

**Following Yahushua To Find The Feast Of Weeks**  
**Part 3 of “Exploring The Authority Of Yahushua Messiah’s Biblical**  
**Calendar, In His High Priesthood Order Of Melchizedek”**

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*From the Apostolic testimony of The Begotten Son of YHVH, Yahushua’s authoritative calendar related behaviour, in the context the foundational solar calendar precepts from the Zadok Priesthood testimony of the Qumran Library, and the calculation of days according to Moses Law (Leviticus 23), we find that the Feast of Weeks occurs on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014***

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## Part Three

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## The Exiled Zadok Priesthood's Understanding of the Position Of The Feast Of First Fruits

From the ancient Zadok priesthood writings (Qumran Library) who were forcefully exiled from the Temple around 60 BCE, under violent persecution by *the Pharisee Rabbis when they took control over the Temple*, we now understand that a different Judaism pre-existed contemporary Rabbinical Judaism that followed a solar based religious calendar, and that they testified strongly against the Pharisee/Rabbinic imposition of a lunar based calendar over the Temple worship which occurred from approximately 60-70 years immediately preceding the birth of Yahushua Messiah.

From the Zadok testimony we find a Judaism that follows a calendar similar to that declared by ancient Enoch. According to the "Sons of Zadok" testimony,

1. The biblical calendar was solar based - determined by the annual "circuit" of the sun (i.e. the time taken in the earth's annual orbit of the sun).
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> day of the year was identified by the observation of the day of the vernal equinox.
3. The Weekly Sabbath was identified by counting the identified 1<sup>st</sup> day of the year as the fourth day of the week.
4. The Feast Of First Fruits was positioned as occurring after the first Weekly Sabbath that occurred after the full completion of the period of 7 days of Unleavened Bread.

This Zadok calendar can be seen falling out as follows:

The identification of the day of the Feast of First Fruits then enabled the 50 day count (with 7 Weekly Sabbaths) to identify the Feast of Weeks

Zadock Calendar			
	Precept 1	Precept 2	
	Year Day Number	Week Day	
Precept 1 - Equinox	1	4	<i>Identification of Day 4 of the week</i>
	2	5	
	3	6	
	4	7	<b>Weekly Sabbath</b>
	5	1	
	6	2	
	7	3	
	8	4	
	9	5	
	10	6	
	11	7	<b>Weekly Sabbath</b>
	12	1	
	13	2	
	14	3	<b>Passover Preparation</b>
	15	4	<b>Unleavened Bread Day 1</b>
	16	5	
	17	6	
	18	7	<b>Weekly Sabbath</b>
	19	1	
	20	2	
	21	3	<b>Unleavened Bread Day 7</b>
	22	4	
	23	5	
	24	6	
	25	7	<b>Weekly Sabbath</b>
	26	1	<b>Zadock First Fruits</b>
	27	2	

## ***Yahushua Messiah's Behaviour In Regard To The Position Of The Feast Of First Fruits And The Feast Of Weeks***

However the Apostolic testimony is that Yahushua Messiah observed the Law of Moses without *sin or iniquity* under the Law of Moses. Thus it is confirmed that Yahushua must have observed biblical calendar that was 100% correct under the law of Moses and according to YHVH's commandments.

The Apostolic testimony (Mark 14:12-28; Luke 22:1-20) gives careful note of the timing and description of Yahushua observing His last Passover meal with His disciples, as taking place on *the full day prior to the Pharisee/Rabbinic calendar timing of their Passover meal, which they had imposed on the temple*. (For more exhaustive discussion on this difference between the timing of Yahushua's Passover and the Pharisee/Rabbinic temple calendar of Passover, please see: [What Calendar Did Yahushua Keep – Whose Report Will We Believe? \(Sept 2012\)](#)).

From the Apostolic testimony of Yahushua's last Passover, we learn that:

- It occurred a full day *before* the Rabbinic Passover/ Unleavened Bread meal according to the Apostles account, and on the Pharisee/ Rabbinic calendar governing the temple practices at that time, the day of the Passover preparation occurred on the next day, when Yahushua was crucified.
- Two disciples were sent to find a man carrying a *water pitcher*, whom we now know was a Zadok priest following the solar biblical calendar
- They would follow that man to the Zadok quarters for Yahushua's Passover, as it had been ceremonial cleansed according to the required timing and would be ready for Yahushua's Passover.
- Yahushua called this man 'the good man'
- That the disciples must tell him that Yahushua would keep His Passover/Unleavened Bread (not a last supper) that night in the man's guest upper room
- That neither the Apostles nor the "Goodman" showed any protest that this request was an incorrect day for the Passover meal to be held, or that this was unlawful according to the law of Moses, or that they should rather only be doing this the following day, as was the Pharisee/Rabbinic religious practices in control of the Temple at that time.
- By their testimony the Apostles clearly demonstrate that the Pharisees Day of Preparation for the Passover Feast occurred the very next day after Yahushua's remembrance of His Passover Feast (Day 14 of the Zadok solar calendar).
- Thus on the Rabbinic calendar – their "Nisan 14" was in fact day 15 on Yahushua's / Zadok solar calendar.

So to this point of the identification of the Passover meal and the seven days of Unleavened bread we find Yahushua in harmony with the Zadok solar calendar, but not in harmony with the Pharisee/Rabbinic lunar calendar

However, when we follow Yahushua to find the timing of the Feast of First Fruits, we find the Apostolic testimony of Yahushua is that He was raised from the dead in accord with His prophecy of Jonah – there would be 3 days and 3 nights that Yahushua would be in the grave, until His resurrection from the dead.

### ***Matthew 12:***

*38 ¶ Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.*

*39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:*

*40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

*41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.*

## **Yahushua Our FirstFruits**

The Apostolic testimony is that, in accord with His prophecy of the “sign of Jonah”, Yahushua indeed was raised from the dead after 3 days and 3 nights, and that in the resurrection of Yahushua from the dead, Yahushua was the “first fruits” of all YHVH’s people who would be raised from the dead, whether they be currently asleep or yet to be transformed in the last day.

*1 Cor 15:*

*16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Messiah raised:*

*17 And if Messiah be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*

*18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Messiah are perished.*

*19 If in this life only we have hope in Messiah, we are of all men most miserable.*

*20 ¶ But now is Messiah risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*

*21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

*22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah shall all be made alive.*

*23 But every man in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are Messiah’s at his coming.*

*24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to the Almighty, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*

*25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.*

*26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

*27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.*

*28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that The Almighty may be all in all.*

From this testimony we learn that:

- Yahushua is the first fruits offering of men unto YHVH
- Yahushua was the first to be raised from the dead of all men who have died / will die in faith of YHVH or are yet to be transformed the end of the age.

In the law of Moses, YHVH’s people were to observe the feast of First fruits and bring the First fruits of their labour as an offering before YHVH (Exodus 23:16). The Feast of First Fruits marked the ingathering of the Barley, whereas the Feast of Weeks would mark the first fruits offering of the ingathering of the wheat. Likewise the Apostolic testimony of Yahushua’s resurrection is that He is our First Fruits offering, where Yahushua is the first fruits of YHVH’s great harvest of men.

Only one – Yahushua was able to make the offering of First Fruits as the perfect last man (the last Adam, 1 Cor 15:45) who was without sin, whereas the Feast of Weeks marks the offering of the first fruits of men who are truly born of the Spirit of YHVH above through their faith in, and love for Yahushua the Good Shepherd, the Lamb of YHVH.

Thus, looking at Yahushua’s resurrection and offering of First Fruits unto YHVH, and in accord with the “Sign of Jonah” (the 3 days and nights in the grace until the resurrection) we find that Yahushua demonstrates the appointed time of the feast of First Fruits (the day of His resurrection) on a day that is earlier then the Zadok understanding, since the count to Yahushua’s First Fruits begins on the day following the weekly Shabbat that occurs within the 7 day Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Thus, in the context of the calendar timing of the events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection, we see that Yahushua’s demonstration of the Feast of First Fruits (the day of the Resurrection) occurs on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of the year, whereas the Zadok’s held it to be on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of the year, a full 7 days after the 7 days after Yahushua’s resurrection and His demonstration of YHVH’s Appointed Time of First Fruits.

This can be seen as follows:

Seeking Yahushua's Calendar Of Shavuot					
Zadock Calendar			Yahushua's calendar		
Year Day Number	Precept 2 Week Day		Year Day Number	Week day	
1	4	Identification of Day 4 of the week	1	4	
2	5		2	5	
3	6		3	6	
4	7	Weekly Sabbath	4	7	Weekly Sabbath
5	1		5	1	
6	2		6	2	
7	3		7	3	
8	4		8	4	
9	5		9	5	
10	6		10	6	
11	7	Weekly Sabbath	11	7	Weekly Sabbath
12	1		12	1	
13	2		13	2	
14	3	Zadok Passover	14	3	Yahushua's Last Passover
15	4	Unleavened Bread Day 1	15	4	Unleavened Bread
16	5		16	5	Crucifixion
17	6		17	6	
18	7	Weekly Sabbath	18	7	Weekly Sabbath
19	1		19	1	Resurrection
20	2		20	2	Yahushua First Fruits
21	3	Unleavened Bread Day 7	21	3	
22	4		22	4	
23	5		23	5	
24	6		24	6	
25	7	Weekly Sabbath	25	7	Sabbath 1
26	1	Zadok First Fruits	26	8	
27	2		27	9	

### **Plausible Reason As To Why Yahushua's Demonstration Of First Fruits Differs From The Zadok Calendar**

We see in the diagram how Yahushua's behaviour demonstrates consistency with the Zadok calendar for Passover and Unleavened bread, but differs from First Fruits. We know that:

1. Yahushua is the Word of YHVH, and it was by Yahushua that creation was made in the beginning (see John 1:1-19), Thus Yahushua would be intimate with the Divine appointed times.
2. Yahushua was not guilty of any sin (1 John 3:5) under the Law of Moses, and thus the calendar he demonstrates must be absolutely correct according to YHVH's Law

Why then would the Zadok's have a difference in their identification of First Fruits?

The only answer that might give reasonable cause is that when the Babylonian captivity was ended, and the faithful remnant returned, in the book of Nehemiah we read that they had forgotten the law of Moses. It was Ezra the priest who returned and taught all the remnant the law of Moses (See Nehemiah chapter 8).

Nehemiah 9 records the remnant's awakening and confessing their sins to YHVH and that historically all Israel had turned away from YHVH's law and forgotten it. But YHVH was merciful and restored their understanding to the point that the temple and the priests could once again function.

#### **Nehemiah 9:34**

*Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them.*

The testimony that the priests did not keep (had forgotten) YHVH's law is evidence that centuries of mixed religious practices had significant affect on the *religious memory of Israel*. This is also described by the Zadok's priesthood as what occurred in the century that preceded the coming of Yahushua. The Zadok's clung to the instructions of Enoch for the calendar for it was astronomically

correct in many respects, however the need to intercalate an extra 7 days every 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year, because of their use of the counting of days of the month according to Enoch, indicates that the Zadok did not have everything correct. Even they testified that they were looking for the prophesied “Teacher Of Righteousness” to come and “restore all things”. This testimony in itself reveals that they acknowledged that they did not have all the understanding of YHVH’s ways restored to them at that time.

Ultimately as recorded in Acts 6:7 a great multitude of the priests came to faith in accord with the Apostolic testimony – these were exiled remnant of the Zadok and Levite priesthood that had been driven out of the temple by the Pharisee Rabbis some 80-90 years earlier. In coming into obedient faith of Yahushua as the “Teacher of Righteousness” and acknowledging Yahushua as Messiah, they would have recognised Yahushua as being the “First Fruits” resurrected begotten *Son of YHVH*, in accordance with the Apostolic testimony, and they would have realised the day of His resurrection as a *correction* to their calendar with respect to the Feast of First Fruits, along with its associated lawful count of days to the identification of the Feast of Weeks.

Interestingly, now with the revelation for the Qumran scrolls, the writings and testimony of the exiled Zadok priesthood, we find ancient historical proof that reveals that Rabbinical Judaism, since the times of Yahushua has worked hard to completely obliterate the religious memory of the House of Judah as remembered by the Zadok priesthood. Just as historical Christendom bound up Israel in a religious prison house, so to has been the motivation of Pharisee Rabbinicalism to the House of Judah. So it is that both houses Of Israel have been bound in the prison houses of apostate religion and once again we wait for the “breaker” – who is Yahushua Messiah – who will come and restore all things (Mat 17:10).

### ***Following Yahushua’s Footsteps To Find The Feast Of Weeks***

From the day of the resurrection of Yahushua messiah, we are then able to identify the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot) according to the instructions of Leviticus 23. When associated with the Gregorian calendar, given the *true sun observation* at the equinox on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, we find that the Feast of Weeks occurs on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014

*(For Table with Gregorian dates see next page)*

Seeking Yahushua's Calendar Of Shavuot

Year Day Number	Yahushua's calendar Week day	2014 Grego
1	4	21-Mar
2	5	22-Mar
3	6	23-Mar
4	7 Weekly Sabbath	24-Mar
5	1	25-Mar
6	2	26-Mar
7	3	27-Mar
8	4	28-Mar
9	5	29-Mar
10	6	30-Mar
11	7 Weekly Sabbath	31-Mar
12	1	1-Apr
13	2	2-Apr
14	3 - Yahushua's Last Passover	3-Apr
15	4 - Unleavened Bread	Crucifixion 4-Apr
16	5	5-Apr
17	6	6-Apr
18	7 Weekly Sabbath	7-Apr
19	1 Resurrection	Yahushua First Fruits 8-Apr
20	2	9-Apr
21	3	10-Apr
22	4	11-Apr
23	5	12-Apr
24	6	13-Apr
25	7 Sabbath 1	14-Apr
26	8	15-Apr
27	9	16-Apr
28	10	17-Apr
29	11	18-Apr
30	12	19-Apr
31	13	20-Apr
32	14 Sabbath 2	21-Apr
33	15	22-Apr
34	16	23-Apr
35	17	24-Apr
36	18	25-Apr
37	19	26-Apr
38	20	27-Apr
39	21 Sabbath 3	28-Apr
40	22	29-Apr
41	23	30-Apr
42	24	1-May
43	25	2-May
44	26	3-May
45	27	4-May
46	28 Sabbath 4	5-May
47	29	6-May
48	30	7-May
49	31	8-May
50	32	9-May
51	33	10-May
52	34	11-May
53	35 Sabbath 5	12-May
54	36	13-May
55	37	14-May
56	38	15-May
57	39	16-May
58	40	17-May
59	41	18-May
60	42 Sabbath 6	19-May
61	43	20-May
62	44	21-May
63	45	22-May
64	46	23-May
65	47	24-May
66	48	25-May
67	49 Sabbath 7	26-May
68	50 Acts 2 Feast Of Weeks	27-May
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