

First Fruits, the Messianic Kingdom

The commands...

Exo 23:16 *Next, the festival of harvest, the firstfruits of your efforts sowing in the field; and last, the festival of ingathering, at the end of the year, when you gather in from the fields the results of your efforts.*

Exo 23:19 *"You are to bring the best firstfruits of your land into the house of YHWH your Elohim. "You are not to boil a young animal in its mother's milk.*

Exo 34:26 *You are to bring the best firstfruits of your land into the house of YHWH your Elohim. "You are not to boil a young goat in its mother's milk."*

Lev 2:11-16 *" 'No grain offering that you bring to YHWH is to be made with leaven, because you are not to cause any leaven or honey to go up in smoke as an offering made by fire to YHWH. As an offering of firstfruits you may bring these to YHWH, but they are not to be brought up onto the altar to make a fragrant aroma. You are to season every grain offering of yours with salt — do not omit from your grain offering the salt of the covenant with your Elohim, but offer salt with all your offerings. " 'If you bring a grain offering of firstfruits to YHWH, you are to bring as the grain offering from your firstfruits kernels of grain from fresh ears, dry-roasted with fire. Put olive oil on it, and lay frankincense on it; it is a grain offering. The cohen is to cause the reminder portion of it, its grits and olive oil, with all its frankincense, to go up in smoke; it is an offering made by fire for YHWH.*

Lev 23:10-22 *"Tell the people of Isra'el, 'After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the cohen. He is to wave the sheaf before YHWH, so that you will be accepted; the cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat. On the day that you wave the sheaf, you are to offer a male lamb without defect, in its first year, as a burnt offering for YHWH. Its grain offering is to be one gallon of fine flour mixed with olive oil, an offering made by fire to YHWH as a fragrant aroma; its drink offering is to be of wine, one quart. You are not to eat bread, dried grain or fresh grain until the day you bring the offering for your Elohim; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live. " 'From the day after the day of rest — that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving — you are to count seven full weeks, until the day after the seventh week; you are to count fifty days; and then you are to present a new grain offering to YHWH. You must bring bread from your homes for waving — two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven — as firstfruits for YHWH. Along with the bread, present seven lambs without defect one year old, one young bull and two rams; these will be a burnt offering for YHWH, with their grain and drink offerings, an offering made by fire as a fragrant aroma for YHWH. Offer one male goat as a sin offering and two male lambs one year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings. The cohen will wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before YHWH, with the two*

lambs; these will be holy for YHWH for the cohen. On the same day, you are to call a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live. " 'When you harvest the ripe crops produced in your land, don't harvest all the way to the corners of your field, and don't gather the ears of grain left by the harvesters; leave them for the poor and the foreigner; I am YHWH your Elohim.' "

Num 28:26-31 *" 'On the day of the firstfruits, when you bring a new grain offering to YHWH in your feast of Shavu`ot, you are to have a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work; but present a burnt offering as a fragrant aroma for YHWH, consisting of two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs in their first year, and their grain offering — fine flour mixed with olive oil, six quarts for each bull, four quarts for the one ram, and two quarts for each of the seven lambs —plus a male goat to make atonement for you. You are to offer these in addition to the regular burnt offering and its grain offering (they are to be without defect for you), with their drink offerings.*

Deut 26:2-11 *you are to take the firstfruits of all the crops the ground yields, which you will harvest from your land that YHWH your Elohim is giving you, put them in a basket and go to the place where YHWH your Elohim will choose to have his name live. You will approach the cohen holding office at the time and say to him, 'Today I declare to YHWH your Elohim that I have come to the land YHWH swore to our ancestors that he would give us.' The cohen will take the basket from your hand and put it down in front of the altar of YHWH your Elohim. "Then, in the presence of YHWH your Elohim, you are to say, 'My ancestor was a nomad from Aram. He went down into Egypt few in number and stayed. There he became a great, strong, populous nation. But the Egyptians treated us badly; they oppressed us and imposed harsh slavery on us. So we cried out to YHWH, the Elohim of our ancestors. YHWH heard us and saw our misery, toil and oppression; and YHWH brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and a stretched-out arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. Now he has brought us to this place and given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, as you see, I have now brought the firstfruits of the land which you, YHWH, have given me.' You are then to put the basket down before YHWH your Elohim, prostrate yourself before YHWH your Elohim, and take joy in all the good that YHWH your Elohim has given you, your household, the Levi and the foreigner living with you.*

Yeshua the first fruits from the dead....

1Cor 15:20-26 *But the fact is that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died. For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man. For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive. But each in his own order: the Messiah is the firstfruits; then those who belong to the Messiah, at the time of his coming; then the culmination, when he hands over the Kingdom to Elohim the Father, after having put an end to every*

rulership, yes, to every authority and power. For he has to rule until he puts all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be done away with will be death,

Yeshua had to resurrect, to fulfill the promise of the Davidic Covenant...

2Chrn 13:5 *Don't you know that YHWH, the Elohim of Isra'el, gave rulership over Isra'el to David forever, to him and his descendants, **by a covenant of salt** [which is unbreakable]?*

Jer 33:16-17 *When those days come, Y'hudah will be saved, Yerushalayim will live in safety, and the name given to her will be YHWH Tzidkenu [YHWH our Righteousness]." For this is what YHWH says: "There will never be cut off from David a man to occupy the throne of the house of Isra'el.*

But, David's son's sinned against the Torah and **YHWH (Jer 36:30)**, thus dividing the kingdom into two, and the throne being left empty for years, thus only YESHUA, the son of David, could be the fulfillment of this Covenant with David...

Isa 9:6-7 (9:5-6) *For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; dominion will rest on his shoulders (*Or the Government/Kingdom will be on HIS shoulders), and he will be given the name Pele-Yo`etz El Gibbor Avi-`Ad Sar-Shalom [Wonder of a Counselor, Mighty El, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace], **in order to extend the dominion and perpetuate the peace of the throne and kingdom of David**, to secure it and sustain it through justice and righteousness henceforth and forever. The zeal of YHWH-Tzva'ot will accomplish this.*

Thus Yeshua, the sinless lamb, was resurrected on first fruits in order that he may reign from the Temple in Jerusalem, and preside over both Judah and Ephraim...

Ezek 37:22-28 *I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Isra'el; and one king will be king for all of them. They will no longer be two nations, and they will never again be divided into two kingdoms. " 'They will never again defile themselves with their idols, their detestable things, or any of their transgressions; **but I will save them from all the places where they have been living and sinning**; and I will cleanse them, so that they will be my people, and I will be their Elohim. My servant David will be king over them, and all of them will have one shepherd; they will live by my rulings and keep and observe my regulations. They will live in the land I gave to Ya`akov my servant, where your ancestors lived; they will live there — they, their children, and their grandchildren, forever; and David my servant will be their leader forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant. I will give to them, increase their numbers, and set my sanctuary (Temple) among them forever. My home will be with them; I will be their Elohim,*

*and they will be my people. The nations will know that I am **YHWH**, who sets Isra'el apart as holy, when my sanctuary (Temple) is with them forever.' "*

This is YESHUA!

Act 2:25-31 *For David says this about him: 'I saw **YHWH** always before me, for he is at my right hand, so that I will not be shaken. For this reason, my heart was glad; and my tongue rejoiced; and now my body too will live on in the certain hope that you will not abandon me to Sh'ol or let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will fill me with joy by your presence.'* "Brothers, I know I can say to you frankly that the patriarch David died and was buried — his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, since he was a prophet and knew that Elohim had sworn an oath to him that one of his descendants would sit on his throne, he was speaking in advance about the resurrection of the Messiah, that it was he who was not abandoned in Sh'ol and whose flesh did not see decay.

Yeshua Enters the Temple...

Eze 43:1-7 *After this, he brought me to the gate facing east. There I saw the glory of the Elohim of Isra'el approaching from the east. **His voice was like the sound of rushing water**, and the earth shone with his glory. The vision seemed like the vision I had seen when I came to destroy the city; also the visions were like the vision I had seen by the K'var River; and I fell on my face. **YHWH's glory entered the house (Ezekiel's Temple) through the gate facing east.** Next, a spirit took me up and brought me into the inner courtyard, and I saw **YHWH's glory fill the house.** I heard someone speaking to me from the house, and a man was standing by me. He said, "Human being, this is the place for my throne, the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live among the people of Isra'el forever. The house of Isra'el, both they and their kings, will never again defile my holy name by their prostitution, by [burying] the corpses of their kings [on] their high places,*

Whose voice is like the sound of many Rushing Waters...?

Rev 1:14-18 *His head and hair were as white as snow-white wool, his eyes like a fiery flame, his feet like burnished brass refined in a furnace, **and his voice like the sound of rushing waters.** In his right hand he held seven stars, out of his mouth went a sharp double-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell down at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand upon me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, the Living One. I was dead, but look! — I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Sh'ol. ~ Yeshua!*

He reigns for a thousand years!

Rev 20:2-6 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan [the Adversary], and chained him up for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, locked it and sealed it over him; so that he could not deceive the nations any more until the thousand years were over. After that, he has to be set free for a little while. Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them received authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for testifying about Yeshua and proclaiming the Word of Elohim, also those who had not worshipped the beast or its image and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands. They came to life and ruled with the Messiah for a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were over.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is anyone who has a part in the first resurrection; over him the second death has no power. On the contrary, they will be cohanim of Elohim and of the Messiah, and they will rule with him for the thousand years.

Yeshua, who resurrected on First Fruits, was the ransomed Afikomen, who fifty days later sent the Ruach HaKodesh as a gift from His death and Resurrection...

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There are twelve loaves of show bread (**Lev 24:5**), the bread of presence, representing all twelve tribes of Israel, and two of loaves are waived at first fruits and Shavuot, representing the two houses that are to become one.

David eats this bread...

Mark 2:25-26 He said to them, "Haven't you ever read what David did when he and those with him were hungry and needed food? He entered the House of Elohim when Evyatar was cohen gadol and ate the Bread of the Presence," — which is forbidden for anyone to eat but the cohanim — "and even gave some to his companions." {**See 1Sa 21:6 (21:7)**}

Yeshua's Resurrection on First fruits was the beginning of rebuilding the body...

Rom 8:23-24 and not only it, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we continue waiting eagerly to be made sons — that is, to have our whole

bodies redeemed and set free. It was in this hope that we were saved. But if we see what we hope for, it isn't hope — after all, who hopes for what he already sees?

2Th 2:13 *But we have to keep thanking Elohim for you always, brothers whom the Lord loves, because Elohim chose you as firstfruits for deliverance by giving you the holiness that has its origin in the Spirit and the faithfulness that has its origin in the truth.*

Jas 1:18 *Having made his decision, he gave birth to us through a Word that can be relied upon, in order that we should be a kind of firstfruits of all that he created.*

Rev 14:1-7 *Then I looked, and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Tziyon; and with him were 144,000 (144 Thousands = All Israel! Including the ones grafted in, the fullness of the gentiles) who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of rushing waters and like the sound of pealing thunder; the sound I heard was also like that of harpists playing on their harps. They were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living beings and the elders, and no one could learn the song except the 144,000 who have been ransomed from the world. These are the ones who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins; they follow the Lamb wherever he goes; they have been ransomed from among humanity as **firstfruits** for Elohim and the Lamb; on their lips no lie was found — they are without defect. Next I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven with everlasting Good News to proclaim to those living on the earth — to every nation, tribe, language and people. In a loud voice he said, "Fear Elohim, give him glory, for the hour has come when he will pass judgment! Worship the One who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water!"*

This Gift ensembles the Gentiles to be grafted into the Olive tree of Israel, thus making them former “gentiles” but now have citizenship in Israel (**Eph 2**)

Rom 11:16-32 *Now if the hallah offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole loaf. And if the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you — a wild olive — were grafted in among them and have become equal sharers in the rich root of the olive tree, then don't boast as if you were better than the branches!*

However, if you do boast, remember that you are not supporting the root, the root is supporting you. So you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." True, but so what? They were broken off because of their lack of trust. However, you keep your place only because of your trust. So don't be arrogant; on the contrary, be terrified! For if Elohim did not spare the natural branches, he certainly won't spare you! So take a good look at Elohim's kindness and his severity: on the one hand, severity toward those who fell off; but, on the other hand, Elohim's kindness toward you — provided you maintain yourself in that kindness! Otherwise, you too will be cut off! Moreover, the others, if they do not persist in their lack of trust, will be grafted in; because Elohim is able to graft them back in. For if you were cut out of what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature,

into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree! For, brothers, I want you to understand this truth which Elohim formerly concealed but has now revealed, so that you won't imagine you know more than you actually do. It is that stoniness, to a degree, has come upon Isra'el, until the Gentile world enters in its fullness; and that it is in this way that all Isra'el will be saved. As the Tanakh says, "Out of Tziyon will come the Redeemer; he will turn away ungodliness from Ya`akov and this will be my covenant with them, . . . when I take away their sins." With respect to the Good News they are hated for your sake. But with respect to being chosen they are loved for the Patriarchs' sake, for Elohim's free gifts and his calling are irrevocable. Just as you yourselves were disobedient to Elohim before but have received mercy now because of Isra'el's disobedience; so also Isra'el has been disobedient now, so that by your showing them the same mercy that Elohim has shown you, they too may now receive Elohim's mercy. For Elohim has shut up all mankind together in disobedience, in order that he might show mercy to all. Yeshua, the first fruits from death!

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