

### Is there more than one day of Salvation?

Most of us are aware of the fact that YHVH is dealing with humanity over a 7000-year period. During the first 6000 years, YHVH is allowing humanity to experiment with different forms of government, culture, education and religion. He is allowing us to learn that by living life free of His leadership only leads to failure. This sounds unfair, but the good news is that YHVH wants everyone that He has ever created to be in His family one day. We read accordingly from 1 Timothy 2: 3 & 4, ***'This is good and acceptable in the sight of Elohim our Savior, (4) who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.'*** However, it must also be understood that no one can come to Yahshua unless the Father who sent Him draws him, as we read from John 6: 44 & 65, as follows: ***"No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."*** (65) ***'And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father."***

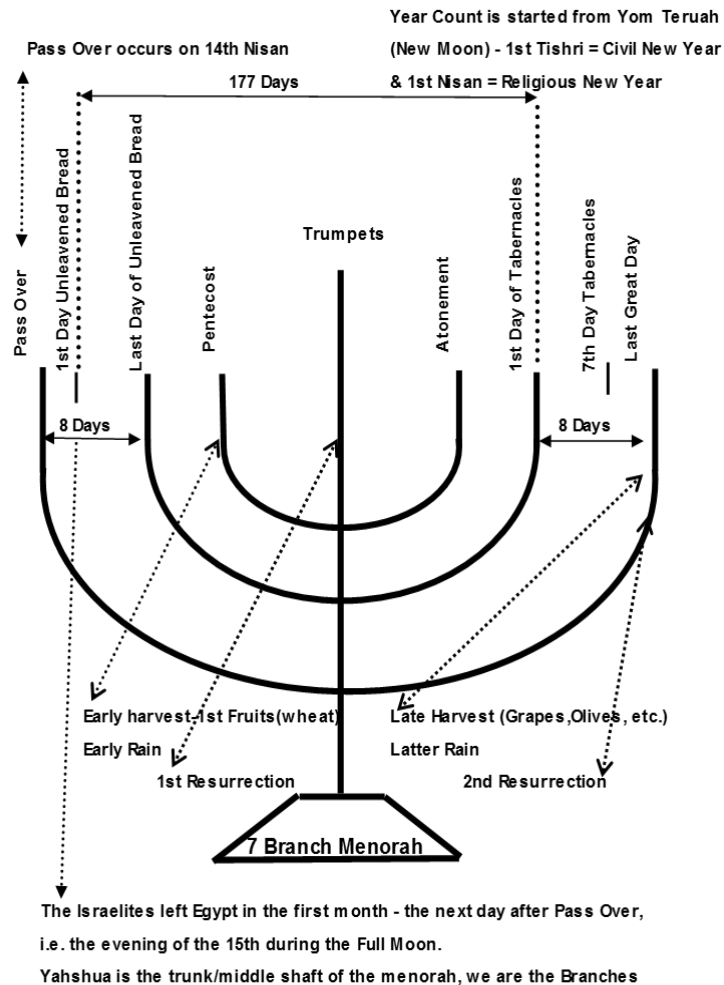
YHVH does not want to force us to be saved; He gave us free moral agency allowing us, once called, to come to Him out of our own free will. However, to become sons and daughters of Elohim takes more than just joining the local church on the street corner. It also takes more than just "accepting J\*e\*s\*u\*s\*" in some evangelical revival meeting filled with emotion. We need to fully surrender our lives to our heavenly Father by means of a personal relationship with Yahshua the Messiah. We need to follow in the footsteps of Yahshua and learn to keep the Torah Commandments to the best of our ability, with the help of the Set-apart Spirit. Yahshua Himself said in John 14: 6: ***"I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."*** Comparing this quote with the previous one (in John 6:44) sounds like a bit of a contradiction. However, this is one example where we should let the Scriptures interpret the Scriptures.

Let's therefore turn to Luke 10: 21 – 24, where we read: ***'At that very time He (Yahshua) rejoiced greatly in the Set-apart Spirit, and said, "I praise Thee, O Father, Master of heaven and earth, that Thou didst hide these things from the wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes. Yes, Father, for thus it was well-pleasing in Thy sight. (22) All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him" (23) And turning to the disciples, He said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see, (24) for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things you hear, and did not hear them."*** Here Yahshua tells us that He will reveal the identity of the Father and the Son to whoever He desires to do so. However, He also tells us in John 14: 21 that there are certain prerequisites to be met before He will do so, in this way: ***"He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."*** It is as Yahshua said in John 10: 30, ***"I and the Father are one."***

How then will Elohim accomplish His purpose to create a family of sons and daughters for Himself, with a perfect character like His own? (YHVH)'s plan of salvation for all mankind gives us the answer. Sinners, meaning all of mankind, would be redeemed at a price of greater value than the value of the lives of all humankind put together. The price was as high as the life of our Creator himself, as so aptly explained by Rav Kepha in 1 Peter 1: 18 & 19, as follows: ***'Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, (19) but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Messiah.'*** It was for this reason that we read of Zechariah's prophecy in Luke 1: 68, in this way: ***"Blessed be YHVH the Elohim of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people."*** (YHVH)'s plan of salvation for all mankind tells us that mankind still has the potential of becoming sons of Elohim, as Yahshua the visible image of the invisible Elohim (as per Colossians 1:

15<sup>1</sup>), died for us and was the first 'human' to be resurrected as a Spirit Being. He made it possible for us to go through the same process to be born again. YHVH died as the 'man' Yahshua, and was resurrected, to give us a second chance. Almighty YHVH did all this by Himself - without any god besides Him. This is in line with what we read from Psalm 49 verse 7 ***"No man can by any means redeem his brother, or give to Elohim a ransom for him."*** And in verse 15 ***"But Elohim will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol; for He will receive me."***

### The Hebrew Calendar - Agricultural Based



The feast days that we as Nazarene Jews/Israelites are commanded to keep, picture Elohim's plan of salvation for all mankind. In Leviticus 23: 1 & 2 we read: ***'YHVH spoke again to Moses saying: (2) "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, (YHVH)'s appointed times which you shall proclaim as holy (Set-apart) convocations - My appointed times are these."*** These days were given to Israel, and even though most other religions think that these are the feast days of the Jews only, YHVH says in Leviticus 23: 4 that ***"These are appointed times of YHVH, holy (Set-apart) convocations which you shall proclaim at the times appointed for them."*** The Feast Days of Elohim are overlaid in the picture of the Menorah pictured below:

We read from Colossians 2: 16 - 17: ***'Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day— (17) things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Messiah.'*** We keep the Feast Days of Elohim as a shadow of things to come. Let's therefore consider each of the Feast Days in turn:

**Passover:** YHVH displayed His power to deliver Israel from slavery in Egypt by a series of plagues. He told the Israelites that on the night of the Passover, He would kill all the firstborn of Egypt to convince Pharaoh to let the Israelites go from slavery. The firstborn of Israel would be protected if the sign of the blood of a lamb was seen on the doorposts of their homes. YHVH said that the Passover should be a memorial, which they shall keep as a feast to Him throughout their generations. This pointed forward to Yahshua's sacrifice to pay the penalty of death that we have incurred by our law-breaking, as the lamb of Elohim who takes away the sins of the world. We partake of Unleavened Bread and Wine representing His body and blood shed for us, and wash one another's feet during the annual Passover as per Messiah's example in John 13: 1 - 15. We keep Passover in remembrance of Yahshua's death in the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, the night during which He was betrayed, according to 1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26.

<sup>1</sup> Colossians 1: 15, ***'And He is the image of the invisible Elohim, the first-born (again) of all creation.'***

**Days of Unleavened Bread:** The First Day of Unleavened bread is the first annual Set-apart day or Sabbath of Elohim. Every year that the Israelites kept the days of unleavened bread they were and are still reminded that YHVH delivered them from Egypt. The Israelites coming out of Egypt foreshadowed us coming out of a life of habitual willful sin. Partaking of unleavened bread for seven days in our case means coming out of sin completely – seven meaning complete. We gladly get rid of the leaven in our homes for seven days to remind us of cleansing ourselves of sin and false doctrines. We eat unleavened bread for seven days, from the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> of Nisan (also known as Aviv); the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> being annual Sabbaths. The wave sheaf of the first fruit of the harvest, was waved on the day after the first annual Sabbath in the evening (erev) of the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nisan.

**Pentecost (Shavuot):** The Israelites arrived at Mount Sinai on the third day of the third month (Sivan) on the Hebrew calendar, as may be read from Exodus 19: 1. They camped in front of the mountain and Moses went up to Elohim, where He instructed Moses to go to the people and tell them to consecrate themselves for two days, during which time, they were to wash their clothes; refrain from marital relations and be ready on the third day – the 6<sup>th</sup> of Sivan. This is essentially the day on which the Torah was given to Israel at Mount Sinai. It is also the day, many years later, upon which the Set-apart Spirit was given, as recorded in Acts 2: 1 (KJV), as follows: ***‘And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place’.***<sup>2</sup> It is by the indwelling of the Set-apart Spirit that we are able to keep the Torah with a Spiritual intent, thus worshipping the heavenly Father in Spirit and in Truth, as Yahshua said in John 4: 24<sup>3</sup>. We start counting 50 days after the First Day of Unleavened Bread, from the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nisan to arrive at Pentecost on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Sivan. Pentecost or Shavuot is at the time of the first small harvest of wheat in Israel. Rav Yaa’cov likens those of us called at this time as first fruits in James 1: 18 in this way: ***‘In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.’*** Rav Shaul wrote about Yahshua our Messiah in Romans 8: 29 as the ***“first-born of many brethren.”*** Pentecost is also referred to as the Feast of First fruits, and is a shadow pointing to the initial harvest of souls at Messiah’s return on Yom Teruah one day - a kind of first fruits unto YHVH. As first fruits we are being judged at this time, as we read from 1 Peter 4: 17, as follows: ***‘For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of Elohim, and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of Elohim?’*** This is pictured by the two loaves spoken about in Leviticus 23: 17, when those from the two houses of Israel are waved before Elohim, to be accepted as first fruits unto YHVH, in this way: ***‘You shall bring in from your dwelling places two loaves of bread for a wave offering, made of two tenths of an ephah; they shall be of fine flour, baked with leaven as first fruits to YHVH.’*** Whereas the Matzos eaten during Passover are unleavened, these two loaves are baked with leaven; because the Matzos eaten at Passover represent Messiah’s sinless body and the two loaves offered at Pentecost represent us, first fruits from the two houses of Israel – still prone to sin.

**Feast of Trumpets:** The Feast of Trumpets begins at the new moon on the seventh month and is a Set-apart convocation. We look forward with eager anticipation to the return of Yahshua the Messiah, for He will return at the sound of the last trumpet and the shout of the archangel. The Feast of Trumpets is two days long as may be read from Nehemiah 8: 2 & 13 and 1 Samuel 8: 5, 27 & 34. The blowing of trumpets was used to call Israel together to prepare for a journey, to summon the congregation for an assembly or for war. When Yahshua our Messiah returns to the Mount of Olives one day, the nations of the earth will gather together to fight against Him. Satan has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12: 9) and they will try to destroy the Messiah at His return. The Feast of Trumpets also signals the (first) resurrection of the dead in Messiah, as Rav Shaul wrote 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 17, as follows: ***‘But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so Elohim will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Messiah. (15) For this we say to you by the***

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<sup>2</sup> Note those who attended the first Pentecost after Messiah’s resurrection all agreed on which day to keep the day of Pentecost.

<sup>3</sup> John 4: 24, ***“Elohim is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”***

*word of YHVH, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Master, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. (16) For the Master Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of Elohim; and the dead in Messiah shall rise first. (17) Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Master.’* Yahshua described the Feast of Trumpets in Matthew 24: 29 – 31, as follows: *“But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, (30) and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. (31) And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”*

**Day of Atonement:** The Day of Atonement on the tenth day of the Seventh Month is a time of fasting, "afflicting our souls," not eating or drinking for the 24-hour period from the evening of the 9th until evening of the 10th day. We read from Leviticus 23: 27 – 32, *“On exactly the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement; it shall be a holy convocation for you, and you shall humble your souls and present an offering by fire the YHVH. (28) Neither shall you do any work on this same day, for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement on your behalf before YHVH your Elohim. (29) If there is any person who will not humble himself on this same day, he shall be cut off from his people. (30) As for any person who does any work on this same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. (31) You shall do no work at all. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places. (32) It is to be a Sabbath of complete rest to you, and you shall humble your souls; on the ninth of the month at evening, from evening until evening you shall keep your Sabbath.”* The Day of Atonement pictures our sins being covered; reconciliation with Elohim and the marriage of Yahshua, the Son of Elohim, to His bride the Assembly, who has made herself ready. It also pictures the putting away of Satan for the duration of Messiah’s millennium rule, as we read from Revelation 20: 1 – 3, in this way: *‘And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (2) And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, (3) and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.’*

**Feast of Tabernacles:** Once Satan has been bound hand and foot and thrown into the bottomless pit, Yahshua’s thousand-year reign will commence from Jerusalem. We read from Leviticus 23: 34 – 43: *“Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘On the fifteenth of this seventh month is the Feast of Booths for seven days to YHVH. (35) On the first day is a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work of any kind. (36) For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to YHVH. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to YHVH; it is an assembly. You shall do no laborious work. (37) These are the appointed times of YHVH which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, to present offerings by fire to YHVH – burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and libations, each day’s matter on its own day – (38) besides those of the Sabbaths of YHVH, and besides your gifts, and besides all your votive and freewill offerings, which you give to YHVH. (39) On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of YHVH for seven days, with a rest on the eighth day. (40) Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before YHVH your Elohim for seven days. (41) You shall thus celebrate it as a feast to YHVH for seven days in the year. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. (42) You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in booths, (43) so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am YHVH your Elohim.”’* During Yahshua’s thousand-year rule from Jerusalem, He will restore all things to its former glory. Those of us, who qualified as first fruits and will be part of

the first resurrection, will serve under Yahshua as kings and priests, assisting Him in the restoration of all things, as we read from the last part of Revelation 20: 4 and 6, in this way: ***'and they came to life and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years. (6) Blessed and holy is the one who is a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of Elohim and of Messiah and will reign with Him for a thousand years.'*** We read further from Revelation 5: 10, ***"And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our Elohim; and they will reign upon the earth."***

**Last Great Day:** ***'On the eighth day'*** following the Feast of Tabernacles, is the last High day of the year. It symbolizes the Great White Throne Judgment of Revelation 20, the final great white throne judgment, and the Latter Harvest of human souls into Elohim's eternal Kingdom. (YHVH)'s spiritual plan of salvation is shown in the physical harvest season festivals that He gave to ancient Israel. We have seen previously in 1Timothy 2: 4, that YHVH desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. So what will happen to the millions who never knew (YHVH)'s plan of salvation for all mankind? We can read what happens to these people in the first part of Revelation 20 verse 5, as follows: ***'The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.'*** In verse 11 & 12 of Revelation 20 we read: ***"And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. (12) And I saw the dead, the great and the small standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds."***

The Scriptures describes two resurrections in the future; the first resurrection to life, and the second resurrection to judgment. The resurrection to life will come at Yahshua's return to the earth. The resurrection to judgment will be one thousand years later. It describes a time in history during which all people who ever lived will come to realize the reason for being born. Because Elohim's judgment is positive explanation followed by correction, and not damnation, as described in Isaiah 30: 20 & 21<sup>4</sup>; the Scriptures will be opened to their understanding at that time. It will be similar to when Yahshua opened His disciple's minds to understanding the Scriptures in Luke 24: 45, as follows: ***'Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.'*** Notice that Yahshua only opened his disciple's minds to the scriptures after His resurrection. These people will then have their first opportunity to understand and know Elohim's way of life. They will be given a chance to make an informed decision as to whether they want to repent of their past sins, or not. Their ***'day of salvation'***, their period of judgment will begin at that time. We see from Isaiah 65: 20 that this period will last for one hundred years, in this way: ***"No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred shall be thought accursed."*** There will be no premature deaths and those who repent and overcome during that period of time, will be blessed with eternal life. They will also be given the opportunity to accept Yahshua as their Master and Savior, or reject His way of life. Eternal life will be offered to the entire multitude who ever lived. Those who accept Yahshua as their Savior will be changed into spiritual sons and daughters of Elohim. However, there might be some that will never accept Elohim's way of life. Their fate is to be burned up once and for all. They will not be tormented forever, as only spirit beings such as Satan and his demons have that fate awaiting them. Unrepentant Human beings made from flesh and blood will burn until they become ashes under the feet of the righteous, as may be read from Malachi 4: 1 - 3. The Last Great Day pictures a time when our Father YHVH will give all these millions of people a chance to be judged, but only after they have come to the knowledge of the truth.

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<sup>4</sup> Isaiah 30: 20 & 21, ***'Although YHVH has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. And your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or the left.'***

**At this point I hear many disagreeing and saying: We concur with you up to the Feast of Tabernacles, but where do you get the rest from? Are you making it up?**

No, I am not! Therefore for clarity purposes, let us backtrack a bit. From the afore-going we've witnessed from the Scriptures that YHVH is at this time calling a group of people, to be kings and priest under Yahshua and to rule with Him on earth, during the millennium. YHVH calls us (John 6: 44) and Yahshua is the one who does the choosing, as may be read from Yahshua's parable of the king who gave a wedding feast for his son in Matthew 22: 1 – 14, where He concludes by saying in verse 14: ***"For many are called, but few are chosen."*** We read in the last part of Revelation 1: 5 & 6 ***'To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood, (6) and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His Elohim and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever, Amen.'*** To be a king and a priest means that we will have the opportunity, if we make it, to teach others Elohim's way of life. We are presently in training, learning to overcome our carnal natures, Satan and the world, by the indwelling of the Set-apart Spirit in us. If we as first fruits make it into the first resurrection, we will be changed into spiritual sons and daughters of Elohim. Yahshua warned in Matthew 10: 37 that it will take sacrifice and forsaking families, friends and relatives when we are called, as follows: ***'He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.'*** He further said in verse 39, ***"He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it."*** This is telling us that if we come to a point where we believe that we have made it in life, i.e. that we have put in every effort to achieve our physical goals and are now enjoying the pleasures of life, because of our successes, we shall lose it. But if we have lost our lives because of time spent studying and serving YHVH, we will find (eternal) life. Are we willing to offer up our lives to take up the offer that YHVH extends to us? To sacrifice means to give up the things we value; to deny ourselves the things we would like to have in this life, because we are seeking the kingdom of Elohim. Even though we may forfeit worldly pleasure now, eternal joy awaits us.

We are called at this time to be first fruits unto YHVH (James 1: 18), and should put in every effort to make it into Elohim's eternal kingdom as Rav Shaul admonished in 1 Corinthians 9: 24 – 27, as follows: ***'Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. (25) And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. (26) Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; (27) but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.'*** Yahshua was the first of the first fruits who have fallen asleep as recorded in 1 Corinthians 15: 20; the first-born of many brethren as per Romans 8: 29. We, who have truly repented and have accepted His sacrifice to atone for our sins, are now His Spirit-begotten brethren, and if we qualify, will when He returns become Spirit-born into His Kingdom, as witnessed in 1 Corinthians 15: 21 - 24 in this way: ***'For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all shall be made alive. (23) But each in his own order: Messiah the first fruit(s) after that those who are Messiah's at His coming (those called out of the world at this time), (24) then comes the end (ones) when He delivers the kingdom to Elohim and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.'*** We read further from 1 Corinthians 15: 50 – 52: ***'Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (51) Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.'*** First fruits are that part of a crop that is harvested first, around the Feast of First Fruits (Pentecost). The idea of us becoming first fruits, imply that there will also be second fruits. The second fruits are usually harvested after the Feast of Sukkoth in Israel. This is when grapes, olives and the rest of the produce are harvested in the land of Israel.

It is obvious that not everyone is now being called. Billions and billions of people have been born, lived and died, without ever hearing the Name of Yahshua our Messiah once, let alone obeying Him. Not even all those who heard the Savior Himself speak were being called at that time. In fact YHVH does not want to save all at this time as witnessed in Matthew 13: 11, 12 & 19, as follows: ***'And He (Yahshua) answered and said to them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. (12) For whoever has, to him shall more be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. (19) When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.'*** This is specific language that is hard to be misunderstood. Either their time had not yet come or Yahshua was a respecter of persons, which we know is contrary to what is recorded in Acts 10: 34. Do you think the Savior would have spoken in a way that they could not understand him, if He knew that it would have doomed them to be lost forever? Are they hopelessly lost?

Let's read a few more related scriptures: In John 12: 37 – 40 we read: ***'But though he had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him; (38) that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, "YHVH, who has believed our report? and to whom has the arm of YHVH been revealed?" (39) For this cause they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, (40) "He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; lest they see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, and be converted, and I heal them."*** This is a hard saying to some, especially in light of what we read in 2 Peter 3: 9: ***'YHVH is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.'*** In addition we are told in Acts 4: 11 & 12 that Yahshua is the only name by which we may be saved, as follows: ***'He (Yahshua) is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the very cornerstone (upon which the ecclesia of YHVH is built). (12) And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.'***

This seems like a contradiction, at first glance. How could YHVH purposely blind some, and at the same time not be willing that any should perish? We must also not forget that a large number of the ones spoken about here are already dead and buried. In Romans 10: 1 - 3 we read: ***'Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to Elohim for them (Israel) is for their salvation. (2) For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for Elohim, but not in accordance with knowledge. (3) For not knowing about Elohim's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of Elohim.'*** However, in the first part of Romans 11: 1 we read: ***'I say then, Elohim has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be?'*** We continue in verse 5: ***'In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to Elohim's gracious choice.'*** We, the ones being called now, are that remnant. Continuing in verse 7, we read: ***'What then? That which Israel is seeking for, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened.'*** Next we read from verses 11 and 12: ***'I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. (12) Now if their transgression be riches for the world and their failure be riches for the gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!'*** We make our Jewish brother jealous by keeping the Feast Days of YHVH, like they do.

Continuing in verse 17 we read: ***'But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree.'*** And in verse 23: ***'And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for Elohim is able to graft them in again.'*** If most of them are already dead, when will they 'not continue in their unbelief' and when will they be grafted in? Romans 11 is about Jews who are presently blinded to the identity of Yahshua mentioned earlier in John 12 : 37 – 40. We know that they will be grafted in when Messiah returns one day, as recorded in Zechariah 12: 7 – 10, as follows: ***'YHVH also will save the tents of Judah first in order that the glory of the***

*house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah. (8) In that day YHVH will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like Elohim, like the angel of YHVH before them. (9) And it will come about in that day that I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (10) And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born.’* We read accordingly in Romans 11: 25 - 28, *‘For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation; that a partial hardening has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; (26) and thus all Israel will be saved* (even those who now think they are Gentiles); *just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. (27) And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins. (28) From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of Elohim’s choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.”’* We read about our Father’s mercy in verses 32 & 33, as follows: *‘For Elohim has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all. (33) Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of Elohim! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!’* The reason for blinding the Jews to Yahshua’s identity is as Yahshua said in Matthew 15: 24 *“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”* Yahshua similarly instructed His disciples in Matthew 10: 5 & 6, saying: *“Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; (6) but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”* Rav Shaul also explains the same in Ephesians 2: 11 – 22.

But, what about the rest of Mankind? Yahshua described a time during which people from all generations will be judged at the same time in Matthew 11: 20 – 24 as follows: *‘Then He began to reproach the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent. (21) “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. (22) Nevertheless I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the Day of Judgment, than for you. (23) And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You shall descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom, which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day. (24) Nevertheless I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the Day of Judgment, than for you.”’* These people from ancient times will respond once they have had a genuine opportunity to understand the Scriptures. Even the perverts of Sodom will find it tolerable in the Day of Judgment, compared to those in Capernaum who personally knew Yahshua and rejected Him. The reason is that these ancient peoples – sinful as they were – had no knowledge of the true Elohim and His Torah. Messiah only appeared a number of years after them and they did not know Him or His Saving Name. Sodom and Gomorrah had been destroyed in Abraham’s day. Tyre and Sidon were gentile cities on the Mediterranean coast. Tyre was destroyed as prophesied by Ezekiel and only a small insignificant village exists near the site of the original city, today. The point is that these people have been dead for thousands of years, are going to be resurrected in the second resurrection, and be judged at that time.

A second witness describing a time during which people from all generations will be judged at the same time comes from Matthew 12: 41 & 42, in this way: *‘The men of Nineveh shall stand up with this generation at the judgment, and shall condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. (42) The Queen of the South shall rise up with this generation at the judgment and shall condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.’* The Queen of the South will be in the second resurrection, after the millennium. She will be part of the second harvest of souls into the Kingdom of Elohim. She will repent and accept Yahshua our Messiah as her personal Savior. She will also accept and live by what is written in the books (The Scriptures) and her name will be entered into the book of life as witnessed in Revelation 20: 12. Those of us called out of the world to follow the way of Elohim at this time are first fruits to



be harvested at Messiah's return, whereas these people will be part of the second great harvest. After death, these individuals wait for the resurrection and judgment from YHVH, as witnessed in Hebrews 9: 27, as follows: ***'And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.'***

We read more about those who will be in the second resurrection from Isaiah 25: 7 – 8, in this way: ***'And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, even the veil which is stretched over all nations. (8) He will swallow up death for all time, And YHVH Elohim will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For YHVH has spoken.'*** When will the veil which is over all nations be destroyed? When will death be swallowed up? After the Day of Judgment of course! The Day of Judgment for all the billions who lived over the past centuries will only come after the Millennial rule of Yahshua Messiah. We see that these people who were blinded in the past will have the veil, which is stretched over them, removed. Make no mistake; If these untold billions of formerly blinded people are merely judged by their works, many of them were thieves, prostitutes, dictators and false prophets will all perish in the lake of fire. They did not ever repent and were not immersed as we are taught to do in Acts 2: 38. They did not study the Scriptures as we read from 2 Peter 3: 18, as follows: ***'But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Master and Savior Yahshua Messiah. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.'*** This is truly the time of (YHVH)'s Last Great Day. This is the time spoken about by Rav Shaul in Philippians 2: 9 - 11, in this way: ***'Therefore also Elohim highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, (10) that at the name of Yahshua EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, (11) and that every tongue should confess that Yahshua Messiah is Master, to the glory of Elohim the Father.'*** We see from John 7: 37, that Yahshua stood up and cried out to His people on the last day, the great day of the feast, saying: ***"If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."*** This indicates that all the unsaved dead are to be raised and given a final opportunity to kneel before Messiah. This provision to accept Yahshua as Master and Savior, is what the Last Great Day is all about.

However, do not be mistaken. The second resurrection is the resurrection of the wicked and the unsaved dead. YHVH our Elohim does not have double standards – the countless unsaved billions deserve to have the same chance that we are having. Yes, they will only be judged on what they did, after they learn about the Truth of Elohim. Yet, numerous theologians and ministers, being deceived themselves, try to imagine that Elohim will only save their 'friends' and relatives who were Christians, but will let the multitudes from ages past perish, without them ever coming to real repentance and true surrendering to the Living Messiah. These religious leaders could not be more wrong. The damnations that we read about in the Scriptures apply to us who are being called during this age. We are being judged during this age and if we do not make it, will burn to become ashes under the feet of the righteous. For the unsaved billions of Buddhists, Muslims, Shintoist and those who believed in a false messiah, who came to do away with his Father's laws, both at present and in the past, the Scriptures will be opened to their understanding after the second resurrection. This is not a second chance – since they were blinded by YHVH Himself in the past. This is truly the second harvest of souls (human beings) into the everlasting kingdom, as pictured in the Menorah.

YHVH our Elohim's purpose remains. He is not trying to save everyone during this age; If He was, they would not all be saved. He is only calling out the first fruits to rule with Yahshua during the Millennium and into eternity. The vast majority of blinded individuals will be brought back to life during the Great White Throne Judgment. Then He will call them to spiritual understanding and will fill those who are willing with His Set-apart Spirit. He will grant them salvation in His kingdom. Those not willing will be burnt to ashes, with the wicked and those who sinned willfully after being called and given the knowledge of truth, during this age. There is no second chance, as witnessed in Hebrews 10: 26 & 27: ***'For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, (27) but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.'***

**What went before?** YHVH planned to bring forth beings that could become his children from the very beginning. These children would be like Him in every respect. They would have His character reproduced in them by His Set-apart Spirit. YHVH commenced His plan to reproduce Himself by creating powerful spiritual beings called angels. These angels were free moral agents, with the ability to choose to go the way of YHVH – the way of giving and sharing, or the way of get. For many years these angels followed the correct way, until one day, Lucifer, decides in rebellion against YHVH, to take over the throne of YHVH in the third heaven (see Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28). Being a cherub, or one of the three original archangels, Lucifer, was in charge of a third of the angels: We know that in the Scriptures angels are referred to as stars (as explained in Revelation 1: 20); Comparing the first part of Revelation 12: 4 with verse 9 we see that Satan was thrown down to the earth, and his angels (a third of the angels of heaven, under his control) were thrown down with him.

Satan and his angels fought against the other two archangels and their angels, still loyal to YHVH. They were overcome and thrown down to earth, where they are now living as fallen angels or demons. These angels, who are spirit beings, could not change once they had decided to follow a life of wrongdoing. The result of war between the angels and demons left the world formless and void. This is the condition we find the earth in when we open our Scriptures at Genesis 1: 2. At that point in time YHVH decides to recreate the heavens and the earth. YHVH also chose not to create his future children as spirit beings, again, but to (initially) create them from physical matter. He creates them in His image with mind power to think and plan and ‘create’. They too have free moral agency to decide between good and evil. However, they had to prove through their lives that they would develop the perfect character of YHVH and follow His way of life. However, we know that Adam and Eve did sin – induced by the lies and temptation of Satan. Since then all humankind have sinned and fallen short of the esteem of YHVH. Death spread to all humankind through the sins of our forefathers. YHVH has allowed all of mankind to be led into sin by Satan, thus allowing us to see for ourselves where sin leads us. We see: **‘For the wages of sin is death,’** according to the first part of Romans 6: 23. So as opposed to Satan's lie, that after disobeying YHVH, our forefathers would not die, death was introduced. This left humankind in a miserable condition. However, as we read the good news in the second part of Romans 6: 23, as follows: **‘but the free gift of Elohim is Eternal life in Messiah Yahshua our Master.’**

The seven annual festivals of Elohim depicting the steps in Elohim's Master Plan of salvation for mankind			
Festival	Observed	Meaning	Scriptural references
Passover - Pesach	14th day of 1st month after sunset	A memorial of the sacrifice of Yahshua Messiah, "our Passover," which made possible the forgiveness of our sins.	Lev. 23: 5; Jos. 5: 10 - 11; Luke 22: 15-20; John 13: 1 - 5, 14 - 15; 1 Cor. 5: 7; 1 Cor. 11: 23 -26.
Feast of Unleavened Bread	15th to 21st of first month	Pictures Elohim's people - the ecclesia - putting away sin and striving to obey Elohim's commandments.	Lev. 23: 6 - 8; Deut. 16: 3 & 4; Ex. 12: 15 - 20, 42; 1 Cor. 5: 6 - 8.
Pentecost - Shavuot (Feast of Weeks or First Fruits)	"Fiftieth" day after the first annual Sabbath (the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread), in the third month	Depicts the congregation as the first fruits of salvation, consisting of both Torah observant Jews and a remnant of the lost ten tribes, who returned to Elohim through Messiah, waved as two loaves on Pentecost for acceptance as the first to be spiritually begotten and born into Elohim's Family, when Yahshua returns on Yom Teruah.	Lev. 23: 15 -21; Num. 15: 17 - 21; Num. 28: 26; Deut. 16: 9 & 10; Acts 2: 1 - 4; Rom. 8: 23; 2 Thessalonians 2: 13; James 1: 18.
Feast of Trumpets - Rosh Hashanah (Yom Teruah)	First day of 7th month	Celebrates the Second Coming of Messiah to intervene in world affairs, the salvation of Judah and the resurrect the first fruits, when YHVH will enter into a New Marriage Covenant with both houses of Israel and establish the Kingdom of Elohim on earth.	Lev. 23: 23 - 25; Job 14: 14 & 15; 19: 26; Isa. 11: 6 - 9; Ezek. 37: 15 - 28; Zech. 14: 4 & 5; Matt. 24: 30 - 31; 1 Cor. 15: 50 - 52; 1 Thessalonians 4: 16 - 17; Rev. 11: 15; Rev. 19: 11 - 16.
Day of Atonement - Yom Kippur	10th day of 7th month	Portrays the binding and removal of Satan for 1,000 years so that mankind at last may be made <u>at one</u> with Elohim.	Lev. 23: 26 - 32; Lev. 16: 7 - 31; Rev. 20: 1 - 3.
Feast of Tabernacles - Sukkot	15th to 21st of seventh month	Represents the 1,000 year rule of Yahshua Messiah and the Spirit-born again children of Elohim on earth, during which time salvation will open to all.	Lev. 23: 34 - 35, 39 - 42; Zech. 14: 16 -19; Isa. 2: 1 - 4; John 7: 2 - 36; Rev. 20: 4 & 6.
Last Great Day	22nd day of 7th month	Pictures the judgment when the vast majority of humanity will be resurrected to mortal life and given their first opportunity for salvation – they will be judged over 100 year period, after which those who refuse to repent will die in the lake of fire, with all whose names are not entered into the book of life by then.	Lev. 23: 36; Ps. 22: 29; Ezek. 37: 1 - 14; Isa. 25: 7 - 9; 26: 19 - 21; 65: 17 - 20; Matt. 12: 41 - 42; John 7: 37 & 38; Rev. 20: 5, 11 - 15; Malachi 4: 1 - 4; and Revelation 21: 1 - 3.