from the Father to be our Savior and Redeemer (John 1:41). Following His completed redemptive work, He ascended to heaven and returned to His former abode at the right hand of Yahweh (John 3:13).

**John 8:42** Yahshua was sent by Yahweh, the Father.

**Matt. 14:13** Yahshua's disciples recognized that He was the Son of Yahweh.

**Matt. 16:16** Peter declared that Yahshua was the Messiah.

**Luke 1:26-35** Miriam (Mary), the virgin, was told that she would bear a Son, conceived of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 4:12** Salvation is in no other person or name. John 20:28 He was recognized as Yahweh after His resurrection (and Hebr. 1:8).

**Hebr. 1:6** He received worship of men and angels (and Matt. 2:2, 8; 8:2; 9:18).

**Micah 5:2** The promised Ruler, whose origins are "from of old, from everlasting" (i.e., an Eternal Being).

**John 1:1** Yahshua pre-existed with Yahweh.

**John 1:3** Yahshua shared in the Creation (and Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:16).

**Gen. 1:26** "Let Us make man in Our image" (pre-existence of Yahshua)

**John 17:5, 24** Yahshua had glory before the world was.

**John 8:58** He existed before Abraham was born.

**Phil. 2:5-11** He voluntarily divested Himself of His divinity in order to come to earth and take on the form of a servant in human flesh (and John 1:1-14).

**John 1:41** He is the Messiah & Redeemer (and Eph. 1:7; Tit. 2:14).

**Hebr. 10:10** We've been sanctified through the offering of His Body

**Isa. 52:10-15** Yahweh's righteous Arm – His Servant – would sprinkle many nations.

**Isa. 53:6** He would bear the iniquity of us all. v10 He would be bruised, and His soul would be an offering for sin. v12 He would justify many, bearing their iniquities, and would pour out His soul to death, making intercession for the transgressors.

**Isa. 59:15-17** Yahweh's own Arm brought salvation to Him.

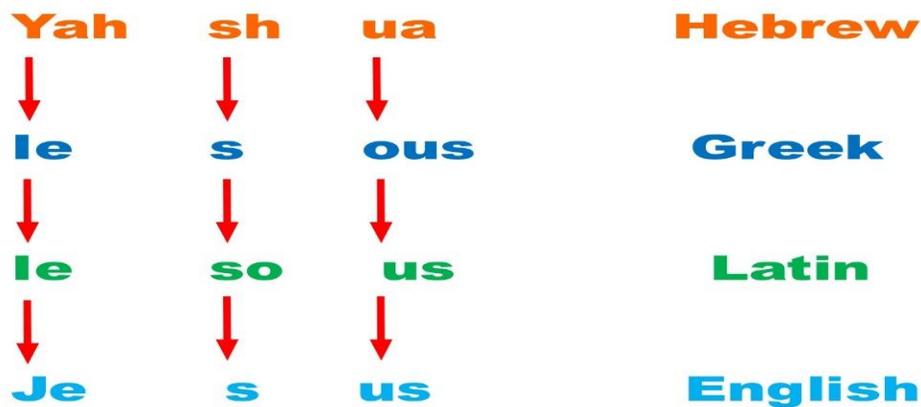
**Col. 1:15, 17** Yahshua is the firstborn of every creature.

**John 3:31** Yahshua came from above.

**John 3:13** Yahshua came from and has returned to heaven (John 16:27-28).

**John 6:62** He returned to where He had been before.

## TRANSLITERATION OF YAHSHUA INTO JESUS



## 3. Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit (**Hebrew**: *Ruach ha Kodesh*) is the Comforter that Messiah promised to send. It is not a person but an extension of the living, invisible creative power – the manifestation – the essence of Yahweh. Yahweh and Yahshua give the Spirit to those who ask in faith and obedience. By the Spirit, Yahweh reveals Scriptural truth to the minds of men and gives power to witness for Him. Believers manifest the evidence of the Spirit in their lives by words spoken, by the fruit of the Spirit, and by keeping the commandments of Yahweh.

The Holy Spirit is the Voice for Yahweh and acts as a reminder to all of Yahweh's children of the unconditional love that He has for them. Yahweh loves His children so much that He wanted His children to always know that they are safe, they are loved, and they are whole. He gave the Holy Spirit as a way to ensure that His children would always know these things.

To receive the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, every person needs to take the following steps;

The bible says, ***“Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)***

### **(1) Start a new life**

Of course the first step is to repent of your sins, dishonesty, impurity in your life. Repentance is the basis. Turn away from evil and turn your life towards Yahweh. Start a completely new life with Yahweh.

### **(2) Believe in Yahweh the Father and Yahshua Messiah**

Believe that Yahweh is the true Elohim (God) and He gave His only begotten Son for our Sins. Believe in Yahshua Messiah as your Messiah (savior). Recognize that Yahshua Messiah is the savior of mankind and died for your sins. He shed his blood as a sacrifice for the sins of man. If you believe in Him and bow down for Him, your sins will be forgiven.

### **(3) Be Baptized**

Be baptized in water. Baptism goes right to the heart of Yahweh's forgiveness of our sins and His gift of salvation. Water baptism was instructed by our Messiah Yahshua that he instituted for the church. Just before His ascended into heaven, Yahshua said,

***“So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to do everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20***

These instructions specify that the church is responsible to teach the word of Yahshua, make disciples, and baptize those disciples. These things are to be done everywhere (“all nations”) until “the very end of the age.” So, if for no other reason, baptism has importance because Yahshua commanded it.

**Gen. 1:1-2** The Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters at Creation.

**Matt. 3:16** The Spirit of Yahweh descended upon Yahshua in the form of a dove.

**Luke 24:49** Yahshua said He would send forth the promise of the Father (the Holy Spirit) upon them.

**Acts 2:1-4** The Spirit fell upon believers at Pentecost, appearing as tongues of fire and with the sound of a rushing, mighty wind.

**Matt. 10:20** Yahshua told His disciples that the Spirit of the Father in them would speak.

**1 Cor. 2:10-16** Spiritual truth is revealed through the Spirit.

**John 3:34** Yahshua received the full measure of the Spirit.

**2 Cor. 1:21-22** True believers are sealed by Yahweh and are given by Him the “earnest” or down payment of the Spirit.

**Acts 2:33** Yahweh's Spirit is imparted to His believers through His Son.

**Acts 8:14-18** The Spirit is imparted to believers by the laying on of hands by the Elders, after repentance and baptism into the saving Name of Yahshua

**John 14:16-17** Holy Spirit is known as the “Spirit of Truth” ...

**John 15:26** ... the “Comforter” Rom. 8:15 ... and the “Spirit of Adoption”

**1 Cor. 12:13** All those who accept the Hebrew Messiah and repent – whether Jew or Gentile – are baptized into one Body by one and the same Spirit.

**John 14:15** It is through His Spirit in us that we are able to show our love for Yahshua the Son and Yahweh the Father through obedience, by keeping His commandments (and Acts 1:8; 1 John 2:5).

**John 3:8** The Spirit is compared to wind.

**John 20:22** The Spirit is compared to breath.

## 4. Church

The Church or *Ekklesia* in Greek word– actually means ‘an assembly of called-out ones’. **The true Church is the Body of Messiah which believes in the name of our Almighty Father Yahweh and our Yahshua Messiah.** Yahweh has always had an established order or pattern for how things should be done in His Church (Assembly). He desires orderliness and reverence, but above all He desires relationship, not mere religious ritual. The local assembly is a community of faith, growing towards maturity and perfection with patience and love.

The New Testament church is a body of believers who have been called out from the world by Yahweh to live as his people under the authority of Yahshua Messiah.

***Yahweh has put everything under the control of Yahshua Messiah. He has made Yahshua the head of everything for the good of the church. The church is Yahshua’s body and completes him as he fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:22-23).***

The workers of the church are chosen by Yahweh’s sovereign will, meet certain necessary qualifications, and have the responsibility of teaching, training, equipping, encouraging, exhorting, directing, and providing oversight and correction to the Body of Messiah.

**Ex. 25:8-9** Yahweh told Moses to construct the tabernacle “according to the pattern” he had been shown (and Hebr. 8:5. See also 1 Chr. 28:11-12, David & the pattern for the temple).

**Eph. 14:15** Messiah is the Head of the assembly (and Eph. 5:23).

**Eph. 2:19-20** The household of Yahweh is built upon the foundation of the apostles & prophets, with Yahshua Messiah as the chief cornerstone.

**1 Cor. 12:28** Yahweh has set some in the assembly. Among them: apostles, prophets, and teachers.

**1 Tim. 3:1-13** Qualifications for the office of Pastor (overseer) and deacon (attendant).

**Acts 6:1-8** Apostles appointed seven men for special administrative duties.

**Hebr. 13:7, 17** We are to remember and obey those who have spiritual authority over us in the assembly, according to their life & walk in the faith

**1Tim. 5:17** Elders who rule well are to be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching.

The growth, health, and well-being of the local assembly is dependent upon the commitment and loyalty of its members. Those truly committed to the local Body demonstrate their dedication to Yahweh and to each other through consistent Sabbath service attendance, punctuality, a willingness to prepare their hearts and minds beforehand, by their giving hearts, and by working to avoid strife and contention.

**Lev. 23:1-3** The Sabbath is a “holy convocation” (gathering) and is Yahweh’s appointed time – His appointment with us.

**1 Cor. 14:26** Every member is to have some spiritual gift to offer to the rest of the Body.

**Matt. 22:39** Love your neighbor as yourself (“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”)

**Romans 12:10** Be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another.

**1 Cor. 1:10-17** Admonition against divisions, contentions (and 3:1-7).

**Gal. 5:19-21** Jealousy, strife, and dissension are works of the flesh.

## 5. The Bible (Scripture)

The Scriptures – both Old and New Testament – are the inspired Word of Yahweh. They are infallible in their teaching, are the ultimate authority on all doctrinal issues, were given for our good, and are to be the guide for our lives. Scripture CANNOT contradict Scripture – rather, plain and unambiguous Scriptures must be used to interpret those Scriptures which do appear vague or contradictory. Yahweh’s Word is eternal. Yahshua is the Word.

The first human author to write down the biblical record was Moses. He was commanded by Yahweh to take on this task, for Exodus 34:27 records Yahweh’s words to Moses, **“Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.”** And what language did he use? He wrote in his native language, called Hebrew.

During the thousand years of its composition, almost the entire Old Testament was written in Hebrew. The New Testament was written in Hebrew and subsequently translated to Aramaic, Greek and any other languages of the day. One of best evidence that the New Testament may have originally been written in Hebrew is by knowing that Yahshua’s disciples were Hebrew speaking men. It is also possible that Yahshua and some of his apostles knew and used Aramaic or Greek

language as well, but many scholars now believe that Yahshua did his teaching in Hebrew language. The rabbis or teachers of Yahshua and for hundreds of years after him delivered their parables, legal rulings, prayers and sermons entirely in Hebrew language. If Yahshua and his disciples functioned within Jewish society, they have delivered the Good News and Yahshua's teachings in Hebrew.

**John 17:17** Yahweh's Word is truth.

**Psa. 119:89** Yahweh's Word is settled forever in heaven.

**Psa. 119:105** Yahweh's Word is lamp to our feet, a light to our path.

**2 Tim. 3:16** All Scripture is Yahweh-breathed and is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness.

**2 Pet. 1:20-21** No prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation; men of Yahweh spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

**Prov. 30:6** Neither add to nor diminish from Yahweh's Word.

**John 5:39** The Scriptures (Old Testament) testify of Yahshua, the means by which salvation comes to mankind.

**Matt. 24:35** Yahweh's Word will never pass away.

## 6. Sin and Repentance

Man was created in the image and likeness of Yahweh, but through disobedience (sin), he brought upon all mankind the curse of sorrow, hardship, and death. In order to be reconciled to Yahweh we must;

1. Confess your sins - Matthew 3:6
2. Repent of your sins – 1 John 1:9
3. Believe and accept Yahshua as your personal savior – Mark 16:16
4. Believe that there is only one Elohim (God) – 1 Corinthians 8:6,  
Ephesians 4:5
5. Be baptized and received the Holy Spirit- Acts 2:38

**Gen. 1:26-27** Man was created in the image of Yahweh (to have dominion).

**Gen. 3:1-6** Adam & Eve transgressed Yahweh's commandment v6-19 ... and were cursed for their disobedience.

**1 John 3:4** Sin is the transgression of Yahweh's eternal law.

**Rom. 3:23** ALL have sinned and fallen short of Yahweh's mark.

**Isa. 59:2** Sin separates us from Elohim.

**Rom. 6:23** the penalty of sin is death.

**1 Cor. 15:22** Because of sin, death came upon all men (and Rom. 5:12).

**Josh. 24:15** Man has free will to choose good or evil, to serve Yahweh or false Elohim (and Prov. 1:29; Isa. 7:15; Deut. 30:19).

**2 Pet. 3:9** Yahweh doesn't desire that any should perish.

## 7. Salvation

Yahweh has provided the plan of salvation as the means by which man may escape the penalty of death pronounced upon him. Yahshua was sent to earth to redeem man from the curse of sin. This was accomplished by His sinless life and sacrificial death, in which He shed His Blood on the stake at Golgotha (Calvary) and was resurrected in triumph over death. Yahshua took our place in death and offered His perfect life as a substitution for our sinful ones. Eternal life is available to all through the sacrifice of Yahshua— and through Him only. Salvation and eternal life are Yahweh's free gift to all who are willing to believe and obey His instructions (faith and obedience).

### Essentials of Salvation

1. Faith

2. Obedience (Action)

John 3:36 (NLT) And anyone who believes in Yahweh's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under Yahweh's angry judgment."

**2 Pet. 3:9** Yahweh is not willing that any should perish.

**Isa. 53:5-6** The promised Deliverer (Messiah) of Israel would be wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, and would bear the iniquity of us all.

**v10** His soul (nephesh – being, body) would be an offering for sin.

**v11-12** He would be a righteous Servant and would justify many, bearing their iniquities, and would pour out His soul to death, making intercession for the transgressors.

**John 3:16** Yahweh gave His Son – whosoever believes on Him will not perish.

**John. 10:1,7,9** Yahshua is the only door to salvation (and Acts 4:10-12).

**Rom. 5:10-11** We receive atonement and are saved by Yahshua's life.

**Hebr. 4:15** Yahshua was sinless and became the propitiation for our sins through faith in His Blood (and 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 3:24-25; 1 John 2:2).

**Rom. 10:13** Whoever will call on the Name of Yahweh shall be saved.

**Rom. 6:23** Though the penalty of sin is death, we have redemption through Yahshua Messiah.

**Acts 20:28** Yahshua purchased the church with His Blood.

**1 Cor. 15:13-23** Yahshua's resurrection gives assurance that the plan of salvation will be completed.

**1 Pet. 1:18-19** We are redeemed with the Blood of Yahshua.

## 8. Baptism (Why be Baptized?)

Yahshua established water baptism as a commitment opportunity for believers when he gave the Great Commission message in Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:16. Water baptism is by complete immersion in water and it is far more than a ritual or religious exercise; it's a public, outward declaration that reflects a personal, inward faith.

It associates the believer with the death, burial, and resurrection of Yahshua Messiah, and signifies the believer's death to the old life and his or her resurrection as a new creation in Messiah, to walk in service and obedience to Yahweh. In baptism there is a real sense of being joined with other believers, not just participating in an individual act of our own spiritual journey.

"...For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body" 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

### **We should follow Yahshua's example**

Yahshua himself was baptised. He was not a sinner, yet he humbled himself in obedience to identify with us and provide an example to follow.

***"At that time Yahshua came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan." Mark 1:9***

### **Yahshua commanded it**

Water baptism is an act of faith and obedience to the commands of Yahshua.

***"If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15; James 2:17-18***

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

### **You are a believer**

Baptism declares that you are a follower of Yahshua. It is a public confession of your faith in, and commitment to, Yahshua Messiah.

***"Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved..." Mark 16:16***

***"Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins." Acts 2:38***

**Colossians 2:12**, "...having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of Yahweh, who raised him from the dead."

**2 Corinthians 5:17** "Therefore, if anyone is in Yahshua, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

**Matt. 3:16** Yahshua was baptized to "fulfill all righteousness". After His baptism, He walked up out of the water.

**Acts 8:38-39** Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water.

**Acts 2:37-41** Baptism is a part of the conversion process and should be done in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah.

**1 Pet. 3:21** Baptism is the answer (response) to a good conscience toward Yahweh.

**Rom. 6:1-8** Baptism is a type or symbol of burial and rising up to walk in newness of life.

## 9. Faith

The believer's walk is a walk of faith. We recognize that without faith it is impossible to please Yahweh. We further recognize that we demonstrate our faith by our actions. In no way are we "saved" by our works; rather, our works are the witness of our faith in Yahshua Messiah.

**Hebr. 11:1** Faith is the substance of things hoped for, evidence of things not seen.

**Rom. 10:17** Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the Word of Yahweh.

**Hebr. 11:6** It is impossible to please Yahweh without faith.

**Jam. 2:18-26** Faith without corresponding works is dead (not real faith).

**Hebr. 11** All of the patriarchs and righteous men & women in Scripture

## 10. The Law

Throughout the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments, Yahweh expresses His will for man through laws, commandments, statutes and rules. Yahweh has given us His law for our good. It is eternal and perfect, converting the soul by convicting us of our own sinful nature. ***Yahshua did not come to destroy (do away) or abolish the law, but to COMPLETE the law with love.*** We demonstrate our love for Yahweh through our obedience to His laws and precepts. These two commandments are the basis for all the commandments found in the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 22:40). On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. The two greatest commandments are to love Yahweh with all of our heart, soul, and might, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. These two commandments came from the original commandments of Yahweh written by his finger and wrote it twice.

Yahweh said that His laws will also be written in the heart and mind of His people (Heb. 10:16).

**Heb. 10:16** "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

Obedying the word of Yahweh and the teachings of Yahshua Messiah is one of the chief marks of a true Messianic believer.

**John 8:31** Yahshua said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples..."

**James 1:22** ...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**1 John 2:4-5** Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of Yahweh is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

Apostle Paul obeyed the Law of Yahweh and the teachings of Yahshua Messiah.

**1 Cor. 9:21** There are some who live by not obeying the Jewish law. I became as one who lives by not obeying the Jewish law so I might lead them to Yahhsua. This does not mean that I do not obey Yahweh's Law. I obey the teachings of the Messiah.

Yahweh offers man eternal life if he will keep His Law.

**Leviticus 18:5** You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am Yahweh.

**Matthew 19:17-19** "...If you would enter life, keep the commandments." 18 He said to him, "Which ones?" And Yahshua said, "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and mother, and, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**Luke 10:25-28** And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered, "You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

**Romans 7:10** The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

**Deut. 6:24** Yahweh has given us His laws for our good (and Rom. 7:12, 16, 21-22; 1 Tim. 1:8).

**Deut. 6:4-5** Love Yahweh with all of your heart, soul, and might (and Matt. 22:34-38, Mark 12:28-30, Luke 10:27).

**Deut. 7:9** Yahweh keeps covenant with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to 1000 generations.

**Lev. 19:18** Love your neighbor as yourself (and Matt. 19:19, 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27; Rom. 13:8-9).

**Matt. 5:17-18** Yahshua did not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it. It will stand as long as the heavens and the earth (and Rev. 12:17, 14:12).

**Deut. 10:12** We demonstrate our love for Yahweh through our obedience to His laws and precepts (and Deut. 6:49; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 1 John 2:3).

**Psa. 19:7** Yahweh's law is perfect, converting the soul.

**Rom. 3:20** By the law is the knowledge of sin.

**Romans 7:12** So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

**Matthew 22:40** On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

## 11. Grace of Yahweh

Yahweh's grace is voluntary and loving favor given to those believes. We cannot earn salvation from our own work alone, because it only comes from His mercy and love. Yahshua's atoning sacrifice ushered in a New Covenant that made access to Yahweh possible for any person, Jew or Gentile, who trusts in His sacrifice. All of us who believe can now ***"draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need"*** (Heb. 4:16).

Because of our faith in Him, Yahshua bridge the gap and escorted us "into this grace in which we stand." The grace of Yahweh will be accessible to those who have faith and live in the righteous way. In spite of our effort to avoid all the temptations and sins in this world it, all of us will fall into sin, but our sin is not more powerful than Yahweh's grace.

Yahshua paid the penalty for all our sins. Yahshua Messiah ushered us into Yahweh's grace; we all need to depend on the fact that a living Savior will keep us in His grace.

**Eph. 2:8** You have been saved by grace because you believed

**Romans 11:6** Grace is a gift

**2 Corinthians 12:9-12**, Yahweh's grace is sufficient

**Hebrews 4:16**, Go to the throne of grace

**Neh. 9:31** Yahweh is a gracious and merciful Elohim

**2 Timothy 2:1-2** Be strong in the grace that is in Yahshua Messiah

**Romans 6:1-1-4** The grace of Yahweh provides a new life through Yahshua Messiah

## 12. Sabbaths & Festivals

Yahweh has ordained specific, special appointed times in His Word for His people. The first of these – the weekly Sabbath – was established at Creation. It is a memorial both of Creation and Redemption and occurs on the seventh day of the week, commonly called **Saturday**. It is to be regarded as holy from sunset Friday until Sunset Saturday. It is a day of rest and worship. Consistent with this, secular work is to be excluded on the Sabbath.

### **Weekly Sabbath (Saturday)**

**Gen. 2:3** Yahweh blessed and sanctified the seventh day at Creation by resting on that day.

**Exod. 20:8-11** The fourth commandment – remember the Sabbath day, to keep it set-apart. It is a memorial of Creation.

**Deut. 5:12-15** The Sabbath is also a memorial of redemption.

Lev. 23:32 Sabbaths are to be observed from evening to evening.

Luke 4:16 It was Yahshua's custom to observe the Sabbath.

Acts 17:2 Paul observed the Sabbath many years after Yahshua's death, burial, resurrection, and ascension.

Mark 2:27-28 The Sabbath was made for man (not the Jews only); Yahshua is Master of the Sabbath.

**Acts 13:14** Paul worshipped on the Sabbath (and v42, 44).

**Acts 16:13** Women had prayer on the Sabbath.

**Acts 18:4**, 11 Paul observed the Sabbath for eighteen months at Corinth.

**Isa. 56:2** The Sabbath is holy (set apart).

**Isa. 58:13** 14 We are to consider the Sabbath a delight.

**Hebr. 4:9** There remains a Sabbath rest (sabbatismos – literally, “the keeping of a Sabbath”) for the people of Yahweh Isa. 66:23 the Sabbath will be recognized in the new earth after Yahshua's return.

In addition to the weekly Sabbath, Yahweh established annual Sabbaths and festivals which paint the entire plan of salvation.

## Annual Sabbaths and Festivals

**Lev. 23:1-44** The annual feast days and Sabbath are all listed as “feasts of Yahweh” and are commanded to be kept forever.

### The Seven (7) Annual Feasts of Yahweh

#### 1. Passover

The Passover is the first feast in the cycle. It represents the crucial first step in Yahweh's plan to save mankind—without which the other steps would not be possible. Yahweh revealed the Passover festival to the ancient Israelites during the process of freeing them from captivity in Egypt (Exodus 12). This sacrifice was symbolic of the later shedding of the blood of Yahshua Messiah as the “Lamb of Yahweh” and “our Passover” to take away sin and its penalty (John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7).

Without the fulfillment of the Passover feast, there would be no salvation. Yet Yahshua's Passover sacrifice itself does not accomplish our salvation, nor does our acceptance of it. Rather, this makes salvation possible. Remission or forgiveness of sins comes through Yahshua's shed blood when one repents (Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22; Acts 2:38).

Through acceptance of His blood in faith we are justified, or made right, with Yahweh the Father (Romans 5:9). Yet salvation itself is accomplished through Yahshua's resurrected life: **“For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to Yahweh through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life”** (verse 10).

Nevertheless, the reconciliation that comes through accepting Yahshua's Passover sacrifice clearly provides a foundation for salvation.

In observing this festival today, we do not sacrifice a lamb but partake of the unleavened bread and grape juice or wine of Passover as symbolic of Yahshua's sacrificed body and blood as He instructed (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25).

#### 2. Feast of Unleavened Bread

The Feast of Unleavened Bread is vitally important to a Messianic salvation; it shows us what Yahweh expects of us *beyond* accepting Yahshua's shed blood for forgiveness.

Leaven is an agent, such as yeast, that causes bread dough to expand and rise during baking. Yahweh commanded that for the seven days of the

Feast of Unleavened Bread, leaven is to be removed from our homes and not eaten—and we are to instead eat unleavened bread during this period (Leviticus 23:6Leviticus 23:6).

In the New Testament, the apostle Paul applied the symbol of leaven to sin (1 Corinthians 5:6-71 Corinthians 5:6-7). Conversely, he explained that *un*leavened bread represents sincerity and truth—righteousness and holiness (verse 8).

Yahweh set aside seven full days, the number seven representing completion and perfection in Scripture, for His followers to remember that *He* is holy, and that we should become holy as *He* is (1 Peter 1:161 Peter 1:16), striving to put sin out of our lives. Yet we can only do this with the guidance and help of Yahshua Messiah.

The ancient Israelites departed from Egypt during the Days of Unleavened Bread, following a pillar of cloud and fire. The One the Israelites knew as Yahweh was in that cloud (Exodus 13:21Exodus 13:21). And this divine Being who accompanied them later came to the earth as Yahshua Messiah (1 Corinthians 10:41 Corinthians 10:4).

It is also important to note that when the Israelites later came to the Promised Land, they were to present a special grain offering on the first day of the week during the Feast of Unleavened Bread—a sheaf of the firstfruits of the barley harvest, which was waved before Yahweh for His acceptance (Leviticus 23:9-14Leviticus 23:9-14).

This represented Yahshua Messiah as the initial firstfruits of salvation (1 Corinthians 15:231 Corinthians 15:23)—who was accepted in heaven this day after being resurrected during the festival.

Our ultimate example of living the unleavened life is Yahshua, and we must follow Him in faith to salvation and eternal life. Yet this is actually possible only through what is pictured in the next festival.

### **3. Pentecost (Feast of Firstfruits)**

Pentecost is the New Testament term for the Old Testament Feast of Weeks. The word *Pentecost* means “fiftieth,” as the Israelites were to count 50 days starting with the day of the wave-sheaf offering during the Feast of Unleavened Bread—so that the last day of the count would be the day after seven complete weeks, when a new grain offering was to be brought (Leviticus 23:15-16Leviticus 23:15-16).

This offering was also to be a first fruits offering waved before Yahweh, taken from the wheat harvest and baked into two loaves of bread (verses 17, 20; Exodus 34:22, Exodus 34:22).

Symbolized here are the faithful believers whom Yahweh calls the firstfruits of all His harvests (James 1:18, James 1:18). Romans 8:23 Romans 8:23 says these have **“the firstfruits of the Spirit.”**

According to Acts 2, it was on the Day of Pentecost following Yahshua's death and resurrection that His followers *received Yahweh's Holy Spirit* with a miraculous display of divine power. Thousands more were then converted on this day, also receiving the Spirit upon repentance and baptism.

Modern professing believers acknowledge the fulfilled promise of the gift of Yahweh's Spirit to humankind on this occasion. However, many effectively deny the power of it, not understanding that one must obey Yahweh to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 5:32Acts 5:32). And receiving the Spirit in turn *enables further and sustained obedience* (compare Romans 5:5Romans 5:5; 1 John 5:31 John 5:3).

This is part of the great meaning of Pentecost, along with the fact that Yahweh's people of this age are counted as the *firstfruits* of salvation—in anticipation of other fruits to follow in the age to come.

Pentecost is the last of the spring festivals —the last of those that portray events relating to the time of Yahshua's first coming and the present age.

#### 4. Feast of Trumpets

On this day, there is a **“memorial of blowing of trumpets”** (Leviticus 23:24). This represents the time of the coming of the Messiah to take over the rule of the world, as Yahshua will do when He returns (Revelation 19:11-21; 12:10; compare Zechariah 14; Isaiah 11:1-10).

Yahshua' second coming will be heralded by supernatural trumpet blasts. During a period known as **“the day of Yahweh”** and **“the great day of His wrath”** (Revelation 6:17), Yahweh will bring judgment on the rebellious nations of the earth. Revelation 8-9 presents the cataclysmic circumstances that will follow the blowing of six successive trumpets.

Revelation 11:15 then describes the blowing of the seventh trumpet, when this world's governments are transferred over to the rule of the returning Yahshua. It is also the time of the rewarding of Yahweh's saints— His faithful servants of this age (verse 18).

They will, at this last trumpet, be resurrected from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16)—at last receiving ultimate salvation from death through transformation into immortal spirit beings.

The seventh trumpet also heralds further judgment on those who remain defiant, who persist in destroying the earth and its inhabitants (Revelation 11:18).

Yahshua Messiah, through the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets, directs His attention to saving His people as well as the rest of humankind (Revelation 19:11-21), breaking the power of the world's leaders and humbling the nations to the point that they will accept His intervention and rule.

But the major obstacle to mankind learning Yahweh's ways will still have to be removed, and that is pictured in the next occasion Yahweh instructs us to observe.

## 5. Day of Atonement

Day of Atonement is a solemn day of drawing near to Him through fasting (Leviticus 23:26-32).

The Day of Atonement is the appointed time for celebrating the removal of Satan and the demons from the world scene (Revelation 20:1-3; Isaiah 14:16-17). With Satan's expulsion, human beings can truly experience "at-one-ment" with Yahweh, as Yahweh intends (John 17:20-21).

Indeed, Yahweh will remove all forces that have set themselves to destroy His plan, which is to expand His family through the salvation of billions of human beings.

The Day of Atonement is also a reminder of Yahshua Messiah's atoning sacrifice. Following Yahshua's return, His sacrifice will begin to be applied to the world at large, as all are led to accept it in repentance, being no longer under the influence of the devil.

For the first time in the history of mankind, we will fully experience peace on earth, with Yahweh's will for people no longer being resisted by Satan.

## 6. Feast of Tabernacle

Finally, what Yahweh had promised through the ages, to bring peace on earth (Luke 2:14), will arrive. Isaiah 9:6-7 foretold both the first and second comings of the Messiah in stating: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder ... Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

As pictured in the Feast of Trumpets, Yahshua will take over the rule of this world (Revelation 11:15). Satan will be deposed and incarcerated, as shown in the Day of Atonement (Revelation 20:1-3).

Then Yahshua and His resurrected and transformed saints will reign on the earth over all nations for 1,000 years, a millennium (Revelation 5:10; 20:4, 6).

During this 1,000-year messianic reign over physical nations of the earth, Yahshua will live with humankind. This is celebrated in the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles or Booths, referring to tents or temporary dwellings (Leviticus 23:33-43).

For the duration of this festival, Yahweh's people live in temporary dwellings, recalling in part the time when Yahweh "made the children of Israel dwell in booths" following the Exodus (verse 43). In fact, Yahweh Himself also dwelt in a tabernacle in journeying with the Israelites through the desert.

Yet this Feast also looks forward to the wonderful, though temporary, conditions of the millennial age—which anticipates a permanent new heaven and new earth to follow (Revelation 21-22).

As previously noted, this festival was also called the Feast of Ingathering (Exodus 23:16), celebrating the great harvest of late summer and fall in the Promised Land.

This harvest depicted the ultimate spiritual harvest of humanity to come—the later fruits following the firstfruits of this age. The future harvest begins with those who live through the terrible events at the end of this age and into the millennial period. It then continues with their progeny throughout the 1,000 years, generation after generation.

Under the righteous rule of Yahweh, humanity will live in unprecedented peace and unparalleled health and prosperity (Zechariah 14:8-11; Isaiah 2:1-4; 11; 35; Micah 4:1-8; Amos 9:13-15). Ezekiel 36:35 says the environment will be like the Garden of Eden: "So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'"

At that time, Yahweh will extend His New Covenant relationship to all mankind, beginning with Israel:

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Yahweh: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh,

for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them” (Hebrews 8:10-11).

These conditions will continue into the period pictured in the next festival, which comes at the end of the Feast of Tabernacles, though distinct and separate from it.

## 7. The Last Great Day

On the day following the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles—the eighth day—the Israelites were to observe a final Holy Day in the annual cycle Yahweh gave (Leviticus 23:36, 39).

Though a separate festival, the Eighth Day is connected to the Feast of Tabernacles or Ingathering because it further celebrates the future spiritual harvest of mankind, portraying events that will immediately follow the millennial reign of Yahshua and His resurrected and transformed saints.

The 1,000-year period of peace and prosperity for the entire global human family serves as a stepping stone to a vast increase in the late harvest of human lives. Revelation 20:5 says that **“the rest of the dead”** will live again when the 1,000 years are finished. This includes all people who lived but were not converted to Yahweh's way from Adam to Messiah's second coming—which could number in the scores of billions.

They will be raised to physical life and at last given the opportunity for salvation during a period of judgment (compare Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 11:20-24; 12:41-42; 1 Peter 2:12; Revelation 20:11-12). This is sometimes called the Great White Throne Judgment, as Revelation 20:11-12 describes the risen dead standing before such a throne.

The White Throne Judgment is not an instant sentencing but a period of evaluation and corrective measures spanning the new lifetime of those resurrected—paralleling the lifetime judgment of Yahweh's saints today, whom He wants to save, not lose (see 1 Peter 4:17; 1 Corinthians 11:31-32).

Sadly, not everyone will choose salvation. Those who ultimately refuse to repent will be destroyed in a lake of fire (Revelation 20:14-15; 21:8). But the vast majority of mankind will be saved—transformed into immortal spirit like those in the first resurrection.

Indeed, the whole creation will be transformed. The great beauty, peace and prosperity on earth during Messiah's millennial reign will continue through the White Throne Judgment period.

And after this, the present earth and sky will give way to, as mentioned earlier, a new heaven and new earth—at which time Yahweh the Father as well as Yahshua will dwell with glorified humanity forever (Revelation 21-22).

**Exod. 23:14-17** Feast days were part of the covenant before the ceremonial law was given.

**Jer. 7:22-23** Sacrificial law was added after the laws of obedience, because of transgression of the laws of obedience (and Gal. 3:19).

**Acts 2:1** The early Body of believers were assembled together on Pentecost (Shavuot, “Feast of First Fruits”) – after Yahshua’s resurrection and ascension.

**Acts 20:16** Paul hastened to Jerusalem to keep a Feast (and 18:21).

**1 Cor. 5:7-8** Paul instructs the Corinthian believers to “keep the Feast” of Passover and Unleavened Bread, approximately 25 years after Messiah’s death (and Acts 20:6).

**Zech. 14:16-19** In Yahshua’s millennial reign, true believers will go up to Jerusalem from year to year to keep the Feast of Tabernacles and worship

## 13. Clean and Unclean Foods

The distinction between clean and unclean foods is to be observed today as Yahweh’s will, because it was given by Him for man’s benefit and to reflect our obedience. We believe that those meats that are designated “unclean” by Yahweh in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 are not to be eaten. It is important that we “distinguish between the unclean and the clean” (Leviticus 11:47; compare Ezekiel 22:26; 44:23).

Various passages in the New Testament show that the laws of clean and unclean meats were still being observed by Yahshua and His followers. Yahshua’s statement in an oft-misquoted passage in Mark 7:19 would have outraged the religious leaders had they interpreted it the way many people do today. His reference to purifying all foods here is often thought to refer to Him declaring all meat clean. But His statement actually refers to all foods being purged out of the body through bodily elimination. This has nothing to do with whether meats are considered clean or unclean.

Acts 10 is another commonly misunderstood passage that powerfully illustrates the early New Testament Church's understanding about clean and unclean meats—although this is not the primary purpose behind the vision described here. The apostle Peter received a vision from Yahweh that instructed him to take the gospel message to gentiles (non-Israelites).

During this vision, Peter three times refused to partake of the unclean animals shown him and remained puzzled about the meaning of the vision until Yahweh revealed that it was actually about people and not really about clean and unclean animals. It was revealed to Peter that no human being should be considered “common or unclean” (verses 28-29). This chapter ends with the Holy Spirit being given to the household of the gentile Cornelius as proof that Yahweh's calling to repentance and salvation was now going to people in all nations (verses 44-48; see also Acts 11:1-18).

Although this section of Scripture has been used to claim permission to eat unclean animals, it clearly indicates the opposite. The event here took place several years into the history of the New Testament Church, yet Peter rejected the idea of eating unclean meat, even going so far as protesting that he had “never eaten anything that is common or unclean” (verse 14). Paul, in a passage cited earlier, wrote of creatures “which Yahweh created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth” and described these creatures as “sanctified by the word of Yahweh and prayer” (1 Timothy 4:3, 5).

The word used to describe these creatures, sanctified, means “set apart,” and it carries the dual connotation of being set apart from something as well as for something. The only animals set apart by the Word of Yahweh, the Bible, are those listed in it as clean. They have been set apart from all other animals and for man's nourishment. The flesh of those creatures designated as suitable for food is to be received thankfully by those who believe and know the truth.

***Animal flesh designated as unclean is unfit for human consumption and should not be eaten.*** Yahweh gave other important food laws as well. He declares as a perpetual statute that His people eat blood (Leviticus 3:17; 7:22-26; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deuteronomy 12:16, 23-25; 15:23; 1 Samuel 14:33-34; Ezekiel 33:25). The blood restriction applies to mammals and birds. The requirement that blood be drained from any meat before eating it was even communicated by the New Testament apostles to gentile converts accustomed formerly to eating strangled animals not drained of blood (Acts 15:19-20, 28-29). As Yahweh says in Deuteronomy 12:25, “You shall not eat it, that it may go well with you and your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of Yahweh.”

**Gen. 7:1-3** Noah knew which animals were clean and unclean.

**Lev. 11:2-47** Clean & unclean foods are identified (and Deut. 14:3-20).

**Deut. 6:24** Yahweh's laws are for our good always (and 10:12-13).

**Acts 10:9-14** Peter recognized the difference between clean and unclean animals (and v17, 28 – he did not take the vision literally but as an admonition not to call any man common or unclean).

**Isa. 66:15-17** When Yahshua returns to judge the nations, certain foods will still be an abomination.

## 14. Yahweh's Purpose for Mankind

The purpose of mankind is to glorify, enjoy, and obey Yahweh as well as to accomplish the purposes of Yahweh. Yahweh's is preparing those whom He calls—and who elect through a life of overcoming sin, developing righteous character and growing in grace and knowledge—to possess Yahweh's Kingdom and become kings and priests reigning with Yahshua at His return. We believe that the reason for mankind's existence is literally to be born as spirit beings into the family of Yahweh

Through Adam's sin of disobedience, mankind lost innocence, earned spiritual and physical death and became subject to the wrath of Yahweh.

**Isa. 43:7** Bring to me all the people who are mine—the people who have my name

**Colossians 1:16** Through his power all things were made

**Revelation 4:11**, Yahweh is worthy to receive glory and honor and power.

**Genesis 2:16-17**, Mankind received instructions from Yahweh

**Genesis 3:1-19**, fall of mankind

**Romans 1:18**, Yahweh hates evil doers

**Romans 6:23** When people sin, they earn what sin pays—death

**John 3:3**, believe in Yahshua to receive eternal life

**Romans 6:15-16** obeying Yahweh makes you right with him.

**Acts 2:39** Promise to everyone

**2 Peter 3:18** grow in the grace and knowledge

**Revelation 3:5** I will say that they belong to me before my Father and before his angels.

## 15. Interpersonal Relationships

The Scriptures indicate that the Body of Messiah is not a rigid organization but rather a living Organism. It consists of many members who have been set in place, joined, tempered, fitly framed, and knit together by the Spirit into one Body. That description implies more than a weak, casual relationship – in fact, it suggests closeness and connectedness; in short, covenant relationship. We manifest covenant relationship by loving one another in word and in deed.

**2 Cor. 12:12-30** the church is compared to the human body.

**Eph. 2:19-22** It is compared to a building carefully fitted together.

**1 Cor 12:24** The Body has been tempered together.

**1 Cor. 12:18** We have been set in place in the Body.

**Eph. 4:16** The Body, fitly framed and knit together (and Col. 2:19).

**Rom. 12:4-5** There are many members but one Body, one new Man (1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 2:11-16).

**John 13:34-35** Others will know us by our love for one another.

**1 John 3:18** Don't just love in word, but indeed and truth.

## 16. Praise & Worship

Praise and worship is an important part of our relationship with Yahweh and Yahshua, as well as with other members of the Body. **We are called to worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth**, and we can do so with song (with both voice & musical instruments), with the lifting up of our hands, with clapping, bowing down, & even dancing before Yahweh.

**John 4:24** We must worship in Spirit and in Truth.

**Psa. 95:1-2** Come before Yahweh's presence with thanksgiving, make a joyful noise to Him with song.

**Psa. 100** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.

**Psa. 149:6** Let the high praises of Yahweh be in our mouths. Psa. 150 Praise Yahweh with musical instruments.

**2 Chr. 5:11-14** At the dedication of the temple under Solomon, the glory of Yahweh filled the house after the singers and musicians praised Him.

**Psa. 134:1-2** Lift up your hands to the sanctuary and bless Yahweh (and 63:4, 141:2; Lam. 3:41; 2 Chr. 6:13; Neh. 8:6; 1 Tim. 2:8). Psa. 149:1-3 Praise his Name in the dance (and 30:11; Ex. 15:20).

**1 Chr. 15:25-29** Israel brought the ark of the covenant of Yahweh up to Jerusalem with shouting and the sounding of musical instruments; David danced before Yahweh (and 2 Sam. 6:12-16).

**Psa. 47:1** Clap your hands and shout to Yahweh with the voice of triumph.

**Psa. 95:6** Bow down or kneel before Yahweh (and 1 Ki. 8:54; 2 Chr. 6:13).

**Hebr. 13:15** Offer up a sacrifice of praise.

**Psa. 50:14** Offer up a sacrifice of thanksgiving (and v23, 116:17; Jon. 2:9).

**Col. 3:16** Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to each other & teaching & admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Eph. 5:18-19).

## 17. Attitude toward civil government

We believe that each church is independent and autonomous, and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; therefore, Church and State must be kept separate, as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other. We also believe that it is the responsibility of the church (individually and corporately) to live in submission to the government, as long as that does not violate Scripture or conscience and to pray for those who are in authority over us.

**1 Timothy 2:1-3** You should pray for rulers and for all who have authority

**Titus 3:1** Obey authority of rulers and government leaders.

**1 Peter 2:13-14** Be willing to serve the people who have authority

**Acts 5:29** Remember to obey Yahweh first

**Matthew 23:10** You only have one Master

**Romans 13:1-7** All of you must obey the government rulers

## 18. Messianic Life

We believe that Yahweh expects every believer to live a life of obedience, in which every area of his life is brought under Messiah Yahshua and the fruit of the Spirit becomes increasingly evident in his life. The goal of the Messianic life is to be conformed to the image of Yahshua. This life is characterized supremely by self-giving love for Yahweh and for others. The life and character of Yahshua Messiah, which grows through the Holy Spirit, is noticeably distinct from the life of the world. A believer who resists the gracious working of the Holy Spirit and fails to grow in obedience is chastened in infinite love by his Heavenly Father so he may learn obedience.

**John 14:21** Those who really love me are the ones who not only know my commands but also obey them.

**2 Corinthians 10:4,5** Obey our Messiah Yahshua

**Galatians 5:22,23** But the fruit that the Spirit produces in a person's life is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** We all show Yahweh's glory, and we are being changed to be like him.

**Matthew 22:37-40** Love Yahweh and your neighbor

**1 John 2:15-17** Whoever does what Yahweh wants will live forever

**Hebrews 12:5-14** Try to live in peace with everyone. And try to keep your lives free from sin. Anyone whose life is not holy will never see Yahweh.

## 19. Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are special endowments given through Yahweh's Spirit that empower and enable the believer in his or her individual ministry. All of the spiritual gifts identified in Scripture are still active & available to believers today and are freely distributed by Yahweh at His discretion and through His Spirit. The gifts are given for the edifying of the Body, and each member of the Body is to exercise his or her particular gifts in service to Yahweh and the rest of the Body of Messiah.

**Rom. 12:4-6** Different members of the Body have different gifts and offices.

**1 Cor 12:4-11** There are diversities of gifts, administrations, workings, but the same Spirit. Yahweh freely distributes the gifts at His discretion and through His Spirit.

**1 Cor 13:1-3** Love is the key (and v13).

**Eph. 4:11-12** The “5-fold ministry” is for the perfecting & equipping of the saints for the work of ministry.

**1 Cor. 14:12** Spiritual gifts are for the edifying of the assembly.

**1 Pet. 4:7-11** Each believer should minister his or her gift(s) as a good steward of the grace of Yahweh (and Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Tim. 4:14).

**1 Cor. 14:26-31** the gifts are to be exercised in the assembly in an orderly, non-disruptive manner (and v40).

## 20. The Fruit of the Spirit

The maturing believer will exhibit discernible signs (“fruit”) of a changing life as he becomes more and more conformed to the image of Yahshua Messiah. This fruit is best exemplified by love, but also includes joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control. A believer should not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of his mind. His life should be an example – a testimony – to both believers and non-believers.

**Col. 3:14** Love – the bond of perfection.

**John 13:35** Others will know us by our love for one another (and 1 Pet. 1:22;

1 Jo. 4:7, 11-12; 2 Jo. 1:5).

**Rom. 12:2** We should not be conformed to the world.

**Eph. 4:23-24** Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

**Gal. 5:16** If we walk by the Spirit, we won't fulfill lusts of the flesh.

**v19-21** We are to avoid the works of the flesh.

**v22** The fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control.

**Rom. 8:29** Be conformed to the image of Messiah.

**2 Cor. 3:18** We are being changed from glory to glory into the same image as Yahshua Messiah.

## 21. Prayer

The lifestyle of the believer is one of prayer. Yahweh's people are to pray to Him in the Name of Yahshua, their only Mediator and High Priest, who is at the right hand of Yahweh the Father and makes intercession on their behalf. Those who earnestly call upon Him will have their prayers answered in accordance with Yahweh's will. While believers can and should pray as individuals, there is also great power in corporate (group) prayer.

**1 Tim. 2:8** Men should pray everywhere.

**Luke 18:1** Men ought always to pray, and not faint.

**1 Thess. 5:17** We are exhorted to pray without ceasing.

**Phil. 4:6** Prayer may be used to express needs and appreciation.

**John 14:13-14** We are to ask in Yahshua's Name (and 1 John 5:14).

**Hebr. 4:14-16** Yahshua is the qualified High Priest.

**1 Tim. 2:5** Yahshua is the only Mediator between Yahweh and man.

**Rom. 8:34** Yahshua intercedes at the right hand of Yahweh. James 1:6 Faith must accompany prayer.

**Pro. 28:9** the prayer of the disobedient is an abomination.

**Matt. 6:9-13** Yahshua gave a model prayer which includes praise, thanks, and petitions.

**Matt. 6:5-8** Don't pray as hypocrites or with vain repetitions.

**Matt. 21:13** Yahshua said that Yahweh's house would be called a house of prayer (and Isa. 56:7).

**Acts 1:13-14** A New Testament prayer meeting.

**1 Ki. 8:22-53** Solomon offers a very public prayer.

**Acts 4:31** Another prayer meeting, with the subsequent outpouring of Holy Spirit.

**James 5:16** The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous person accomplishes much.

**Rev. 8:3-4** the prayers of the saints are like incense before Yahweh.

## 22. Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the good news of the Kingdom. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement of Yahshua and is the privilege of all believers.

**Isa. 53:4-5** The promised Messiah would bear our sicknesses, carry our diseases, and by His stripes we are healed

**Matt. 8:16-17** Yahshua Himself took our infirmities & bore our diseases

**Jam. 5:14-16** The prayer of faith will save the sick; repentance of any known sin is key.

**1 Pet. 2:24** by His stripes we are healed

## 23. Tithes & Offerings (Financial Stewardship)

The Scriptures, by principle and example, teach that the work of the assembly is to be supported by the financial stewardship of its members. Yahweh's work has always been supported by tithes and freewill offerings. The basic meaning of the tithe is one-tenth. But the Scriptures enlarge upon this basic meaning, so that whenever the scriptural term – the tithe – is used, it is not just any one-tenth, but it is the “first and the best.” Love will motivate each member to give freely and cheerfully without any need for begging or coercion by the leadership. All we have comes from Yahweh, and we are simply stewards of His blessings. He desires and expects us to give our “first and best” back to Him.

**Gen. 14:18-20** Abraham gave a voluntary, freewill tithe to Melchizedek. Melchizedek was not a Levite (and Hebr. 7:1-6).

**Gen. 28:20-22** Jacob vowed to give the tithe to acknowledge Yahweh's care for him.

**Exod. 35:21** The Israelites gave freewill offerings for the work of the tabernacle of meeting (and 36:2-7).

**Pro. 3:10-11** Honor Yahweh with your substance and the first-fruits of all your increase.

**Mal. 3:8-10** Withholding tithes and offerings is tantamount to stealing from Yahweh.

**1 Cor. 9:7-14** Paul speaks of the need to support the ministry 1 Tim. 5:17-18 Elders who rule well are to be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the Word and in teaching...

**2 Cor. 9:6-7** Yahweh loves and blesses those who give generously and cheerfully.

## 24. The Authority of the Believer

Mature believers recognize that – while Satan is real and, along with a host of demons, is out to deceive and destroy the assembly – Yahshua has given us power and authority to operate in His Name. We understand that “we battle not against flesh and blood” and that we must put on the whole armor of Yahweh. This includes taking up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Yahweh.

We use intercessory prayer and Scriptural authority to overcome all the works of the adversary, recognizing that the battle belongs to Yahweh and the victory, to us. We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.

**Eph. 6:10-18** Put on the whole armor of Yahweh; our wrestling is not against flesh & blood, but against spiritual powers & spiritual wickedness. Our offensive weapon is the sword of the Spirit – the Word of Yahweh.

**2 Cor. 10:3-5** We don't war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare aren't carnal.

**Matt. 18:18-19** Two or more in agreement have authority to bind demons and loose angels.

**Psa. 91:11** We have ministering angels to protect us.

**Rom. 5:9** We are justified and covered with the Blood of Yahshua, our protection.

**Psa. 136:1, 24** Yahweh has redeemed us from our enemies

**Psa. 98:1** His right Hand and His Holy Arm has gotten Him the victory.

**Isa. 54:17** No weapon formed against us shall prosper.

**Rom. 8:37** We are more than conquerors through Yahshua Messiah.

**1 Pet. 5:6-11** We must steadfastly withstand the devil by faith.

**James 4:7** “Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

**Matt. 10:1** Yahshua gave His disciples power over “unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of disease.”

**Luke 10:17-20** We have authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Demons are made subject to us (and 9:1).

**Mark 16:17** One of the signs following believers is that they will cast out demons in Yahshua's Name.

**1 Jo. 5:14-16** If we ask according to Yahweh's will, He will hear us. (We can and should intercede for our brothers and sisters in Messiah).

## 25. Death & Resurrection of Yahshua

Yahshua was executed on a Wednesday afternoon (Passover) and was placed in the tomb just before sundown on that day. He arose from the grave three days and three nights later – just before sundown on the following weekly Sabbath – thus fulfilling accurately the prophecy He had uttered regarding the only sign of His Messiahship.

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY (WEEKLY SABBATH)</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
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DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY
"Day of Preparation" Yahshua's impalement and death (Matthew 27:45-57; Mark 15:1-41; Luke 23:1-49; John 19:1-37)	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> of 3 of 3 days and 3 nights/ High Day (Luke 23:54- "Sabbath" refers to High Sabbath; 1 <sup>st</sup> High Day of Unleavened Bread)	Women bring spices for anointing Yahshua's body (Luke 23:56a)	Sabbath-3 <sup>rd</sup> day of the 3 days and 3 nights (Luke 23:56b- "Sabbath day refers to weekly Sabbath)	Women bring spices while still before daybreak (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1)
EVENING	EVENING	EVENING	EVENING	EVENING
Yahshua placed in tomb just before sunset/ <b>Starts the 1<sup>st</sup></b> day of the 3 days & 3 nights' count (Matthew 27:58-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42)	<b>Evening-starts 2<sup>nd</sup></b> day of 3 days and 3 nights  WEDNESDAY TO THURSDAY/SUNSET TO SUNSET ( <b>DAY 1</b> )	<b>Evening-starts 3<sup>rd</sup></b> day of 3 days and 3 nights- begins weekly Sabbath  THURSDAY TO FRIDAY/SUNSET TO SUNSET ( <b>DAY 2</b> )	<b>YAHSHUA RESURRECTED</b> after exactly 3 days and 3 nights in the tomb (Matthew 12:40)  FRIDAY TO SATURDAY/SUNSET TO SUNSET ( <b>DAY 3</b> )	

**Matt. 12:29-40** Yahshua was to be in the heart of the earth 3 days and 3 nights – this was the only sign He said He'd give that He was the Messiah.

**1 Cor. 15:3-4** He was buried and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

**Mark 8:31** Yahshua said He would rise again after 3 days (and 9:31).

**John 20:1** Mary Magdalene came early on the first day of the week to the tomb, while it was yet dark; the stone was already taken away (and Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:2).

**John 19:31** The “preparation day” on which Yahshua died preceded an annual Sabbath (“high day” – the first day of Unleavened Bread, Lev. 23:6-8). This should not be mistaken for the weekly Sabbath.

**John 19:14** It was the preparation for the Passover. (By this time some Jews were eating their Passover meal on the beginning of the 15th day of the month).

## 26. The Return of the Messiah

Yahshua will return in visible, bodily form to establish the fullness of His Kingdom on the earth. He will come in the clouds (the same way He departed) with the sound of a shout and the trumpet of Yahweh.

**Acts 1:9-11** Yahshua was taken up in a cloud and will return in similar fashion. John 14:1-3 Yahshua promised to return.

**Acts 3:20** Peter spoke of Yahshua's return.

**Job 19:25-27** Job looked forward to seeing his Redeemer standing on the earth in the latter day.

**1 Thess. 4:16** Yahshua will descend with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of Yahweh.

**Rev. 1:7** Yahshua will come with clouds. Every eye shall see Him.

**Matt. 25:31-32** Yahshua will come to sit upon His throne. All nations will be gathered before Him.

**Matt. 24:29-31** Yahshua will come after the Tribulation.

**Zech. 14:4** His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives in that day.

## 27. The Millennial Reign

Yahshua will establish His Kingdom on the earth at His return, where the redeemed will reign with Him for 1,000 years. During this millennial age, Yahshua will put all enemies, including Death, under His feet, after which He will turn the Kingdom over to Yahweh the Father. Zech. 14:4-9 Yahshua stands on the Mount of Olives.

When Yahshua Messiah returns, those who died in the faith will be resurrected first at the beginning of His thousand-year reign. "For Yahshua himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of the Almighty. And those who have died believing in the Messiah will rise first. After that, we who are still alive will be gathered up with them in the clouds to meet Yahshua in the air..." **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

Those who are resurrected at this time will reign with our Messiah. "Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of Yahweh and of Messiah Yahshua and will reign with him a thousand years." **Revelation 20:6**

Those in the first resurrection are made immortal, raised as spirit beings, no longer flesh and blood. You can have a part in that one-thousand-year reign of our Messiah Yahshua. If you live a life of obedience, you can be assured of position of ruler ship in the Kingdom. "To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, to them I will give authority over all the nations." **Revelation 2:26**

**Rev. 11:15** The kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of our Master.

**Rev. 20:4, 6** The righteous will reign with Him for 1,000 years.

**Rev. 5:10** They will reign on the earth.

**Isa. 2:2-4** The mountain (kingdom) of Yahweh will be established on top of the mountains (kingdoms). It will be a peaceful time during which the ways of Yahweh will be taught (and Micah 4:1-4).

**Isa. 65:17-24** Speaks of the Millennium.

**1 Cor. 15:24-28** Yahshua reigns until all enemies are destroyed, then He turns the Kingdom over to Yahweh the Father.

## 28. Satan

Satan, a being who is also called the Devil, is the adversary of Yahweh and His people. He is liar and deceiver, capable of transforming himself into an angel of light, and was a murderer from the beginning. He must be resisted by Yahweh's people. He will ultimately be destroyed in the lake of fire.

**Rev. 20:2** Satan is called "the dragon, that old serpent" and "Devil."

**1 Pet. 5:8** He is man's adversary. Ha Satan means "the adversary."

**Rev. 12:9** He deceives the whole world.

**2 Cor. 11:4** He can transform himself into an angel of light.

**Matt. 13:38-39** The enemy who planted the bad seed is the devil

**John 8:44** He was a murderer from the beginning and a liar, and the father lies.

**James 4:7** We must resist the devil.

**Eph. 6:11** We need whole armor of Yahweh to stand against him.

**Rev. 20:10** The devil will be cast into the lake of fire and destroyed.

**Eze. 28:11-19** Satan's origins are described (and Isa. 14:12-15).

## 29. The State of the Dead

Man consists of 3 components: **spirit, soul, and body**. The soul is the seat of the intellect and emotions. There is no consciousness in death. When a man dies, "his breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish". He remains in that state until the day of his resurrection. The same body is raised and glorified.

**Ecc. 9:5-6** The dead don't know or experience anything.

**Job. 14:13-14** Job will wait in his grave until his change comes (and 17:13).

**Psa. 146:4** When man's breath goes, his thoughts perish. John 11:11-14 Yahshua called Lazarus' death a "sleep."

**Hebr. 11:39-40** Righteous men of old have not received their reward.

**Acts 2:34** Peter said that David still had not ascended up to heaven at the time of the 1st century Body of believers.

**Gen. 2:7** Man is a soul and a soul can die (and Eze. 18:4, 20).

## 30. Resurrection of the Dead and Eternal Judgment

At Yahshua's return the righteous dead will be resurrected to receive immortality. After the 1,000-year reign of Yahshua, the wicked will be resurrected to be punished.

**Acts 24:15** There will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust.

**John 5:28-29** Those who are in their graves will come forth, some to life, some to damnation.

**Hebr. 9:27** Man dies only once before the judgment (no reincarnation).

**2 Tim. 4:1** Judgment takes place at Yahshua's coming.

**1 Thess. 4:16** The righteous dead are resurrected when Yahshua returns.

**1 Cor. 15:51-52** The righteous living will receive immortality at Yahshua's coming.

**1 Tim. 6:15-16** Only Yahshua currently possesses immortality.

**Rev. 20:5** The rest of the dead live not until after the 1,000 years.

Death, not eternal life in torment, is the lot of unrepentant sinners. The wicked will be punished by being cast into the "lake of fire" and consumed.

**Matt. 10:28** We must fear Yahweh, who can destroy both body and soul in hell (Gehenna).

**Rom. 6:23** The wages of sin is death.

**Eze. 18:4, 20** The soul that sins shall die.

**Isa. 1:28** Sinners are consumed (and Psa. 37:20, 104:35; 2 Pet. 2:6).

**Mal. 4:1-3** The wicked will burn as stubble and be ashes.

**Rev. 20:13-15** Whoever is not found written in the Book of Life is sentenced to the second death and will be punished by being cast into the "lake of fire."