

# Calendar Reflection & Study Notes

## 4.1 The Jewish Calendar

#### **Purpose**

To give an overview of the Biblical Feasts / Festivals as a calendar of interaction.

### **Scriptures**

<u>Leviticus 23</u> - God's calendar – the feasts and fasts of the Jewish year

Matthew 5:18 - Jesus on the Torah

Luke 22:19-20 - The opportunity of Pesach

John 7:37 - The opportunity of Tabernacles

John 10:22-25 - The opportunity of Hanukkah

Romans 15:4 - The Hebrew Bible is our teaching tool

Luke 24:44-53 – The feasts point to Yeshua.

### **Bible Study Reflection Questions**

- 1) Why do you think God created a calendar of festivals?
- 2) Why is it important for people to engage with God regularly in a community? How do you think this idea defines the Jewish community?
- 3) Why did God build into the feasts prophetic truths about Yeshua? (<u>Luke 24:44-</u>53).
- 4) Which feasts do you feel provide the most profound ways to share about Yeshua? In what ways? What resonates with you?
- 5) How could you use the concepts in the biblical festivals to reach out to Jewish People with a Gospel conversation? What key words and or analogies would you apply? (Colossians 4:5-6).
- 6) Why do you think that many Christians aren't aware of the biblical feasts? How could your familiarisation with God's calendar be valuable in you helping others understand about Jewish evangelism?
- 7) Why do you think that it is important to use the Jewish wording for the Jewish festivals? How might our knowledge and words either exemplify or impede the Gospel message?

### **Theology Touchpoints**

The Biblical Feasts <u>here</u>
The Spiritual Theology of the Feasts <u>here</u>
Passover Themes and Theology <u>here</u>

#### **Prayer points**

Thank God that He has communicated his desires through His Word. His Word is Truth (Jn 17:17) and He has set forth His intentions in the biblical feasts.

Pray that a deeper understanding of these things may become embedded among believers in Yeshua (Romans 15:4).

Intercede for the Jewish People – many of them annually partake in the festivals but are unaware that they point to Yeshua. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would draw people to Himself and that more Jewish People would meet the Messiah that their own festivals point to.

When He saved the people from Egypt, God, the Great King, gave them a set of instructions - the Torah. Yet despite all the things He prescribed, He also desired set times and seasons – His appointments – as sacred spaces for the people to meet with Him. Yeshua embodies these. His followers do not have to keep the feasts but Jewish People who believe in Jesus often choose to do so. This is both because they remain Jewish and also because the feasts are so rich in meaning. Therefore, let us be people who are able to understand and to articulate the biblical feasts. Let us be people who are praying for the Jewish People to encounter their Messiah who is typified in the biblical feasts.

#### **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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