

*The Wave Sheaf Offering, Feast of
Weeks/Firstfruits & Shav'uot*

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We are too seek out the Spiritual Truths the physical rehearsals were given to teach!

Before I get into this aspect of The Spring Festival of The Passover Season let me first set the standard that we should be striving for. We are to seek the Spiritual Truths behind these physical shadows. The Law in its truest form is a guide to produce Spiritual Perfection; The Law was given first ‘in stone’ in the form of physical instructions/rehearsals that serve as a “tutor” and instruction in Spiritual Righteousness. Then later The Law was transposed or “elevated” to a higher dimension. Yahshua came to bring the Spiritual Truths to light and transpose The Law from written in stone to “written on your heart” i.e. teach us to seek out the spiritual intent of the letter.

Colossians 2

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink (as you keep The Torah Kosher Laws), or with regard to a religious festival (as you keep Yahweh’s festivals), a New Moon celebration (as you keep Yahweh’s months) or a Sabbath day (as you keep Yahweh’s weeks). ¹⁷These are a shadow (physical rehearsal/metaphor) of the things that were to come; the (spiritual) reality, however, is found in The Yahshuaic Covenant.

Hebrews 10

1 The law is only a (physical) shadow of the good things that are coming—not the (spiritual) realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices (and rituals such as The Seder or Easter) repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship (perfection is found in the spiritual fulfillment, our personal sacrifice following Yahshua’s example, and attitude of the heart).

The Law, the Festivals and Sabbaths are “tutors and mentors” to guide us and help us come to understand a spiritual kingdom and point us to the Messiah by training us in Righteousness.

Galatians 3:24 – Book of Yahweh translation

But before faith (in the Spiritual Kingdom of Yahweh) came to us (through The Yahshuaic Covenant), we were guarded by the power of The Law, being shut up together (gathered together and protected) until the faith in Messiah (spiritual realities) would be revealed (unveiled and uncovered in The Yahshuaic Covenant). So in this (endeavor to teach us spiritual truths and lead us into and understand The Yahshuaic Covenant), the Law is our teacher, leading us (by physical examples) to the (spiritual truth of the) Messiah so that we would be justified **by faith** (in The Passover Lamb not in the ritual keeping and rehearsal of sacrificing an animal). But now that the faith (true spiritual reality of The Passover Lamb) has come, are we no longer under the training of that teacher? (Paul asks a rhetorical question, the answer is yes we remain under the training of The Law until we mature and wean ourselves off the milk of the word i.e. physical examples/rehearsals to the meat of the word which is spiritual truths)

Hebrews 5

¹²In fact, though by this time (in The Yahshuaic Covenant) you ought to be teachers (of the physical to spiritual parallels in The Torah), you need someone to teach you the

elementary (physical examples/rehearsals) truths of Yahweh's word all over again (found in The Torah). You need milk (the physical letter of the law and physical rituals), not solid food (the Spiritual Truths that the physical shadows were designed to teach us)!

¹³ Anyone who lives on milk (continues in the never ending physical rehearsals year after year **Heb. 10:1** not learning the spiritual meaning of them), being still an infant (in spiritual maturity), **is not acquainted** with the (spiritual) teaching about righteousness (and still must keep The Law by the letter until the spiritual truths are revealed to them).

¹⁴ But solid (spiritual) food is for the mature (in Yahweh), who by constant use (of physical to spiritual parallels) have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil (defined in the physical examples in the Torah which teach us of spiritual attitudes we must have to enter The Kingdom of Yahweh).

The physical "letter of The Law" came first then the Spiritual Intent was revealed. Speaking specifically below about the Feast of First Fruits, Paul explains that Yahshua fulfilled The Feast of First Fruits upon resurrection:

1 Corinthians 15

20 But the Messiah has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Paul then goes on to explain that the Kingdom of Yahweh was laid out first through physical shadows/rehearsals which later served to define His Spiritual Kingdom just like we must be born in physical bodies and trained by these physical rehearsals before we are born again into the Kingdom of Yahweh as spiritual bodies.

Once we are trained spiritually by the physical teaching tools Yahweh ordained, we mature from infants addicted to the milk to sons with teeth for the meat (spiritual intent) of His Law. We then become righteous teachers of The Torah:

Hebrews 5

¹¹ We have much to say about this (Messiah/Passover), but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand (we are determined to stick to the physical example and human tradition and fail to see the Spiritual truth of Passover). ¹² In fact, though by this time (in The Yahshuaic Covenant) you ought to be teachers (of the physical to spiritual parallels in The Torah), you need someone to teach you the elementary (spiritual) truths of Yahweh's word all over again. You need milk (the physical letter of the law and physical rituals), not solid food (the Spiritual Truths the physical shadows were designed to teach us)! ¹³ Anyone who lives on milk (continues in the never ending physical rituals not learning the spiritual meaning of them), being still an infant (in spiritual maturity), **is not acquainted** with the (spiritual) teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid (spiritual) food is for the mature (in Yahweh), who by constant use (of physical to spiritual parallels) have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil (defined in the physical examples in the Torah which teach us of spiritual attitudes we must have).

Let me list just a few examples of how to apply physical examples to understand spiritual truths:

Why we “rest” – The Sabbath is a weekly celebration of the coming Millennial Kingdom as well as a memorial of creation. The Feast of Unleavened Bread is an annual celebration of the Millennial Kingdom. In the Millennial Kingdom the curse of Adam is lifted and we no longer have to “work” the land we “rest”. That is why we “rest from our labors” on The Sabbath as a rehearsal.

Why we “do not kindle a fire” – fire represents the wrath of Yahweh and judgment. The wrath of Yahweh is kindled just prior to the Millennial Kingdom to destroy all sin and sinners and His Wrath is not kindled during the Millennial Kingdom. That is why we do not kindle a fire on The Sabbaths. *Jeremiah 5:14*

Not eating/drinking blood – Life/death is in the blood and we are forbidden from eating/drinking blood for obvious reasons, the same reason a woman is unclean during menstrual cycles and men cannot have sex with their wives during that time. Blood carries diseases and is unclean and not “food/drink”. We cook our food to get the fat/blood out of it and purify the meat from harmful bacteria and so forth, it is not the job of a butcher to remove it, that is why all sacrifices (meals) are cooked over an open flame. That is a physical to spiritual parallel that we are our spiritual bodies too are “purified through fire” that “fire” is the Word of Yahweh. ... *1 Peter 1:7, Zachariah 13:9, Mark 9:49-50,*

Not leaving your home on The Sabbath – the restriction on travel on The Sabbath is a man made tradition and not a command of Yahweh... The Pharisees added to the commands in the Torah. The “travel restriction” on The Sabbath is based on *Exodus 16:29* and taken out of context! In context it is speaking about gathering Manna not traveling for “any reason”. Yahweh told the people not to go out and gather Manna on the Sabbath just stay home, there is no Manna on the ground so don't bother going out searching for it. If you ran out of Manna it is because you did not go out the day before and get enough!

Cleaning out Leaven before the Feast of Unleavened Bread – this is a rehearsal/teaching tool to illustrate that Yahweh will send down his angels and gather out of this Earth all sin and lawbreakers (leaven) prior to establishing His Millennial Kingdom. We are to “inspect our own lives” for leaven (spot or blemish) on Passover then offer our lives as living sacrificial lambs PRIOR to Unleavened Bread so that the unleavened bread represents our new heavenly bodies and new lives (after Mikveh) during the Millennial Reign. We eat leavened bread on Passover representing our sinful flesh then sacrifice that broken body to Yahweh as our Passover Lamb offering then “eat” that offering on Unleavened Bread as a sacrifice to Yahweh of our sinful lives then eat unleavened bread representing our bodies “ritually cleansed of sin”. Through the annual rehearsal of removing yeast/leaven is to teach us the type of discipline we should employ all year to remove sin. Leaven is so prevalent in our daily food items that it takes very close inspection of our diets to remove it completely as it is “hidden” in the ingredients of just about everything it seems. So is sin in our lives, much of the sin in our lives goes unnoticed and it takes discipline to inspect our lives and remove it ... *Matthew 13:41, Jeremiah 5:14*

The Tzitzit – The Tzitzit is a physical to spiritual parallel (training tool) that we are to be “clothed in the Word of Yahweh” spiritually sanctified through His Word. *Romans 13:14, Isaiah 61:10, Revelation 19:8, Isaiah 59:17, Isaiah 11:5, Psalms 132:9, Revelation 3:4*

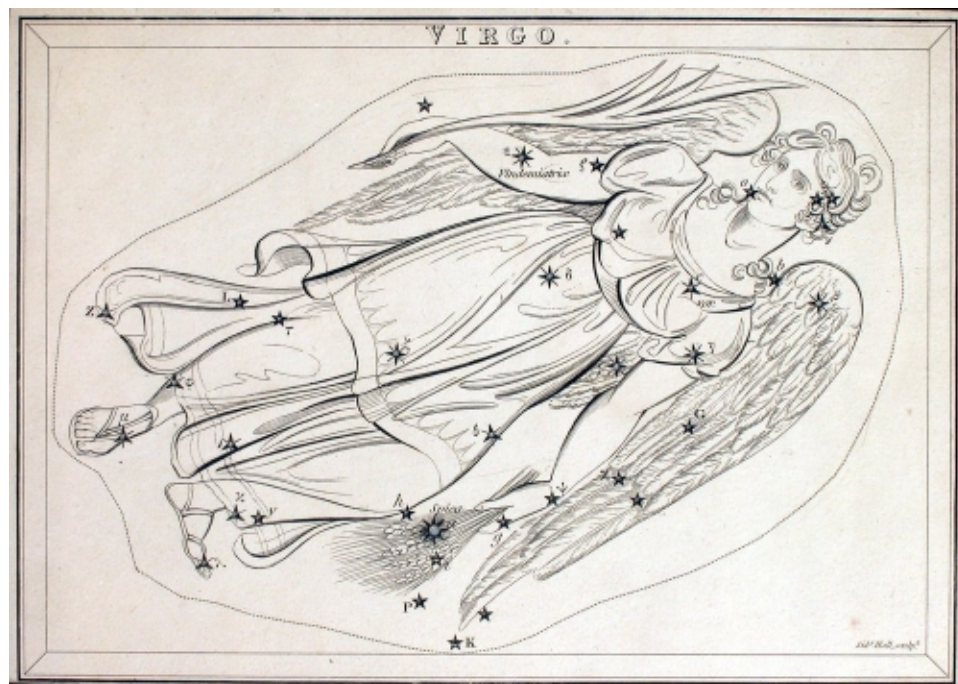
Unrighteousness on the other hand is “likened to” i.e. the physical to spiritual parallel of “filthy rags/clothes” *Isaiah 64:6, Zechariah 3:4*

How to determine the timing of the Spring Festivals

Just “how” do we (across the Earth) determine the timing of The Passover Season? This is an answer that seems to elude everyone, even the most spiritually mature sons and teachers of The Torah. It is at the center of raging debates now for thousands of years. If we simply would follow Yahweh’s instruction and look to the stars for the sign this debate should never have even occurred.

Yahweh declares His Seasons and Years in the Heavens not on Earth!

Anyone who has attempted to honor Yahweh’s Appointed Times has no doubt encountered the myriad of men who have studied the scriptures and come away with vastly different ways of calculating the timing of Yahweh’s Holy Calendar. Debates rage concerning what is a “New Moon” is it a totally eclipsed moon or is it determined by the first sliver. If the first sliver then what constitutes a “sliver” and what “degree of sliver” do we look for? Then do we begin the year with the ripening of the barely in Jerusalem and if so what type of barely as they all ripen at different times and even then depending on weather conditions and so forth. And what if you do not live in Jerusalem or you do not grow wheat? Or is the ripening of the barely **a celestial sign** in keeping with Yahweh’s Word that the sun/moon/stars/constellations are to determine the months, years, seasons, and for signs. Are we looking for “crops” on Earth when we should be looking for the sign in the sky to determine the beginning of months? Yahweh never said a plant on Earth is to be used to determine His Sacred Calendar but rather it is to be determined by the stars that HE controls and is universal across the planet. This ends the “endless” debates about crops and where they are to be observed. That sign is the constellation Virgo who has a stalk of barley in her left hand:



The start of the new year was determined by star signs. As the Vernal Equinox is approaching, the constellation of Virgo is rising. "Virgo" is the "Virgin", and in her right hand, as the classical illustration above shows, is a stalk of grain (barley!) The star Spica in the constellation represents the grain!

From <http://www.souledout.org/cosmology/highlights/spicahighlights/spicahighlights.html>

Spica is the brightest star in the constellation Virgo. The name Spica, from the Latin Spicum, **is said to signify the wheat Virgo holds in her left hand.** The Arabic name Al Simak Al Zal seems to mean the Unarmed One and appears in a variety of medieval writings as the Solitary One.

The Persian Chushe, the Syrian Shebbelta, and the Turkish Salkim may **all be translated as the Ear of Wheat.** The Sogian name Shaghar honors the star as the "point" of the constellation Virgo.

So when Spica was rising in the evening sky after sunset, night after night, until one night it was at the appropriate location to announce the Vernal Equinox, one can arguably say figuratively "the barley has ripened"! In this way, humanity across the entire globe could easily determine Yahweh's Sacred Calendar and it was universal and not dependant on crops in Israel, the type of crop, and seasonal conditions.

Remember, Yahweh never said that a plant was to determine the timing of the seasons but rather the constellations:

Genesis 1:14

And Yahweh said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, **and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years,**

In keeping with Yahweh's command to let the signs in the sky determine or mark the sacred appointed times and the days and years we should reject all attempts to set these very things by "plants" on the Earth such as the physical ripening of barley in Israel. Yahweh has removed "humanity" and all the human traditions from how we are to calculate His calendar and it is to be determined by Yahweh along looking up to the heavens.

Avoid endless debates

In light of these never ending on-going human debates on matters that should never have been debated in the first place, the Apostle Paul speaks to this directly in the book of Romans. The Apostle Paul put it this way. When discussing such things that truly have no solution and seem to be up for endless debate, in Romans Chapter 14. The entire chapter is on this very thing, I will put a few verses below to illustrate. But the bottom line Paul's conclusion is this, seek Yahweh and diligently come to a conclusion seeking His Righteousness and whatever conclusion you come to do not doubt it, because doubt is sin. The Kingdom of Yahweh IS NOT a physical kingdom so we should not get all caught up in the physical teaching tools and then condemn our brothers for "how they keep them" or when... let's begin..

1. Not everyone is on the same spiritual level, some are still addicted to "milk" or "vegetables" and do not have the spiritual "chops" others have developed...

Romans 14:1-5

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. 2 One person's (mature) faith allows them to eat anything (they are sons who dine on the Spiritual meat of Truth), but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables (addicted to the Milk or physical shadows). 3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not (those spiritually mature must act like it), and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does (a sign of immaturity is judging others and holding them to our own standard), for Yahweh has accepted them (who have greater liberty resulting from their spiritual maturity). 4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for Yahweh is able to make them stand.

2. There are legit debates about such things as what days are Holier or when to begin counting the months, or feasts, or Sabbaths etc. The point Paul makes is that whatever conclusion you come to again, do not doubt and be convinced in your own mind...

Romans 14:5-6

-5 One person considers one (feast) day more sacred than another (some consider Passover more Holy than The Day of Atonement and the other way around); another considers every (feast) day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to Yahweh. Whoever eats meat (on Passover) does so to Yahweh, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains (and fasts on The Day of Atonement) does so to Yahweh and gives thanks to God.-

3. We each will give account to Yahweh for our personal decisions so stop judging each other! But, we better take these things seriously because we will give account for what we do and believe to Yahshua the ultimate Judge before Yahweh.

Romans 14:10-12

10 You, then, why do you (who are still addicted to milk and not spiritually mature) judge your brother or sister (for their liberty)? Or why do you (who are spiritually mature) treat them (who are not as mature as you) with contempt? (Everyone is exactly where Yahweh has them at that time and we are His servants) ... 12 So then (stop all this

nonsense and constant bickering), (because) each of us will give an account of ourselves (not others) to God.-

4. Paul then explains The Kingdom of Yahweh is a Spiritual Kingdom and the physical things are simply training tools, so don't make your brother stumble over the training tools, teach the Spiritual Truths of His Kingdom and be patient with them. Paul says nothing physical is unclean of itself, it is our Spiritual Attitude towards the physical things that make them unclean.

Romans 14:13-18

13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. 14 I am convinced, being fully persuaded in covenant with Yahshua (within The Yahshuaic Covenant), that nothing (physical) is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something (physical) as unclean (in their mind), then for that person it is (spiritually) unclean. 15 If your (spiritually immature) brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat (Paul is speaking metaphorically of spiritual meat not actual food here), you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating (the meatier doctrines and exercising your liberty) destroy someone for whom Yahshua died (by condemning them for being weak in their faith or causing them to stumble because they have yet to be liberated spiritually from the physical). 16 Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil (by doing things you have liberty to do in front of a weaker brother because in his immaturity he will judge you for it and condemn you and speak evil of you). 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of (physical things i.e.) eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (it is a Spiritual Kingdom), 18 because anyone who serves Yahshua in this way (keeping things between himself and God and not judging or condemning others) is pleasing to Yahweh and receives human approval.

5. Paul concludes that... hey! Let's stop destroying a Spiritual Kingdom with all these disputes over the physical rehearsals... THEY ARE NOT the spiritual realities!

Romans 14:19-20

19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food (physical things). All food (physical things) is clean, but it is wrong for a (spiritually mature) person (to exercise their personal liberty and) to eat anything that causes someone else (who is less mature) to stumble. 21 It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.

6. So we should seek Righteousness which is the Spiritual Intent of the Law and come to a conclusion on these matters between ourselves and Yahweh. Our relationship with our Father is VERY PERSONAL and "liberty" is not a blanket it is given based on individual maturity.

Romans 14: 22-23

22 So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves. 23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin

For this reason, or at least at this time, I am not going to throw my hat in the ring and enter these endless debates about how to determine the beginning of the year, or what is a New Moon, or what is “barely” etc. etc. Each one of us will be held accountable to Yahweh for our “righteous seeking intent” behind keeping His Ordained Times.

What does Yahweh have to say about the strict adherence to an exact day?

I know very confusing. I wish I had better answers but in the area of determining the exact feast days I am still learning. I focus more on the Spiritual Lessons the Appointed Times were always intended to teach us. Seems to me these lessons get lost in all of this. I guarantee, no matter “when” Passover is kept, VERY FEW know how to truly keep it in the example set by Yahshua. That is why I wrote the book *The Passover Season* to instruct the meaning behind it all which is more important. I guess the question is... who is Righteous in the eyes of Yahweh?

- The one who keeps it on the right day and without the proper intent and does not follow Yahshua's example of Mikveh, Circumcision, Sacrificial Offering.
- Or the one who Mikveh's themselves to properly present themselves to their King, demonstrates a heart for his law (circumcision), and offers their lives as a living sacrifice... but did not know the exact day?

The answer to that question is at the heart of The Yahshuaic Covenant.

One thing we all need to remember is “how does Yahweh feel about all this”? The answer is right there in scripture. Those who had the “intent” to keep Passover but for whatever reasons missed the exact day... were given “The Second Passover” by Yahweh. Seems to me it is “intent” not the day that matters to Yahweh.

Numbers 9

A year after Israel's departure from Egypt, the Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai. In the first month of that year he said, 2 “Tell the Israelites to celebrate the Passover at the prescribed time, 3 at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month. Be sure to follow all my decrees and regulations concerning this celebration.” ...

BUT!!! Some of the people could not keep the exact “day” as appointed by Yahweh for whatever reason. What was Yahweh's response?

Numbers 9

9 This was Yahweh's reply to Moses. 10 “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel: If any of the people now or in future generations are ceremonially unclean at Passover time because of touching a dead body, or if they are on a journey and cannot be present at the ceremony, they may still celebrate Yahweh's Passover. 11 They must offer the Passover sacrifice one month later

Well, Yahweh was more focused on the “intent of our heart” in desiring to keep His commands... it was the Passover Sacrifice i.e. giving our lives as a living sacrifice and presenting ourselves properly to Him that was what Yahweh was concerned about, not the “exact day”...

The Wave Sheaf Offering & Shav'ut

The meaning behind the rehearsal

The counting of the days to Shavuot is intended to remind us of the physical shadow and the spiritual truth:

Physical shadow picture - The children of Israel released from bondage on The Passover, left the bondage of Egypt on the first day of The Feast of Unleavened Bread, crossed the Red Sea where the nation of Israel was Mikveh'd through water on The Feast of Unleavened Bread, and then "counted the Omar" or 7 weeks as they traveled to Mount Sinai and received The Torah written in stone on Shav'ut.

The spiritual truth – The children of Yahweh released from the bondage of sin on The Passover, left a life of sin on the first day of The Feast of Unleavened Bread, inspect our lives for sin as we crossed over to a new and living way (through Mikveh) during The Feast of Unleavened Bread, and received The Torah written on our hearts on Shav'ut when the Spirit of Holiness was sent to fulfill Jeremiah Chapter 31.

During Shavuot we read Exodus 19:1 thru 20:23; Numbers 28:26-31; Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12. (Also, see Acts 2, John 14:15-18, Ephesians 2:11-22).

It was on Shav'ut that Yahweh fulfilled His promise to "write the law on our hearts" and The Yahshuaic Covenant began as Yahweh fulfilled Jeremiah Chapter 31.

When to wave the sheaf offering?

Again this is another endless debate; I have read compelling arguments that teach:

- First Fruits is on the 16th of Abib the day after the first day of The Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- Tradition says the Feast of First Fruits begins the first day after the first weekly Sabbath after the **first** day of Unleavened Bread.
- Some claims it is a totally separate Feast from Passover/UB and you begin the count the first day after the first Sabbath after the **LAST** day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

The problem is scripture is not very clear on any of it so we must look to Yahshua example for confirmation. Here is my personal conclusion on the matter between me and my Father. Yahshua came to fulfill the Spring Feasts. In doing so here is how he fulfilled them:

- Tuesday end of the 13th at evening when the 14th of Abib was beginning (beginning of Passover preparation day) Yahshua celebrated the Chagigah (remembrance meal) with his disciples.
- Wednesday - During the day on the 14th, Yahshua gave his life as a living sacrifice offering himself as the Passover Lamb providing us all access to the altar of Yahweh. Wednesday evening at the close of the 14, beginning of the 15th of Abib the Jews went home to eat the Passover lamb on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. *Night 1 in the grave*
- Thursday - *day 1 night two in the grave*
- Friday - *day 2 night 3 in the grave*
- Saturday/Sabbath - *day 3 in the grave (3 full days/nights)* Yahshua is resurrected at the end of the day before sunset fulfilling his own prophetic words and the Sign of Jonah.
- Sunday (*first day after the first weekly Sabbath after the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread*) - Mary goes to the tomb and encounters the resurrected Messiah. Yahshua tells her not to cling on to him at that time because he has "yet to present himself to his Father" as the first fruit of the resurrection i.e. fulfillment of the Feast of First Fruits.

According to this sequence of events above, Yahshua through his fulfillment his prophecy to be in the grave 3 days/nights per the sign of Jonah. This confirms the tradition of waving the sheaf the first day after the first Sabbath after the first day of The Feast of Unleavened Bread; the rehearsal that The Jews had been rehearsing all along. So I see no reason to "change it". Any other attempt to change that tradition seems to nullify the actual fulfillment demonstrated by Yahshua in fulfilling the Spring Festivals of Yahweh. Therefore, I am going to "follow in the footsteps of Yahshua" who in my opinion settled this ongoing debate.

The Wave Sheaf Offering

The Wave Sheaf Offering on the first day of the week following the first weekly Sabbath after Passover begins the Feast of First Fruits which lasts 50 days ending in Shavuot.

Leviticus 23:10-17 (Wave Sheaf Offering and First Fruits)

10 Speak to the children of Israel ([all the sons of Yahweh](#)), and tell them, When you are come into the land which I give to you ([The Coming Kingdom of YHVH on Earth](#)), and shall reap the ([human](#)) harvest of it, then you shall bring the sheaf of the First-Fruits ([Chosen Few](#)) of your ([human Spring](#)) harvest to the priest ([High Priest is now Yahshua](#)): 11 and he shall wave the sheaf of wheat ([present them as a pure harvest](#)) before Yahweh, to be accepted for you: on the next day after the ([weekly](#)) Sabbath ([that occurs after the first day of The Feast of Unleavened Bread](#)) the ([High](#)) priest shall wave it ([after dawn on the 1st day of the week and the new Feast of First Fruits begins lasting 50 days ending on Shavuot](#)).

Leviticus 23:12 (The Feast of Firstfruits)

12 In the day when you wave the sheaf ([of symbolic Firstfruits Wheat](#)), you shall offer a he-lamb without blemish ([offering our own bodies as living sacrificial lambs without spot or blemish after Mikveh](#)) a year old for a burnt offering to Yahweh. 13 The meal-offering of it shall be two tenth parts of an ephah of fine ([symbolic Firstfruits Wheat](#)) flour mingled with oil ([the oil of anointment](#)), an offering made by fire ([Spiritually Refined by The Fires of Tribulation](#)) to Yahweh for a sweet savor; and the drink offering of it shall be of wine ([Self-sacrifice](#)), the fourth part of a hin.

14 You shall eat neither bread, nor parched grain, nor fresh ears, until this same day, until you have brought the offering of Yahweh ([Messiah](#)): it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

15 You shall count to you from the next day after the Sabbath, [[when the sickle cuts standing grain after the "Last Day of Unleavened Bread"](#)], that you brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven ([weekly Shabbats](#)) Sabbaths shall there be complete ([forty-nine days](#)):

16 even to the next day ([forty-nine plus one equals fifty](#)) after the seventh ([weekly Shabbat](#)) Sabbath shall you number fifty days ([Pentecost](#)); and you shall offer **a new** ([totally separate feast](#)) meal-offering to Yahweh.

17 You shall bring out of your habitations two wave-loaves ([no longer sheaves, but fully prepared](#)) of two tenth parts of an ephah: they shall be of fine ([wheat](#)) flour, they shall be baked with yeast ([leaven](#)) [[symbolizing those who have come out of sin and have found Favor or Grace in Yahweh's eyes](#)], for "First Fruits" ([Symbolic Small Spring Harvest of The Chosen Few](#)) to Yahweh.

Leviticus 23:8 (The Feast of Unleavened Bread)

But you shall offer an offering made by fire unto Yahweh seven days: in the seventh day [is] a holy convocation: you shall do no servile work [therein].

Leviticus 23:9 (The Feast of Weeks is a rehearsal for the future Millennial Kingdom)

And YHVH Spoke To Moche Saying - (New Paragraph and New Festival of Wave Sheaf Offering and First Fruits separate from The Feast of Unleavened Bread)

10 Speak to the children of Israel (the sons of Yahweh), and tell them, When you are come into the land which I give to you (The Coming Kingdom of YHVH on Earth), and shall reap the (human) harvest of it, then you shall bring the sheaf of the First-Fruits (Chosen Few) of your (human Spring) harvest to the priest (High Priest is now Yahshua): 11 and he shall wave the sheaf of wheat (present them as a pure harvest) before Yahweh, to be accepted for you: on the next day after the Sabbath (that occurs after the Feast of Unleavened Bread not after the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread but AFTER the entire 7-day Feast) the (High) priest shall wave it (after dawn on the 1st day of the week and the new feast of Shav'uat begins).

Deuteronomy 16:8 (The END of Unleavened Bread)

8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day [shall be] a solemn assembly to Yahweh your God: you shall do no work [therein].

Deuteronomy 16:9-10 (The Beginning of Feast of Weeks)

9 Seven weeks you shall number unto you: Begin to number the seven weeks from [such time as] you begin [to put] the sickle to the (H7054;qamah) standing Grain (look for the sign in the constellations for the ripening of the barely). 10 And you shall keep "The Feast of Weeks" unto Yahweh your GOD with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give [unto Yahweh your GOD], according as Yahweh your GOD has blessed you:

The First Fruits (other than Messiah) are not only symbolized by wheat (loaves), but by all the First Fruits of all the various Spring Harvests that occur during the Seven Weeks that lead up to Shavuot and Pentecost. These various varieties of First Fruits, also [in addition to Jews], symbolize the various remnant of the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel scattered among the Gentiles.

The Apostle Paul too teaches that the Feast of Weeks is a rehearsal for a yet future event:

Romans 8:23

And not only [they], but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.