

Calendar Reflection & Study Notes

4.3 Building Bridges - Celebration

Purpose

To find practical ways to reach out to Jewish people throughout the year.

Scriptures

[Ecclesiastes 3](#), [2 Timothy 4:2](#) – There is a right time to reach out

[Exodus 20:8-11](#), [Isaiah 26:3](#), [Matthew 11:28](#) - Shabbat (Sabbath)

[Leviticus 23:23-24](#), [Zechariah 9:14](#), [Joel 2:1](#), [1 Thessalonians 1:8](#) - Rosh Hashanah (Start of the religious Year)

[Leviticus 23:26-32](#), [Leviticus 16](#), [Leviticus 17:11](#), [Romans 3:23-26](#) - Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

[Leviticus 23:39-43](#), [Nehemiah 8:17-18](#), [John 1:14](#), [Revelation 21:3](#) - Sukkot (Tabernacles)

[Haggai 2:20-23](#), [John 10:22-23](#), [Psalm 28:8-9](#) - Hanukkah

[Esther](#), [Malachi 3:6](#), [Psalm 91](#) - Purim - Book of Esther

[Exodus 12:1-51](#) & [1 Peter 1:18-19](#), [Isaiah 53:5-7](#) & [Matthew 27:12-14](#) - Pesach (Passover)

[Deuteronomy 16:10](#), [Acts 2:1-2](#) - Shavuot (Pentecost)

[Luke 24:44](#) – The fullness is found in Messiah

Bible Study Reflection Questions

- 1) Why is it significant that God has 'an appointment diary' (his [Leviticus 23](#) calendar)?
- 2) How, personally, can you be intentional with your time to plan in days / times / ways that you will reach out to others with the Good News?
- 3) What are the advantages of having a biblical calendar of festivals to use as a springboard for interaction with Jewish people?
- 4) What are your personal strengths – are you practical? Relational? Theological? Helpful? Prayerful? How can they be used in evangelism?
- 5) Which festival themes are the most meaningful to you? How could you share these with your Christian friends?
- 6) The Bible says: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" ([1 Peter 4:10](#)). What are some things in your life (individually and collectively) that can be used to glorify God? How can this be done as a loving witness to Jewish people?
- 7) Which of the feasts of the Lord above could you celebrate as a witness to those around you? How could you do that?

Theology Touchpoints

God's Festivals and The Christian Faith [here](#)

Gentiles and the Feasts of Israel [here](#)

The Holidays Yeshua Celebrated [here](#)

Prayer points

Thank God that He has an appointment diary of how he wants His people to meet with Him ([Leviticus 23](#)). Many Jewish people are still obeying this today. God is faithful.

Pray for the Church – Many Christians are unaware of the richness and prophetic significance of the Biblical feasts. God has provided them as signposts to His redemptive Kingdom plan.

Intercede for the Jewish people – that they may know that the very festivals they celebrate each year ultimately point to Yeshua. In Him, these festivals are brought into glorious technicolour; when a Jewish person discovers Yeshua, everything finds its full meaning.

God is a God of life. When Yeshua was on earth, He engaged in the Jewish celebrations of the people. It is important to be informed about the biblical feasts and it wouldn't hurt to celebrate them once in while too. This makes you an effective 'pray-er' and provides a helpful 'conversation starter' concerning your Jewish friend.

Your Notes:

We recommend that you view the Care section of videos first and then watch all of the videos before you engage Jewish people with the Gospel.

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