

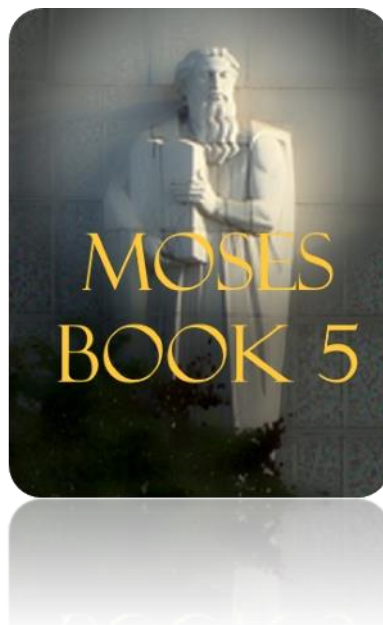
# DEUTERONOMY 16 vs 1

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700 years later having rejected the 10 commands... as **Israel** prepared for Assyrian captivity, the Lord said: Though I wrote ten thousand, they are regarded as a strange thing -- **Hosea 8**; as **Judah** prepared for Babylonian captivity, He allowed them their onerous manmade traditions and said: So, I permitted them statues that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live -- **Ezekiel 20**.

But this is what Moses originally told the people of God... in order that they prosper and live long in the land they were to enter, first promised to Abraham. In this chapter we learn about the 3 annual festivals, centered around the 7 Days of the Lord – 7 specific Days, fulfilled by something the Messiah does. Paul said those specific appointments of the Lord – are shadows of things to come; only in Christ do they have meaning.



<sup>1</sup> **Observe** / keep, guard to protect... **the month of Abib** / the pre-exilic name, **Nisan** postexilic name; modern equivalent: **Mar. – Apr.**; the first month of the year,

## **Festival of Unleavened Bread** - Passover

and keep the Passover to the LORD your God for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night / the first of 3 festivals of celebration required for the people to attend in Jerusalem; centered around 7 specific work Days that belong to the Lord:

<sup>2</sup> You will sacrifice the Passover to the LORD your God, from the flock and the herd, in the place where the Lord chooses to place His name.

<sup>3</sup> You will **not** eat leavened bread with it; seven days will you eat **unleavened** bread with it, even **the bread of affliction** (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), that you remember all the days of your life when you came out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>4</sup> For seven days, there will be **no** leavened bread found with you in all your territories; and none of the flesh which you sacrificed on the evening of the first day, will remain overnight until morning.

<sup>5</sup> You are **not** to sacrifice the Passover within any of your towns which the LORD your God gives you:

<sup>6</sup> but at the place where the LORD your God chooses to place His name, you will sacrifice the Passover in the evening at sunset, at the time you came out of Egypt.

<sup>7</sup> You will cook and eat in the place the LORD your God chooses: and in the morning, you are to return to your tents.

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<sup>8</sup> Six days you will eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day there will be a solemn assembly to the LORD your God: you will do no work on it.

**Festival of Weeks** – Firstfruits, Pentecost

<sup>9</sup> You will count seven weeks: starting seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain.

<sup>10</sup> You will keep the festival of Weeks to the LORD your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, / you will bring the firstfruits of your springtime fields, and give them to the Lord.

which you will give, according as the LORD your God blesses you;

<sup>11</sup> and you will rejoice before the Lord your God, you, your son, your daughter, your male and female servants, and the Levite who is within your town; and the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow who are among you, in the place the LORD your God choses to place His name.

<sup>12</sup> And you will remember that you were a slave in Egypt: you will keep and do these statutes.

**Festival of Ingathering** – Trumpets, Afflicting souls; Temporary Shelters

<sup>13</sup> You will keep the festival of Tents / temporary shelters... seven days after you gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine vat: / so this is after all the planting and growing; after the summer work in the fields is finished, and the people relied on the Lord to give the increase;

<sup>14</sup> And you will rejoice in your festival, you, your son, your daughter, your male and female servants; and the Levite, the stranger, the orphan and the widow who are in your towns.

<sup>15</sup> Seven days you will keep a solemn festival to the Lord your God in the place the LORD chooses: because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce, and in all the work of your hands; so, that you surely rejoice.

<sup>16</sup> Three times each year all your males will appear before the LORD your God in the place that He chooses;

in the festival of Unleavened Bread,

and in the festival of Weeks,

and in the festival of Tents / temporary shelters:

and they will not appear before the LORD empty-handed:

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<sup>17</sup> Every man will give as he is able,

according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.

Limited leadership is required in every orderly community:

<sup>18</sup> You will appoint for yourselves judges and officers in all your towns which the Lord your God gives you according to your tribes: and they will judge the people with right judgment.

<sup>19</sup> You will **not** distort justice; you will **not** be partial, you will **not** take a bribe: for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous.

<sup>20</sup> Justice and only justice will you pursue, that you live and possess the land the Lord your God gives you.

<sup>21</sup> You will **not** plant for yourselves an Asherah of any tree / whatever an Asherah pole or tree was; it is closely associated with phallic symbols and the hocus pocus superstitions when worshiping a pole or a tree – a practice of Baal devotees; and that activity somehow ensuring they had a bumper crop; God says; **No!** the demons won't give you a bumper crop of anything but worthless fantasies and disappointments. And the Lord God certainly won't not share His glory with anybody – especially with some demon-inspired fool, deceived by some weird, nameless demonic spirit. **If this is an Asherah, I agree: take the junky thing away.**

You will **not** plant for yourselves an Asherah of any tree... next to the altar of the Lord your God, which you make yourselves.



<sup>22</sup> Nor will you set up any sacred pillar; which the Lord your God hates.

Moses repeatedly told the people of God, what they were to do, in order to prosper and live long in the land God promised to Abraham.

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## 3 Days are still on His Calendar

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