



The Good Tidings (News)

Peace Brothers & Sisters of Israel, we hope that this Newsletter refresh your spirit from all the tribulations of this world. We urge you to be constant in building a strong foundation by the word of God. **Ephesians 6:10** “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.” **Verse 11:** “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” **Verse 12:** “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” **Verse 13:** “Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” **Verse 14:** “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;” **Verse 15:** “And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;” **Verse 16:** “Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” **Verse 17:** “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:” We command and teach you as Paul gave us authority; to give attendance to reading and of being an example of a true believer in Christ. **1st Timothy 4:11** “These things command and teach.” **Verse 12:** “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” **Verse 13:** “Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.” **Verse 14:** “Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.” **Verse 15:** “Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.” **Verse 16:** “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” Be a good soldier of Christ by nourishing your gift with prayer, exhortation and studying/practicing the word of God. **2nd Timothy 2:3** “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” **Verse 4:** “No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” Do not be weary in well doing. We have faith that an entrance to the kingdom of God will be opened to you, if you keep in remembrance to be diligent in the things of God. Please read, **2nd Peters 1:3-13**.

Day of Simon

During the Greek empire and captivity there arose a family of righteous men that fought for the laws of God. Led by Mattathias a Levite from Jerusalem, they took back the liberty to keep their heritage as it was given to them by the most High. Mattathias had five sons; **1st Maccabees 2:1** “In those days arose Mattathias the son of John, the son of Simeon, a priest of the sons of Joarib, from Jerusalem, and dwelt in Modin.” **Verse 2:** “And he had five sons, Joannan, called Caddis:” **Verse 3:** “Simon; called Thassi:” **Verse 4:** “Judas, who was called Maccabeus:” **Verse 5:** “Eleazar, called Avaran: and Jonathan, whose surname was Apphus.” After his death, his sons led the nation of Israel in many victorious battles.

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The New Moon is the beginning of a new month. The second month was known as Zif when you read 1st Kings 6:1, 37. The name Zif means brightness because of the time period of the year. In this month the foundation of the temple was laid.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <u>Passover begins at even</u>
4 <u>Passover Sabbath ends at even</u>	5	6	7	8	9 <u>Last day of Passover begins at even (Sabbath).</u>	10 <u>Passover Sabbath ends at even</u>
11 <u>First day of Feast of Weeks ends at sundown</u>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <u>2nd New Moon</u>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

The New Moon phase is when the moon is completely darkened. It is the opposite of the full moon when it is completely illuminated (lit). See, *Apocrypha Ecclesiasticus 43:6-8 and 50:6-7*. The third month was called Sivan which is not a name given by our forefathers instead adopted during slavery. See, *Esther 8:9*.

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <u>Day of Simon begins at even</u>	12 <u>Day of Simon</u>	13	14	15
16	17	18 <u>3rd New Moon</u>	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 <u>The Sabbath of the Day of Pentecost Begins at even.</u>
30 <u>The Sabbath ends at even</u>	31					

Day of Simon

Simon was known to his father Mattathias to be a man of counsel. **1st Maccabees 2:65** “*And behold, I know that your brother Simon is a man of counsel, give ear unto him alway: he shall be a father unto you.*” Through his wisdom Israel was led to a time of prosperity. Here is what happened according to what is written in the scriptures.

1st Maccabees 13:1-53 “Now when Simon heard that Tryphon had gathered together a great host to invade the land of Judea, and destroy it, And saw that the people was in great trembling and fear, he went up to Jerusalem, and gathered the people together, And gave them exhortation, saying, Ye yourselves know what great things I, and my brethren, and my father's house, have done for the laws and the sanctuary, the battles also and troubles which we have seen. By reason whereof all my brethren are slain for Israel's sake, and I am left alone. Now therefore be it far from me, that I should spare mine own life in any time of trouble: for I am no better than my brethren. Doubtless I will avenge my nation, and the sanctuary, and our wives, and our children: for all the heathen are gathered to destroy us of very malice. Now as soon as the people heard these words, their spirit revived. And they answered with a loud voice, saying, Thou shalt be our leader instead of Judas and Jonathan thy brother. Fight thou our battles, and whatsoever, thou commandest us, that will we do. So then he gathered together all the men of war, and made haste to finish the walls of Jerusalem, and he fortified it round about. Also he sent Jonathan the son of Absolom, and with him a great power, to Joppa: who casting out them that were therein remained there in it. So Tryphon removed from Ptolemaus with a great power to invade the land of Judea, and Jonathan was with him in ward. But Simon pitched his tents at Adida, over against the plain. Now when Tryphon knew that Simon was risen up instead of his brother Jonathan, and meant to join battle with him, he sent messengers unto him, saying, Whereas we have Jonathan thy brother in hold, it is for money that he is owing unto the king's treasure, concerning the business that was committed unto him. Wherefore now send an hundred talents of silver, and two of his sons for hostages, that when he is at liberty he may not revolt from us, and we will let him go. Hereupon Simon, albeit he perceived that they spake deceitfully unto him yet sent he the money and the children, lest peradventure he should procure to himself great hatred of the people: Who might have said, Because I sent him not the money and the children, therefore is Jonathan dead. So he sent them the children and the hundred talents: howbeit Tryphon dissembled neither would he let Jonathan go. And after this came Tryphon to invade the land, and destroy it, going round about by the way that leadeth unto Adora: but Simon and his host marched against him in every place, wheresoever he went. Now they that were in the tower sent messengers unto Tryphon, to the end that he should hasten his coming unto them by the wilderness, and send them victuals. Wherefore Tryphon made ready all his horsemen to come that night: but there fell a very great snow, by reason whereof he came not. So he departed, and came into the country of Galaad. And when he came near to Bascama he slew Jonathan, who was buried there. Afterward Tryphon returned and went into his own land. Then sent Simon, and took the bones of Jonathan his brother, and buried them in Modin, the city of his fathers. And all Israel made great lamentation for him, and bewailed him many days. Simon also built a monument upon the sepulchre of his father and his brethren, and raised it aloft to the sight, with hewn stone behind and before. Moreover he set up seven pyramids, one against another, for his father, and his mother, and his four brethren. And in these he made cunning devices, about the which he set great pillars, and upon the pillars he made all their armour for a perpetual memory, and by the armour ships carved, that they might be seen of all that sail on the sea. This is the sepulchre which he made at Modin, and it standeth yet unto this day. Now Tryphon dealt deceitfully with the young king Antiochus, and slew him. And he reigned in his stead, and crowned himself king of Asia, and brought a great calamity upon the land. Then Simon built up the strong holds in Judea, and fenced them about with high towers, and great walls, and gates, and bars, and laid up victuals therein. Moreover Simon chose men, and sent to king Demetrius, to the end he should give the land an immunity, because all that Tryphon did was to spoil. Unto whom king Demetrius answered and wrote after this manner: King Demetrius unto Simon the high priest, and friend of kings, as also unto the elders and nation of the Jews, sendeth greeting: The golden crown, and the scarlet robe, which ye sent unto us, we have received: and we are ready to make a stedfast peace with you, yea, and to write unto our officers, to confirm the immunities which we have granted. And whatsoever covenants we have made with you shall stand; and the strong holds, which ye have builded, shall be your own. As for any oversight or fault committed unto this day, we forgive it, and the crown tax also, which ye owe us: and if there were any other tribute paid in Jerusalem, it shall no more be paid. And look who are meet among you to be in our court, let then be enrolled, and let there be peace betwixt us. Thus the yoke of the heathen was taken away from Israel in the hundred and seventieth year. Then the people of Israel began to write in their instruments and contracts, In the first year of Simon the high priest, the governor and leader of the Jews. In those days Simon camped against Gaza and besieged it round about; he made also an engine of war, and set it by the city, and battered a certain tower, and took it. And they that were in the engine leaped into the city; whereupon there was a great uproar in the city: Insomuch as the people of the city rent their clothes, and climbed upon the walls with their wives and children, and cried with a loud voice, beseeching Simon to grant them peace. And they said, Deal not with us according to our wickedness, but according to thy mercy. So Simon was appeased toward them, and fought no more against them, but put them out of the city, and cleansed the houses wherein the idols were, and so entered into it with songs and thanksgiving. Yea, he put all uncleanness out of it, and placed such men there as would keep the law, and made it stronger than it was before, and built therein a dwelling place for himself. They also of the tower in Jerusalem were kept so strait, that they could neither come forth, nor go into the country, nor buy, nor sell: wherefore they were in great distress for want of victuals, and a great number of them perished through famine. Then cried they to Simon, beseeching him to be at one with them: which thing he granted them; and when he had put them out from thence, he cleansed the tower from pollutions: *And entered into it the three and twentieth day of the second month in the hundred seventy and first year, with thanksgiving, and branches of palm trees, and with harps, and cymbals, and with viols, and hymns, and songs: because there was destroyed a great enemy out of Israel. He ordained also that that day should be kept every year with gladness.* Moreover the hill of the temple that was by the tower he made stronger than it was, and there he dwelt himself with his company. And when Simon saw that John his son was a valiant man, he made him captain of all the hosts; and he dwelt in Gazera.”

NIV Bible Test

INSTRUCTIONS:

A. Using the New International Version Bible, answer the following questions. If you do not have NIV Bible you could check for your answers online. www.biblegateway.com.

B. Do not rely on your memory. As the Bible is the final authority, you must take the answer from the Bible verse (not from footnotes but from the text).

1. Fill in the missing words in Matthew 5:44. "Love your enemies, _____ them that curse you, _____ to them that hate you, and pray for them which _____ and persecute you."
2. According to Matthew 17:21, what two things are required to cast out this type of demon? _____, _____.
3. According to Matthew 18:11, why did Jesus come to earth? _____
4. According to Matthew 27:2, what was Pilate's first name? _____
5. In Matthew 27:35, when the wicked soldiers parted His garments, they were fulfilling the words of the prophet. Copy what the prophet said in Matthew 27:35 from the NIV. (use back of sheet)
6. In Mark 3:15, Jesus gave the apostles power to cast out demons and to: _____
7. According to Mark 7:16, what does a man need to be able to hear? _____
8. According to Luke 7:28, what was John? (teacher, prophet, carpenter, etc.). What is his title or last name? _____
9. In Luke 9:55, what did the disciples not know? _____
10. In Luke 9:56, what did the Son of man not come to do? According to this verse, what did He come to do? _____
11. In Luke 22:14, how many apostles were with Jesus? _____
12. According to Luke 23:38, in what three languages was the superscription written?
13. In Luke 24:42, what did they give Jesus to eat with His fish? _____
14. What happened each year as told in John 5:4? _____
15. In John 7:50, what time of day did Nicodemus come to Jesus? _____
16. In Acts 8:37, what is the one requirement for baptism? _____
17. What did Saul ask Jesus in Acts 9:6? _____
18. Write the name of the man mentioned in Acts 15:34. _____
19. Study Acts 24:6-8. What would the Jew have done with Paul? What was the chief captain's name? What did the chief captain command? _____
20. Copy Romans 16:24 word for word from the NIV. (use back)
21. In the second part of First Peter 4:14, how do [they] speak of Christ? And, what do we Christians do? _____
22. Who are the three Persons in First John 5:7? _____

Number answered using the New International Version _____. Now try answering the same questions, but use the King James Bible, and compare your answers between the two. Number answered using the King James Bible _____. As you can see we shouldn't be using the NIV since it takes away from the word of God. See, **Revelations 22:18-19**.

Feast of First Fruits

The Feast of First Fruits began in the first month; soon after the seven days of the feast of Unleavened Bread/Passover. **Numbers 28:16** “*And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD.*” **Verse 26:** “*Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:*”

In this feast we presented before the Lord the blessings he gave us from the land. **Leviticus 23:10** “*Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:*” **Verse 11:** “*And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.*” When the feast of unleavened bread was finished; the people prepared themselves to honor the most High with their crops after (the morrow of) the weekly Sabbath. **Proverbs 3:9** “*Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:*” **Verse 10:** “*So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*”

The first fruits were the best of all that the Heavenly Father blessed the children of Israel with. **Numbers 18:12** “*All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.*” **Verse 13:** “*And whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat of it.*” The children of Israel presented these gifts of the Lord unto the priest. **Leviticus 23:12** “*And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.*” We want to remind you that the priesthood was change because of the ultimate sacrifice which is Christ. **Hebrews 7:12** “*For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.*” **Hebrews 10:8** “*Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;*” **Verse 9:** “*Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.*” **Verse 10:** “*By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*”

Although the priesthood is changed we must still honor this day in the faith of Christ (read, **Acts 20:16** and **1st Corinthians 16:8**). Considering how this feast was symbolic of Christ and those who he called into the truth. **1st Corinthians 15:22** “*For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*” **Verse 23:** “*But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming*” The apostle Paul is teaching us that Christ is the first fruits of all men; because he resurrected for he was the best at righteousness.

Remember the first fruits were the best of all our crops. Today the most High is planting his seed in Israel. **Luke 8:11** “*Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.*” **1st Corinthian 3:9** “*For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry (crops), ye are God's building.*” The Heavenly Father is seeking brothers and sisters to repent and become ripe in righteousness. **James 1:18** “*Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*” Through the teachings of the bible we are born again by his mercy/will that we may become like his Son Jesus Christ (please read, **Romans 8:28-30**).

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Feast of First Fruits

An example of men becoming the first fruits in the gospel could be read in **1st Corinthians 16:15** *“I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)”* The house of Stephanas were one of the first to repent in Achaia and they become addicted to the work of the Lord.

The feast of First fruits is known by many names such as Feast of Weeks, Pentecost and Feast of Harvest. Remember we read above in Numbers chapter 28 where it said *“after your weeks be out”* indicating to us where the name of Feast of Weeks comes from.

Exodus 34:22 *“And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest,...”*

Leviticus 23:15 *“And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:”* **Verse 16:** *“Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.”*

The *“morrow after the sabbath”* that the scripture is speaking of is the first day of the week. **Leviticus 23:11** *“And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.”* The Sabbath of Leviticus 23 verse 11, many times is confused with the Passover Sabbath. But in verse 15 it explains to us clearly that it is speaking of the regular weekly Sabbath. Because it says *“seven sabbaths shall be complete”*; meaning it must be 49 days complete. Therefore if you start counting from the Passover Sabbath it will not be seven Sabbaths complete (49 days). Unless the Passover Sabbath lands on the regular weekly Sabbath. After the seventh Sabbath comes you add one more day to make it 50 days.

The 50th day must be observed as a holy convocation/Sabbath. **Leviticus 23:21** *“And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.”* To commemorate this day in our captivity have a dinner with fellow believing Israelites. **Tobit 2:1** *“Now when I was come home again, and my wife Anna was restored unto me, with my son Tobias, in the feast of Pentecost, which is the holy feast of the seven weeks, there was a good dinner prepared me, in the which I sat down to eat.”* **Verse 2:** *“And when I saw abundance of meat, I said to my son, Go and bring what poor man soever thou shalt find out of our brethren, who is mindful of the Lord; and, lo, I tarry for thee.”* The feast was also called Pentecost because in Greek it means “the fiftieth day”. We pray and hope that this edifies you in keeping the day holy as we are commanded by the Lord. All praise and glory to the most High in the name of his Holy Son Jesus Christ. Peace!

Easter the worshipping of Ashtaroth

Acts 12:3 “*And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were **the days of unleavened bread.**)*” **Verse 4:** “*And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people.*”

The word **Easter** is only found in the Bible once in the King James Version and it was a mistranslation by the scholars. Verse 3 explains to us that the word that should be rendered for Easter is Passover. Since it “***the days of unleavened bread.***” **Luke 22:1** “*Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.*” The scripture plainly shows us that Passover is word that should be there; this can also be proven by going to the original Hebrew text. Do not let this discourage you from reading out of the KJV since it is easily reconciled within the same scripture. These things are all done by the work of the Lord. Read, **Romans 11:8-10**. Easter is claimed to be a Christian festival to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In reality, Easter derives from a spring goddess of fertility. The root of its name comes from the Babylonian goddess Semiramis who went under other names such as Astarte, Ishtar, Ashtaroth and Diana spoken of in the **book of Acts, chapter 19**. Her wicked image was of a woman with many breasts because she was the goddess of fertility.

Today we have our people ignorantly committing idolatry by following vain/worthless traditions of men. **Mark 7:6** “*He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.*” **Verse 7:** “*Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*” **Verse 9:** “*And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.*” We have to remember that we can not reject the first and second commandment; to have no other gods before the most High and to not bow down and serve graven images. Have you not asked yourself where does this tradition come from of bunnies laying colorful eggs. This tradition is symbolizing fertility; the eggs and the bunny is a sign of being fruitful in reproduction.

The prophets in the past taught against the worship of this Idol which Israel followed in the past. **1st Samuel 7:3** “*And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.*” Even in the New testament we read of Paul confronting this issue. **Acts 19:26** “*Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:”* **Verse 27:** “*So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.*” Today we must confront this same issue in the same fashion as our righteous forefathers. By teaching our people to repent and keep the perfect laws of the most High. If the Heavenly Father had desired for us to keep this day holy he would have given us instruction out of the scriptures, instead we have learned today that it is rooted in paganism.

In researching the history of the Idol Astarte we have learned that she was called the queen of heaven and popular observances that are held today such as hot cross buns of Good Friday and the dyed eggs were also observed by the Babylonians. **Jeremiah 7:18** “*The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.*” Today this queen of heaven is replaced by the worship of Mary whom the Catholic Church has elevated her to the status of God and Christ. This is not found in scripture but in Babylonian Idolatry. **Luke 11:27** “*And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.*” **Verse 28:** “*But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.*” Jesus Christ taught us not exalt his mother as that woman in the company tried to do. To accommodate pagans false doctrines, traditions were created that go against the word of God. This was allegedly done in the early 6th century by Abbot Dionysius. We pray that our people repent from following this pagan day which is against Christ. **Colossians 2:8** “*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*”

If you have any questions or concerns about the Newsletter please contact us. We are also open to suggestions for topics, thank you.

Ezekiel 37:3 “And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.”

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New Moon a Day of Worship

Ecclesiasticus 33:7 “Why doth one day excel another, when as all the light of every day in the year is of the sun?”

Verse 8: “By the knowledge of the Lord they were distinguished: and he altered seasons and feasts.” **Verse 9:** “Some of them hath he made high days, and hallowed them, and some of them hath he made ordinary days.”

By the word of the Heavenly Father we know which days are ordinary days and which are holy days of God. The new moon is a day regarded to be solemn to God.

Psalms 81:3 “Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.”

The new moon was a day when Israel would come and worship the Heavenly Father by giving sacrifices according to the law. Read **Numbers 10:10** and **Numbers 28:11-15**. As we all know

Christ has become the ultimate sacrifice. **Hebrews 10:10** “By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” And we could still send sacrifices of our own as it is written. **Hebrews 13:15** “By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.”

Again let us examine the importance of this day. The new moon is the beginning of our months and by it we could tell the rest of the feast days. **Ecclesiasticus 43:6** “He made the moon also to serve in her season for a declaration of times, and a sign of the world” Here we read how the moon is used to declare times such as seasons and days in the world.

Ecclesiasticus 43:7 “From the moon is the sign of feasts, a light that decreaseth in her perfection.”

Ecclesiasticus 43:8 “The month is called after her name, increasing wonderfully in her changing, being an instrument of the armies above, shining in the firmament of heaven;”

The word month comes from moon and as it was declared earlier by the moon we are made aware of the feast days.

Ezekiel 46:1 “Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.”

In the past when the temple was used, during the ordinary days (six working days) it would be closed only on the Sabbath and New Moons and the rest of the Feast Days it was Opened. Showings the importance to remember and observe these days which the Lord separated unto himself. Please read **Isaiah 66:22-23** and **Amos 8:5**.