

Six-Week Speed Class

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*Holy Days of Israel

Introductions

- **Paula**
- Grew up in a Messianic Jewish home
- Believer in Jesus with treasured Jewish family heritage
- Bat Mitzvah: Read chapter in Hebrew, Expound in English
- Co-taught six-week class on Hebrew Aleph-Bet with Harry

- **Harry**
- Kitchen helper at Reform Jewish Camp in Malibu in 1970
- Discovered and supporting Jews for Jesus since 1972
- Discovered small gathering that met on Shabbat in 1998
- Followed Sephardic Messianic version of synagogue liturgy
- Studied Prayerbook Hebrew (kindergarten level)

- **How about You? Tell us !**

Caveats

I try to attend the major Jewish Holy Days since 1998,

- but average, over 20 years, only 5 of the 7 per year
- These are my experiential observations and self study
- Edited KJV (no copyright), use **any** useful translation

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- <http://www.rose-publishing.com/Feasts-of-the-Bible-pamphlet-formerly-titled-Feasts-and-Holidays-of-the-Bible-pamphlet-P114.aspx#.UxfEgc6wUTU>
- FREE on-line version of it (Click to zoom in to read text)
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Five High Holy Days of Leviticus 23

English

- **Passover**
 - First Fruits
 - Count to 49
- **Pentecost**
- **Trumpets**
 - Ten Days Awe
- **Atonement**
- **Tabernacles**
- **Later Minor Days**
 - **Lots**
 - **Dedication**

Hebrew

- Pesach
- Yom haBikkurim
- Counting the Omer
- Shavuot - Ruth
- Rosh haShanah
- Yom Kippur
- Sukkot

Jesus

- Perfect Lamb
- His Resurrection
- Wait in Y'rusalim
- A new Mt. Sinai
- Second Coming
- I John 1:9
- Final Judgment
- World not home
- **Source:**
 - Esther - Savior/Redeemer
 - Maccabees - Light of World

The Gospel in the ...

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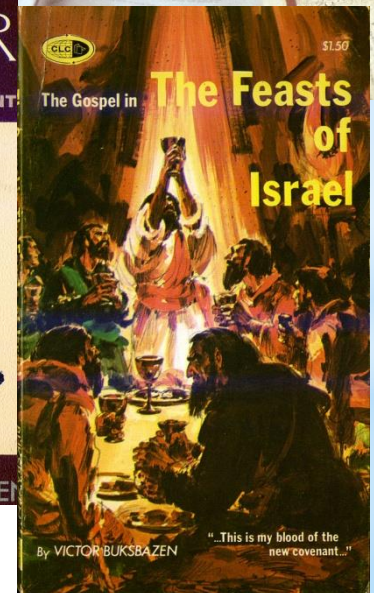
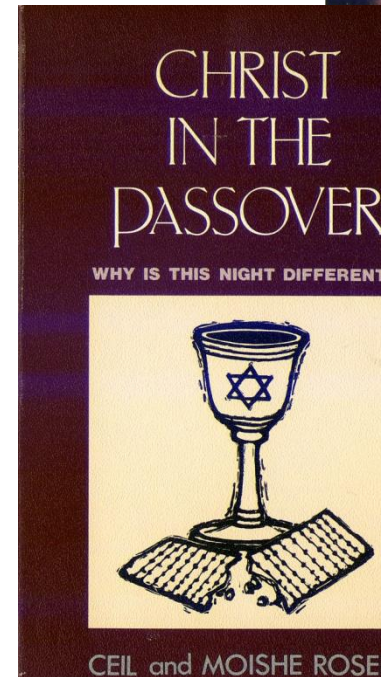
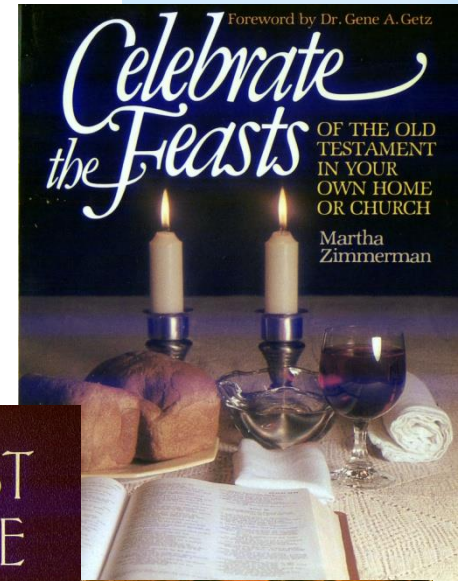
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- www.jewsforjesus.org/judaica
- www.hebrew4christians.com/Holidays/holidays.html



OBLIGATION BY REGULATION

- In Leviticus, OBLIGATIONS by enforcement out of FEAR
- It forged a new nation as distinct from all other nations
- Without temple, no **sacrifices** ... shown as (...) in **red**

LEVITICAL TERMS

- “**No Servile Work**” = Cease Work for a Living, enjoy day!
- “**No Manner of Work**” = “Rest dem weary bones”
- “**Holy Convocation**” = Meet together to worship the Lord
- “**Solemn Assembly**” = Not party, highly focused upon God

GRACE AFTER THE CROSS

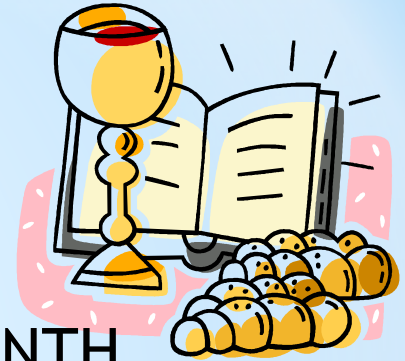
- Jesus fulfilled ALL purposes of these Holy and Rest Days
- ***These do not SAVE us nor deny SALVATION if missed***
- We get to memorialize Holy Days **by choice out of LOVE**
- You MISS the BENEFIT if obligated and grudgingly done

Our Method for this Speed Class

- Description of the Holy Day
- How it is typically observed
- Paula's Personal Perceptions
- Sample of traditional food for that feast
- Authorizing source from Bible
- How it fits with followers of Jesus
- Hebrew pronunciations are Sephardic

Shabbat - Leviticus 23:3

ENFORCED REST



- Stationary on Seventh Day EVERY WEEK
- Additional movable specific Feast Days of MONTH
- Russian: **Sabooth**, Spanish: **Sabado**, English: **Saturday**

BLESSED REST AFTER THE CROSS

- Bodies need RENEWAL, stop 24/7 work, take a breather
- ***Rest days do not SAVE us nor deny SALVATION***
- But, you will **DIE** if you wear out before God intended 😊
- Yom haBikkurim (Jesus Resurrection) = “Lord’s Day”
- Even pastors need DAY off (Monday?) ... let them rest!

If holiday (other than main seven with specified dates) occurs on Shabbat, it moves to prior Thursday.



Leviticus 23³ Six days shall work be done: but **seventh day** is the **shabbat of rest**, an **holy convocation**; do no work therein: it is the shabbat of the LORD in your homes.

[Disconcerting, only in Exodus, but it explains John 5]
Exodus 31:¹⁴ keep the **shabbat**; for it is holy to you: every one that defiles it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever does any work therein, that soul shall be cut off.¹⁵ Six days may work be done; but in seventh is the **shabbat of rest**, holy to the LORD: whosoever does any work on **shabbat**, he shall surely be put to death.

John 5:¹⁶ the Jews persecuted Jesus, and **sought to slay him**, because he had done these things on the shabbat.
Mark 2:²⁷ **shabbat** made for man, and not man for **shabbat**

How does **Shabbat** inform followers of Jesus?

- **Principle:** Not in minimum rules for Gentiles but Shabbat was day “God-fearers” usually “heard Moses preached”
- **History:** Had Pharisees not ousted believers as heretics, Gentiles would have kept Shabbat gladly. Gentiles who managed Saturday off could not get TWO days off
- **Copied by Church:** Communion with white tablecloth, two candles, bread, wine, ... matches **erev Shabbat** in home
- **Regardless chosen day:** Discipline self to push demanding world aside. An unfocused person cannot keep Shabbat.
 - Trains body to weekly rhythm. No days blur to months
 - Refreshes brain for work week with a fresh approach
 - Provides common day for family time and community
 - If busy other days, chance to unplug for Bible/Prayer
 - Manual tasks if have desk job ... Academics if a laborer

Calendar Facts

- **Gregorian** not adopted by British Colonies in America until 1752 (Easter **always** out of synch with Passover)
- Eastern Orthodox follow Jewish dating on **Julian** Calendar (Easter **always** follows Passover)
- Just as there is in the USA:
 - Calendar/Tax Year (January)
 - School Year (September)
 - Fiscal Year (October)
- Likewise in the Bible:
 - Religious/Harvest Year (March/April) Passover
 - Governmental Year (September) Rosh HaShannah

So, how many days are in a Lunar Month?? Make a guess.

Jewish Movable Feasts

- No 28 day months, but 29 days 12 hours 44 minutes
 - Jewish months follow 30, 29, 30, 29 day pattern
 - Solar year is 11 days longer than Lunar year
 - A “Leap” month of 30 days added during winter to insure that Passover always occurs in Spring
- **Yom Kippur** can never be on Friday or Sunday
 - So, Rosh HaSahhnah (Tishri 1st Day) is delayed a day whenever it falls on Sunday, Wednesday, Friday
- **Passover** wanders. Whatever day it lands makes day after to be High Shabbat (Lev.23:7)... rarely Saturday
 - Three days and NIGHTS if Pesach fell on Wednesday 6pm, and crucified Thursday, making Thursday 6pm that High Shabbat
 - Ask for my Passion Week timeline spreadsheet for details
 - Jesus rides the colt on Shabbat, not on a Sunday workday
 - **Arguments against:** Good Friday established by 400’s and pilgrims arriving for Pesach likely not working prior Sunday

Passover (**Pesach**), 30 days after **Purim** Biblical New Year - Leviticus 23:1-8

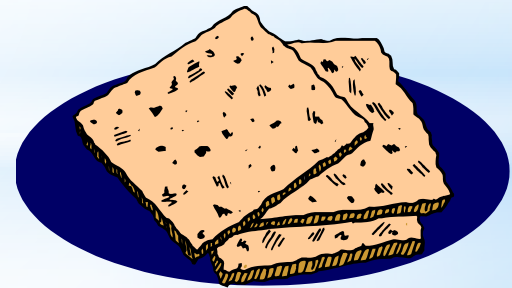
Seven days of eating unleavened flatbread (Matzah)

Exodus Story(Hagaddah) - The **Enemy** is Egyptian Pharaoh

- Moses (Moshe) and Plagues with Pharaoh
- Blemish-free lamb slain and Blood on Doorpost
- Crossing a deep water Reed Sea (Yam Suf)

Communication with the upcoming generation

Dress Whites reflect God's righteousness (not our own)



Passover Seder

A pre-meal of symbolic food items (Seder = Order)

- Unleavened flatbread (**Matzah**, no time to bake bread)
- Four (small) cups of **wine**
- **Parsley** with saltwater (tears of bitter toil)
- Horseradish (**Mahor**... bitter herbs)
- Apple cinnamon compote (**Kharoset**, mud for bricks)
- **Lamb shank** (not eaten ... Jacob wrested with angel)
- **Roasted egg** (70AD temple loss)



Leviticus 23:⁵ In the **fourteenth day** of the first month at [evening time] is the LORD's **Passover**. ⁶ And on the **fifteenth day** of the same month is the **feast of matzah** (unleavened bread) to the LORD: **seven days** you must eat **matzah**. ⁷ In the **first day** have an **holy convocation**: **do no servile work** therein. ⁸ But offer ~~an offering by fire~~ to the LORD seven days: in the **seventh day** is an **holy convocation**: **do no servile work**.

Ezra 6:¹⁹ And the children of the captivity kept the **Passover** upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

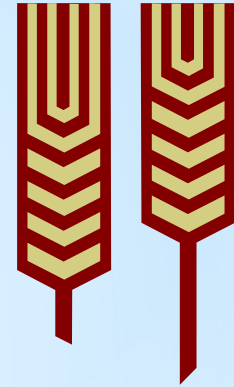
Luke 22:15 And he [Jesus] said to them, With desire I have desired to eat this **Passover** with you before I suffer

How does **Pesach** inform followers of Jesus?

- Not a coincidence that Cross occurred on Passover
- Emphasizes perfect lamb (Jesus) to redeem us
- Jesus is manna from heaven - John 6:31-35, 47-59
- Wearing white reminds of wedding garments provided by Host rather than our 'rights'- Is.61:10, Matt.22:11-13
- Nearly every ritual aspect of Seder speaks of Jesus
- Jesus transformed Seder into Memorial about himself
- Attend Maundy Thursday services to see parallels
 - "Maundy" = Commandment = Mitzvah
 - "Love one another as I loved you" John 13:34

First Fruits (Yom haBikkurim)

Counting the Omer -Leviticus 23:9-16



First Fruits ends Passover - Barley Harvest

- The day after the ordinary shabbat
- The first sheaf of barley is waved before the Lord
- Jesus rose from the grave on THIS Sunday

Counting the Omer 49 days

- Started by omer (measure) of barley waved before Lord
- Seven weeks of seven days

Leviticus 23:¹⁰ bring a sheaf of the **first fruits** of your harvest to the priest: ¹¹ And he will wave the sheaf before the LORD... **on the morrow after the shabbat ...** **...**¹⁴ And eat neither bread, parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that you brought an offering to God: it is a statute forever ... in all your dwellings. ¹⁵ **count from the morrow after the shabbat**, from the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; **seven shabbats** is complete: ¹⁶ **Even unto the morrow after the seventh shabbat number fifty days;**

1 Corinthians 15:²⁰ Christ is risen from the dead, and has become **firstfruits** of them that slept. ... ²² For as in Adam all die, in Christ will all be made alive.²³ ... Christ the **firstfruits**; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.



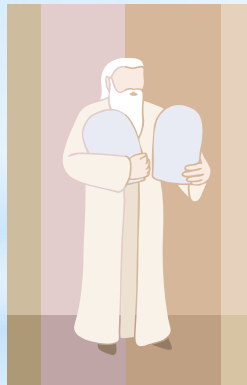
How does **First Fruits** inform followers of Jesus?

- We agree with Pharisees about resurrection from dead
- Without resurrection, we are lost in our sins ... I Cor.15
- **Foundational credential** for EVERYTHING Jesus said
- *“If you do not believe this, you have NO RIGHT to call yourselves Christians!”* - Rabbi Dobin of Beth Emek
- Annual check if we are wishy-washy about resurrection
- Celebrate SON-rise service with other Christians. Russian give wooden eggs elaborately carved the whole past year with the words **“Christ is Risen”**. He is risen indeed!

Pentecost(50) (Shavuot) - Leviticus 23:16-22

Ends Counting of Omer - 24-Hours (eve to eve)

- Ingathering of the Spring Harvest of Wheat
- Gathering together of Israel as a people group
- Getting their identity from Moses on Mt.Sinai



Leviticus 23:¹⁶ Even unto the morrow after the seventh shabbat shall you number **fifty days**; ~~offer a new offering.~~¹⁷ bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals of fine flour baked **with leaven**; they are the first fruits to the LORD. ~~¹⁸offer ... to the LORD for the priest.~~²¹ And proclaim on the **selfsame day**, that it may be an **holy convocation** to you: **do no servile work** therein: it is a statute forever in all your dwellings.

Exodus 34:²² observe **feast of weeks**, firstfruits of wheat harvest, and **feast of ingathering** at [Biblical] year's end.

Acts 20:¹⁶ Paul would not spend time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible, to be at Jerusalem for day of **Pentecost**.

How does **Shavuot** inform followers of Jesus?

- **Ingathering** from all countries reflects believers in Jesus across denominations, tongues, cultures - I Cor. 12:13
- God used Mt. Sinai to start Israel with **fire/power**, and Jesus established his Church with **fire/power** - Acts 2
- Mosaic law = **EXTERNALIZED** ideals, but God's Spirit enabled **INTERNALIZED** ideals - Jer.31:33, Rom.7:22



Trumpets (Shofars) (**Rosh Hashanah**)

Leviticus 23:23-25

Call to start afresh (eve to eve) - The Enemy is Apathy

- 100 Trumpet blasts on the shofars (very noisy)
- Tashlich Service of casting bread (sins) on flowing waters - sins cast from us and dissolves in water
- Treated as Civil New Year

10-days of Awe - Spending time before Yom Kippur-

- Considering who awesome and merciful God is
- Considering how sinful we are
- **Making amends** for sins against other people

Leviticus 23:²⁴ In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, have a shabbat, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets**, an holy convocation.²⁵ ...do no servile work:

Numbers 29:²⁹ And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, have an holy convocation; do no servile work: it is a day of **blowing the trumpets** to you.

Matthew 24:³⁰ And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then will all the tribes mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send his angels with a **great sound of a trumpet**, and they will **gather together his elect** from the four winds ...



How does **Rosh HaShannah** inform followers of Jesus?

- Noisy trumpets means we cannot live out our faith under a bushel basket - Matt 5:14-16, I Tim 5:24-25
- The casting of our sins using leavened bread shows how pervasive our sin or hypocrisy can become if left untended - I Cor. 5:7-8, Micah 7:19, Luke 12:1
- Annual check of spiritual life - II Cor. 10:7, Heb. 12:1

Atonement (Yom Kippur)
Leviticus 23:26-32



Fasting and Repentance (eve to eve) - The Enemy is Sin

- First evening is Kol Nidre (All Vows and Repentance)
- **Dress Whites** reflects God's rightness (not our own)
- Confessing long list of sins (A to Z) as a community
- Praying to be written in the Book of Life
- Breaking the Fast that evening

Greeting: "May your Fast be Easy"

Leviticus 23:²⁷ on tenth day of seventh month there shall be **Yom Kippur**: it is an holy convocation; and afflict your souls, (...) ²⁸ do no work that day: for it is **Yom Kippur**, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.²⁹ For whatsoever soul that shall not be afflicted... will I destroy.³¹ do no manner of work: it is a statute forever ...³² It is a shabbat of rest, and afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall you celebrate[??] your shabbat.

Romans 4:⁶ God imputes rightness without works,⁷ Saying, Blessed whose iniquities are forgiven, and **whose sins are covered**.⁸ Blessed are whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Romans 5:¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. ¹¹ And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the **atonement**.

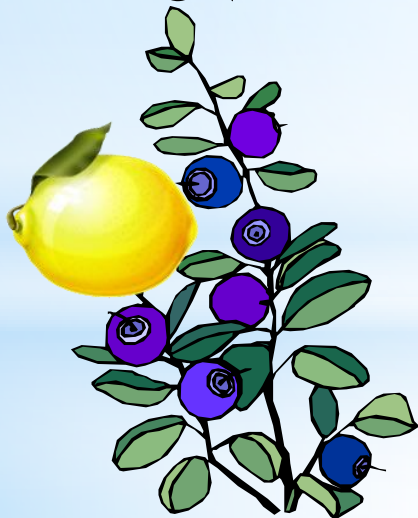
How does **Yom Kippur** inform followers of Jesus?

- Wearing white tells how impure we are without Jesus
- Our attempts at righteousness are offensive - Is.64:6
- Though sins be scarlet, God will make us white - Is.1:8
- Be holy as community and not just as individuals ...
- One bad apple brings diatribes against whole barrel
- Reinforces futility and error of making rash promises
- Annual introspection to open hidden closets to God
- Encourages making restitution for sins against others

Tabernacles (**Sukkot**) - Leviticus 23:33-43

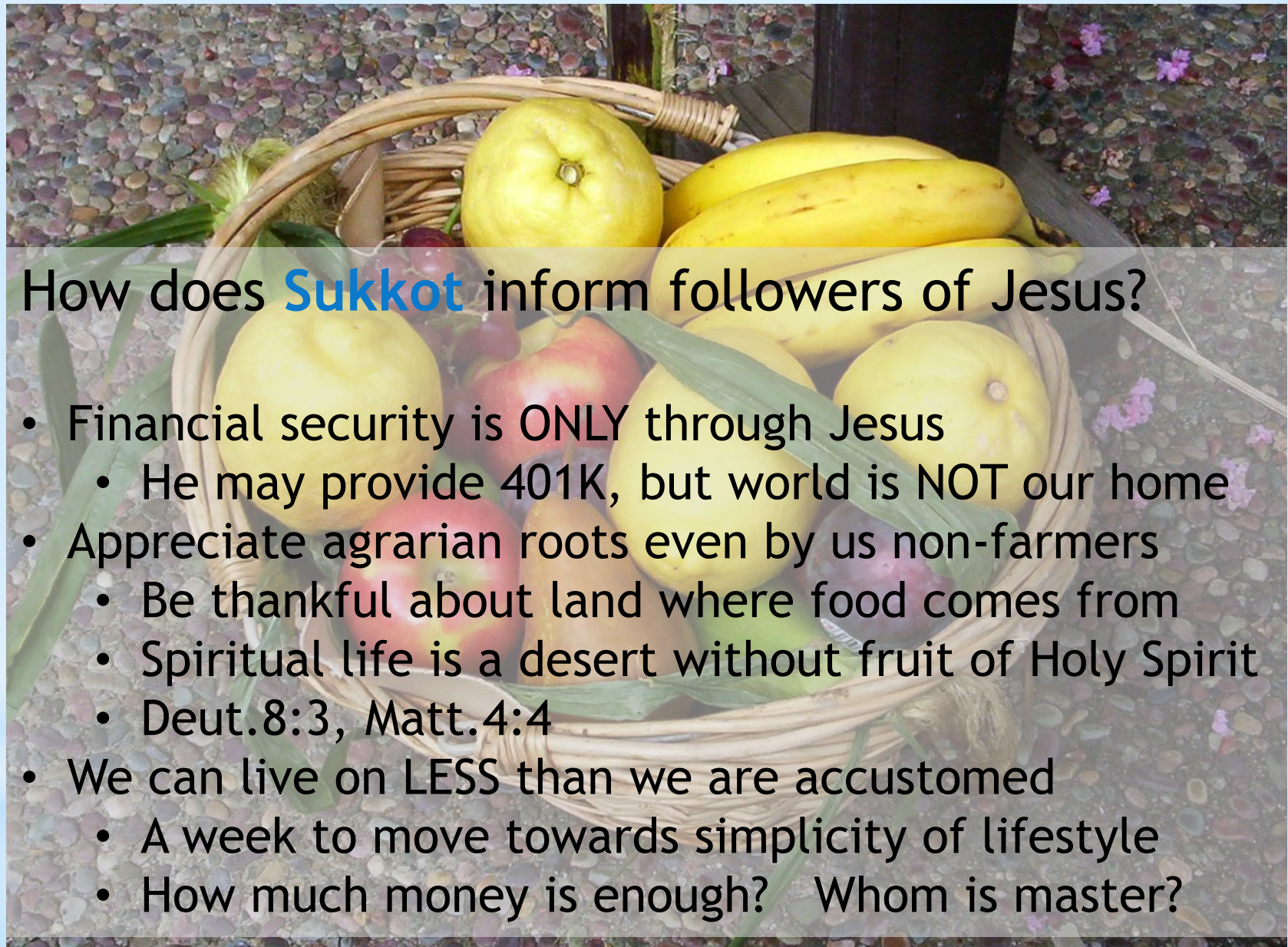
Flimsy structure - outdoors 8 days - The **Enemy** is Unbelief

- Celebration of the Fall Harvest
- Reminder of 40 years in the wilderness
- Tent walls open to sky through lattice of leafy branches
- Wave three species - all directions (N/S/E/W Up/Down)
- Etrog (an oversized lemon ... fruit of the promised land)



Leviticus 23:³⁴ ...The fifteenth day of seventh month shall be **feast of tabernacles** for seven days to the LORD.³⁵ On the **first** day is an holy convocation: do no **servile** work. ³⁶ (...) on the **eighth** day is an holy convocation to you; (...) it is a solemn assembly; do no **servile** work ... ³⁹ ... when you gathered in the fruit of the land, keep this feast: on the **first** day is a shabbat, and on the **eighth** day is a shabbat.⁴⁰ And take on the **first** day the branches of palm trees, the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.⁴¹ ... It is a statute forever... in seventh month.⁴² dwell in **booths** seven days; all Israelites born shall dwell in **booths**: ⁴³ ... [as] when I brought them out of ... Egypt:

John 7:² Now the Jew's **feast of tabernacles** was at hand.



How does **Sukkot** inform followers of Jesus?

- Financial security is **ONLY** through Jesus
 - He may provide 401K, but world is **NOT** our home
- Appreciate agrarian roots even by us non-farmers
 - Be thankful about land where food comes from
 - Spiritual life is a desert without fruit of Holy Spirit
 - Deut.8:3, Matt.4:4
- We can live on **LESS** than we are accustomed
 - A week to move towards simplicity of lifestyle
 - How much money is enough? Whom is master?

Lots (Purim) - Esther 9:21-22

Read scroll of Esther - The **Enemy** is Conceit/Deceit

- Scroll is a Megilah ... hence: “The whole megilah”
- Noisemaking drowns out the name of Haman
- Hoorays whenever Mordecai mentioned
- Sighing “Ahhhs” whenever Esther mentioned
- Jelly pastry in shape of Haman’s hat (Hamantaschen)
- Children dress up in the characters of the story
- Children pantomime scenes as the story is read aloud



Key Verse for bravely speaking up about God

- Esther 4:14 For if you altogether hold thy peace at this time, then shall deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; ... [but] who knows whether you art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Esther 9:²⁰ And Mordecai wrote ... ²¹ keep the **fourteenth day of the month Adar**, and the **fifteenth day** of the same, **yearly**,²² As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to joy, ... make them days of **feasting and joy**, and of **sending portions one to another**, and **gifts to the poor**. ...
²⁴ Because Haman ... had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to destroy them; ... ²⁶ Wherefore they called these days **Purim** ...²⁷ The Jews ordained, and took upon themselves and upon their seed, and upon all as joined themselves to them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days ... every year;²⁸ And that these days should be kept [by] every generation, family, province, and city; and that these days of **Purim** should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.



How does **Purim** inform followers of Jesus?

- Without Purim, no Jews, no Christmas, no Savior
- Satan is a beaten foe if we follow God - Luke 10:17-19
- Calls us to not hide faith in public even under threats
- Calls us to speak for God even at risk - Matt.10:17-19



Dedication/Lights (Hanukkah) - 1 Maccabees

9-branch Channukia - The Enemy is Antiochus Epiphanies

- One servant Candle (Sh'mash) - Jesus
- One candle for each of eight days ... lit by the Sh'mash
- Foods cooked with oil (Latkes - Hash Brown Potatoes)

Might be a delayed celebration of Sukkot by Maccabees

- Destroyed fouled altar to a pile, pagan statues to valley
- Setting up 7-branch Candelabra (Menorah)
- Eight days to properly prepare the oil for the lamps

1 Maccabees 4:⁴² [Judas] chose blameless priests devoted to the law, ⁴³ and they cleansed the sanctuary and removed the defiled stones to an unclean place.

⁴⁴ They deliberated what to do about the altar of burnt offering, which had been profaned. ⁴⁵ And they thought it best to tear it down, so that it would not be a lasting shame to them that the Gentiles had defiled it. So they tore down the altar, ⁴⁶ and stored the stones in a convenient place on the temple hill until a prophet should come to tell what to do with them.

⁴⁷ Then they took unhewn stones, as the law directs, and built a new altar...

1 Maccabees 4:⁵⁰ Then they offered incense on the altar and lit the lamps on the lampstand, and these gave light in the temple. ⁵¹ They placed the bread on the table and hung up the curtains. ...⁵² Early in the morning on the **twenty-fifth day** of the ninth month ...

⁵³ they rose and offered sacrifice, as the law directs, (...)

⁵⁵ All the people fell on their faces and worshiped ...

⁵⁶ So they celebrated the **dedication of the altar for eight days**, and joyfully offered burnt offerings; ...

⁵⁹ Then ... [all] Israel determined that **every year** at that season the **days of dedication** of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness for eight days, beginning with the **twenty-fifth day** of the month of Chislev.

John 10:²² at Jerusalem [during] the **feast of the dedication [Hanukkah]**, and it was winter ²³ And Jesus* walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. ²⁴ Then the Jews .. said to him, ... If you be the Christ, tell us plainly ... [Then Jesus said] ³⁰ I and my Father are one** [echad] ³¹ Then the Jews took up stones*** again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shown you from my Father; for which of those works do you stone me? ³³ The Jews answered, For a good work we stone you not; but for blasphemy; and because that you, being a man, make yourself God. [They correctly understood his meaning]

* Jesus, light of the world (John 8 :12), light source for New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:23), walks on temple plaza during festival of lights (Hanukkah).

** Deut.6:4 - Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is echad

*** The temple mount was clean of debris except desecrated altar removed in Maccabees 4:45-46. They could not discard formerly holy stones nor use them.

How does **Hanukkah** inform followers of Jesus?

- Jesus is the LIGHT of the world ... John 1:4-9
- Shamash servant-king lights our candles (let your light so shine ... Matt.5:15-17) and our church ... Rev.1:20
- He dedicates the altar of our heart for suitable praise
- No Hanukkah means no Jews, no Christmas, no Savior



Messianic Claimants

Some sought a leader to defeat the Seleucids or Romans and establish an independent Jewish kingdom. Psalms of Solomon saw Messiah as a teacher who would correctly interpret Moses, restore Israel, and judge mankind.

- **Judas Maccabeus** (167-160 BCE), led successful revolt against Antiochus' Seleucid empire. Many saw him as Messiah because he freed Jews from domination and many events in his life paralleled prophecies in Daniel 8.
- **Simon of Peraea** (c.4 BCE), former slave of Herod the Great and rebelled. Killed by Romans.
- **Athronges** (c.4-2? BCE), a shepherd, led a rebellion with his four brothers against Herod Archelaus and Romans after proclaiming himself Messiah. Defeated.

Messianic Claimants

- **Jesus** (ca.4 BCE - 30 CE) in Galilee of Judea. Jews who believed him as Messiah were the first Jewish Christians. He is the most widely followed Messianic claimant.
 - Muslims: Jesus ('Isa) is [solely human] Jewish messiah
- **Judas of Galilee** (died 6 CE), led violent resistance to census imposed for tax purposes by Quirinius [Luke 2:2] in Judaea around 6 CE. Crushed brutally by the Romans.
 - See answers about Quirinius raised by critics of Luke at: <https://www.biblearchaeology.org/post/2009/11/01/Once-More-Quiriniuss-Census.aspx>

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- **Menahem ben Judah** (?date), son or grandson of Judas of Galilee [see above], led the Sicarii armed with weapons captured at Masada and besieged Antonia Fortress, overpowering Agrippa II and forcing Roman garrison to retreat. Next, he behaved as an "insufferable tyrant" arousing Eleazar, Temple Captain and *de facto* rival Zealot leader, who had him tortured and killed. He might be **Menahem ben Hezekiah** (Talmud Sanhedrin 98b) called "*the comforter that should relieve*".
- **Theudas** (died 46 CE), led short revolt in 45 CE. He might have said he was Messiah.
- **Vespasian** [Say what?], c.70, according to Flavius Josephus
- **John of Gischala** (? after 70), led First Jewish-Roman War destroying Jerusalem

Messianic Claimants

- **Simon bar Kokhba** (Bar Kosiba) (died c.135), with loss of Jerusalem, new messiahs ceased. Sixty years later a movement hailed him as Messiah-king by Rabbi Akiva, who referred to Numbers 24:17: "*There shall come forth a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite through the corners of Moab,*", and Haggai 2:21, 22; "*I will shake the heavens and the earth and I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms. . . .*" (Talmud Sanhedrin97b). Although some doubted that claim, he stirred up a war (133-135) that taxed the power of Rome. Defeated in Second Jewish-Roman War, yielding [expulsion of all Jews from Israel and formally naming it Palestine].

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_Messiah_claimants#List_of_Jewish_messiah_claimants

*Baruch Atah, Adonai
Elohenu, Melech haOlam