

Torah Portion #47: Re'eh (ראה) "see / behold"

Torah ~ *Deut. 11:26-16:17* | Haftarah ~ *Isa. 54:11-55:5; Mal. 3:8-12* | Brit Chadashah ~ *Matt. 6:1-4; John 7:37-52***The Three Pilgrimage Feasts**

In *Exodus 23:14-19, Exodus 34:18-23, & Deuteronomy 16:1-17* we read of the three Pilgrim Feasts of the Lord which are Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. The Lord required all heads of the household to come up to the Temple and not come empty handed but to bring any offering to the Lord.

Acts 18:21 "but took leave of them, saying, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing." And he sailed from Ephesus." NKJV

Zech. 14:16-17 says that during the Millennium reign of Yeshua all nations of the earth will be commanded to make pilgrimage to Jerusalem and celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

In *Leviticus 23:2* we see that these Feasts are the Lord's Feasts, for all of His people, and that we are to come together on these days to have a Holy meeting. The hebrew word used for feast is "Moed", which means "appointed times." The Feasts are God's blueprint through which He revealed His overall plan of redemption through the work of Yeshua. Within the three pilgrimage Festivals are other Feasts, totally seven in all.

The first pilgrimage - Passover

- *Passover* (Pesach) is on Nisan 14th / March or April ~ *Leviticus 23:4-5*

On this Feast the Israelites was freed from slavery in Egypt after the death angel passed over them (*Exodus 12*).

Yeshua became our Passover lamb when He was crucified for our freedom from slavery of sin (*Mark 15:33-41*).

- *Unleavened Bread* (Chag Hamotzi) is on Nisan 15th through 22nd / March or April ~ *Leviticus 23:6-8*

As the Israelites came out of Egypt, they was commanded to eat unleavened bread, as leaven represents sin (*Exodus 12*).

It was at the start of Unleavened Bread that the sinless Yeshua was buried (*Mark 15:42-47*). See *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

- *Firstfruits* (Yom Habikkurim) is on Nisan 16th / March or April ~ *Leviticus 23:9-14*

The crossing of the Red Sea occurred on the day that would later become the Feast Firstfruits (*Exodus 14*).

Yeshua's resurrection occurred on the Feast of Firstfruits (*Mark 16:1-11*).

The second pilgrimage - Pentecost

- *Pentecost* (Shavuot) is on Sivan 6th / May or June ~ *Leviticus 23:15-22*

The Lord give us the Torah at Mt. Sinai on the day that would later become the Feast of Pentecost (*Exodus 20*).

Believers in Yeshua first received the baptism of the Holy Spirit on Shavuot (*Acts 2:1-6*).

The third pilgrimage - Tabernacles

- *Trumpets* (Yom Teruah / Rosh Hashanah) is on Tishri 1st / September or October ~ *Leviticus 23:23-25*

This Feast is the start of the season of ingathering and the call of repentance. A trumpet was used to announce the coming of a King. It is believed that the rapture will occur on Yom Teruah (*1 Thess. 4:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:51-56 & Rev. 11:15*).

Between *Trumpets* and *Atonement* are the Ten Days of Awe. During these ten days the Bowls of Wrath (*Rev. 16*) will be poured out on earth while believers are at the Judgement Seat of Messiah in Heaven (*2 Cor. 5:10 & Rev. 19:1-10*).

- *Day of Atonement* (Yom Kippur) is on Tishri 10th / September or October ~ *Leviticus 23:26-32 & Leviticus 16:1-34*

Yom Kippur is payment day for our sins and removal of them from us "as far as the east is from the west" (*Ps. 103:12*).

Eph. 1:7 speaks of Yeshua, saying "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" NKJV

Yom Kippur will be fulfilled at the second coming of Yeshua when the man of sin is cast into the pit. (*Rev. 19:11-20:3*).

- *Tabernacles* (Sukkot) is on Tishri 15th thur 22nd / September or October ~ *Leviticus 23:33-44*

This Feast reminds us of how God dwelled with the Israelites in the wilderness. It is also believed by most scholars that Yeshua was born on Tabernacles. We see Yeshua and the disciples keeping Sukkot in *John 7*. This Feast will be fulfilled with the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (*Rev. 19:1-10*) and the ushering in of the Millennial Kingdom of Yeshua (*Zech. 14:16-17 & Rev. 20:4-6*).

Aliyah to the Torah

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Torah ~ *Deuteronomy 16:16-17* NKJV

- 16 “Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed.
- 17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.
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Haftarah ~ *Malachi 3:10-12* NKJV

- 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.
- 11 “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the Lord of hosts;
- 12 “And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land,” Says the Lord of hosts.
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Brit Chadashah ~ *John 7:37-39* NKJV

- 37 Now on the last and greatest day of the feast, Yeshua stood and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink!
- 38 He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of living water.”
- 39 But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Yeshua wasn't yet glorified.