

Parashah 92 VaYikra 22:1 – 23:44; Zechariah 14:1 – 19; Colossians 2:16 – 17
Who is to Observe the LORD's Appointed Times?

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Today: 1) God has the Plan, 2) Who can annul what God has established?

- Ch 22: Requirements for the holy gifts
- Ch 23: The LORD's Appointed Times

- Ch 22 v2-9 A priest must be clean to approach any sacred donations
 - If unclean, then wash, and when the sun sets, he will be clean
 - So that they will not bear sin because of it and die
- v10-16 A layman may not eat of it, but only the priests & their household
 - A priest's indentured servant is considered part of his household
 - Unintentional violation incurs repayment plus 20%
- V17-31 Requirements of the sacrifice – it must be perfect
- So you shall keep My commandments, and do them; I am HaShem (v31, John 14:15)

For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me John 5:46

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Are God's Biblical Festivals still valid today?

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Lev 23 – Summary of the Biblical Festivals

- The 7th day Sabbath
- The Spring Festivals
Passover / Feast of Unleavened Bread / 1st Fruits / Feast of Weeks
- The Fall Festivals
Day of "Trumpets" / Day of Atonement / Feast of Tabernacles / The 8th Day

I was always told (yet still) these are Jewish holidays and are no longer valid

- This is what I believed since a child, because this is what the "church" teaches
When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. 1Cor. 13:11
- And this is what I've found
 - God is Sovereign
 - God's teachings (Torah) are for all of His people
 - God teachings have been distorted by Institutional Religious Businesses
 - God is Faithful to His Promises

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HaShem is Sovereign over all His Creation

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Since the foundations were created, HaShem's plan of Redemption was in Place

- Lev. 23:2 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD’S appointed times which you shall proclaim as holy convocations — My appointed times are these: **מוֹעֲדֵי יְהוָה**”
- Psa. 104:19 **He made the moon for the seasons**;
The sun knows the place of its setting. **עֲשֵׂה יָרֵחַ לְמוֹעֲדִים**
- Gen. 1:14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, **and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years**;
וְהָיוּ לְאֹתֹת וּלְמוֹעֲדִים וּלְיָמִים וּלְשָׁנִים:
- These are a shadow of the things to come; but the substance belongs to Messiah col 2:17

But yet the “church” teaches the Biblical Festivals are no longer relevant – Why?

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HaShem's Teachings (Torah) are for All Mankind

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Zech 14 started me on a journey which revealed that there is 1 law for Mankind

- **After HaShem stands on the Mount of Olives, all nations will celebrate Sukkot**
 - Egyptians are not Jewish, but they are required to observe Sukkot
 - This became a Turning-Point in my life – I want to be ready for Messiah
 - Eschatology Interest reduced while learning Daily Obedience increased
- **The Scriptures confirm that HaShem's Torah is for Everyone**
 - Passover - Same Law shall apply to the native & alien: Ex 12:19, 47-49, Num 9:14
 - Offerings – 1 law/ordinance, perpetual statute for you & the alien Num 15:14-16
 - Forgiveness – sons of Israel will be forgiven, with the alien... Num 15:26, 28-29
 - The Whole Torah – & the alien...observe all the words of this Torah Deut 31:9-13
 - Fear God & Keep His commandments, because this applies to every person Eccl 12:13
 - Not the hearers of the Law...but the doers of the Law will be justified Rom 2:13
 - Saints who keep the commandments of God & their faith in Yeshua Rev 14:12
 - Whoever annuls 1 of the least & teaches others, will be called least Matt 5:19
- **We are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise Gal 3:29**

If Egypt must observe the Biblical Festivals, why was I taught they are no longer valid?

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Why does the “church” teach against observing God’s Appointed Times?

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Messiah and the Apostles observed the Biblical Festivals of Lev. 23

- (Luke 2:41-42, John 2:13, 5:1, 7:2, 10, 37, Matt 26:17, Acts 2:1, 20:6, 16, 27:9)

So what then changed after the time of the Apostles?

- **Supersessionism = Church replaces Israel, and the NT replaces the OT**
 - Did the “church” begin at Pentecost? No No No!!!
 - Ekklesia (114) translated church except for 5 times (Acts 19, 7:38, Heb 2:12)
 - The Qahal / Ekklesia / Synagogue has been assembling since Able
- **What’s the result when you MIX Supersessionism with greed & then add power?**
 - **Roman Catholic Church (RCC) with the power of Emperor Constantine**
 - 7 March 321 Constantine issued a civil decree making Sunday a day of rest

“All judges and city people and the craftsmen shall rest upon the venerable day of the sun.”

(Ayer, Joseph Cullen (1913). *A Source Book for Ancient Church History*. Vol. 2.1.1.59g. [New York City](#): Charles Scribner's Sons. pp. 284–5.)

- RCC made day change official (Council of Laodicea A.D. 363-364) decreeing 59 Canon laws

Canon XXIX: “Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord’s Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ.”

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“Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely”

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- **Lev 23 Biblical Festivals were also replaced by the RCC**

Can. 1244 §1. It is only for the supreme ecclesiastical authority to establish, transfer, and suppress feast days and days of penance common to the universal Church, without prejudice to the prescript of can. 1246, §2.

Can. 1246 §1. Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. The following days must also be observed: the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Epiphany, the Ascension, the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Mary the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception, her Assumption, Saint Joseph, Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostles, and All Saints.

§2. With the prior approval of the Apostolic See, however, the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday.

- **Constantine supported the separation of the date of Easter from the Jewish Passover, stating in his letter after the First Council of Nicaea (which had already decided the matter):**

“... it appeared an unworthy thing that in the celebration of this most holy feast we should follow the practice of the Jews, who have impiously defiled their hands with enormous sin, and are, therefore, deservedly afflicted with blindness of soul ... Let us then have nothing in common with the detestable Jewish crowd; for we have received from our Saviour a different way.” Eusebius, *Life of Constantine* Vol. III Ch. XVIII Life of Constantine (Book III) (Catholic Encyclopedia)

- **RCC stated “The pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ,” (Decretal de Translat. Episcop. Cap.)**

This is WHY today’s “church” teaches these are Jewish Holidays & no longer required

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We Rest in God's Sovereignty & His Promises

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Her priests have done violence to My Torah and have profaned My holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they hide their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. **Ezek. 22:26**

But yet He has always maintained a remnant of Believers (Isa 10:20-22)

Lev 23 makes this statement 4 times (v14, 21, 31, 41)
"It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your Generations in all your dwelling places."

May we rest in His Promises and walk in obedience by the empowering Of His Holy Spirit

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. **Ezek. 36:27**



"You are now burning a goose, but in 100 yrs a swan will arise which you will prove unable to boil or roast" Jan Hus