

ACTS 1 AND 2

I want to take just a few minutes here before we move into chapter 2, to go back and take a look at what had happened to Judas, who betrayed the son of Yahovah our Elohim and I want us to understand the ramifications of what he did.

Some.. professing Christians today will proudly proclaim that Judas was forgiven of his sin, and that his place in the coming kingdom is secure, but Peter tells a very different story when he quotes the words of David in Psalms 109, and so with this in mind, as we go back to the Torah where Peter points to in Acts 1:20 we can see that the book of Acts in the “New Testament” is pointing directly back into the “Old Testament” writings of David.

Because Peter quotes from David I think it's important to take a look at what Peter was quoting from, and what it says about those who refuse the gift of Salvation, and return to their sin like a dog to it's vomit.

So lets take a few minutes to look at what Peter was quoting from in Acts 1:20.. we can find this in Psalms chapter 109:

READ PSA. 109:1-31

Psa 109:1 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. Be not silent, O God of my praise!

Psa 109:2 For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues.

Psa 109:3 They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause.

Psa 109:4 In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer.

Psa 109:5 So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

Psa 109:6 Appoint a wicked man against him; let an accuser stand at his right hand.

Psa 109:7 When he is tried, let him come forth guilty; let his prayer be counted as sin!

Psa 109:8 May his days be few; may another take his office!

Psa 109:9 May his children be fatherless and his wife a widow!

Psa 109:10 May his children wander about and beg, seeking food far from the ruins they inhabit!

Psa 109:11 May the creditor seize all that he has; may strangers plunder the fruits of his toil!

Psa 109:12 Let there be none to extend kindness to him, nor any to pity his fatherless children!

Psa 109:13 May his posterity be cut off; may his name be blotted out in the second generation!

Psa 109:14 May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, and let not

the sin of his mother be blotted out!

Psa 109:15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth!

Let this message go forth to all who refuse the gift of Salvation that's been offered by our Messiah. To those who would bit the hand that feeds them, and plot against the scriptures of our Elohim, and laugh and mock him even to this very day. To those who refuse to repent and turn from their wicked ways there most assuredly is a debt to be paid.

It should be clearly evident that Judas sins.. were not forgiven. And to reinforce this... we can point to what Yahshua himself told Judas in **Matthew 26:24-25**

*Mat 26:24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! **It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.**"*

Mat 26:25 Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

This really puts a damper on Christian Academia when it comes to there "Once Saved Always Saved" theology doesn't it?

Psalms 7:12 through 16 says this:

READ PSALMS 7:11-16

Psa 7:11 God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.

Psa 7:12 If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow;

*Psa 7:13 **he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts.***

Psa 7:14 Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies.

Psa 7:15 He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made.

Psa 7:16 His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends.

Notice that we see here that the "Wicked Man" causes his own demise.. Psa 7:16 His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends.

So for those who refuse to repent, who refuse to turn away from their wicked ways, and refuse to recognize the truth... and for those who mock there only Messiah, and what he

did for them... they heap coals over their own heads with out even knowing it.

For one to have walked with Yahovah, God in the flesh, and to have seen his miracles, and the raising of Lazzerous from the dead, and his kindness in feeding thousands of people, and casting out demons as he went along.. to have seen these things, and to have known who he was... and to have still betrayed him... you can rest assured... that Judas place in the fiery pit to this very day awaits him.

For those of us who believe in the man made, man created, man fabricated “Once Saved Always Saved” doctrine of demons.. let me show you whats written in the book of Hebrews.

READ HEB 10:26

Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Heb 10:29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

Heb 10:30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

So the lesson here my friends... is that we should keep our guard up, and not allow Christian Academia to blatantly lie to us that anyone is... “Once Saved Always Saved”. That my friends is an evil and wicked lie, and that one lie... will cause many to loose their very lives.... don't believe it NOT EVEN for a second.

This my friends is why we should constantly be praying for discernment, and endurance, and when we fall we need to get back up and REPENT... turn away... from what it was that made us fall, because if we don't, and we continue in our sin after knowing the truth.. there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

This is a very important lesson that we find here in the book of Acts that most Christians unfortunately completely miss.

Moving on.. we find at the end of chapter one of the book of Acts we have Peter making a stand and calling for the Apostles to select another 12th Apostle. Remember Judas had just betrayed Yahshua and that left them with 11 Apostles instead of the 12 that were originally selected.

So why was it that Peter found it so important to hurry up and select another Apostle? What was it that was driving him to make sure that they had 12 Apostles and not just 11? Well lets take a look at what Yahshua had told the Apostles in Matthew 19:28:

READ MATTHEW 19:28

Mat 19:28 Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

So here we find that the 12 Apostles, will sit on 12 glorious thrones and that they will be judges over Israel.. so Peter knew that 11 Apostles would leave one throne empty. And this is why he moved quickly to establish a 12th Apostle. But remember.. this 12th Apostle had to meet several criteria.

He had to have been with Yahshua from the beginning along with the Talmidim (the Apostles).. from the baptism of John until the day of his ascension, so that they could be witnesses as to what exactly happened.

And so Peter moves to pray over the lots that they cast and the lot fell on Mathias, so Mathias was originally selected to be the 12th Apostle, not Paul, but we'll get to that as we move forward in the book of Acts.

Okay so... lets read Acts... chapter 2

READ ACTS CHAPTER 2

Now the word Pentecost comes from the Greek word "Pentekostes" which means "50"... and the Hebrew name for that same sacred day is called "Shavuot" and it means "Weeks", and before we go any farther... it's important to understand that Pentecost is not a new Christian holiday.

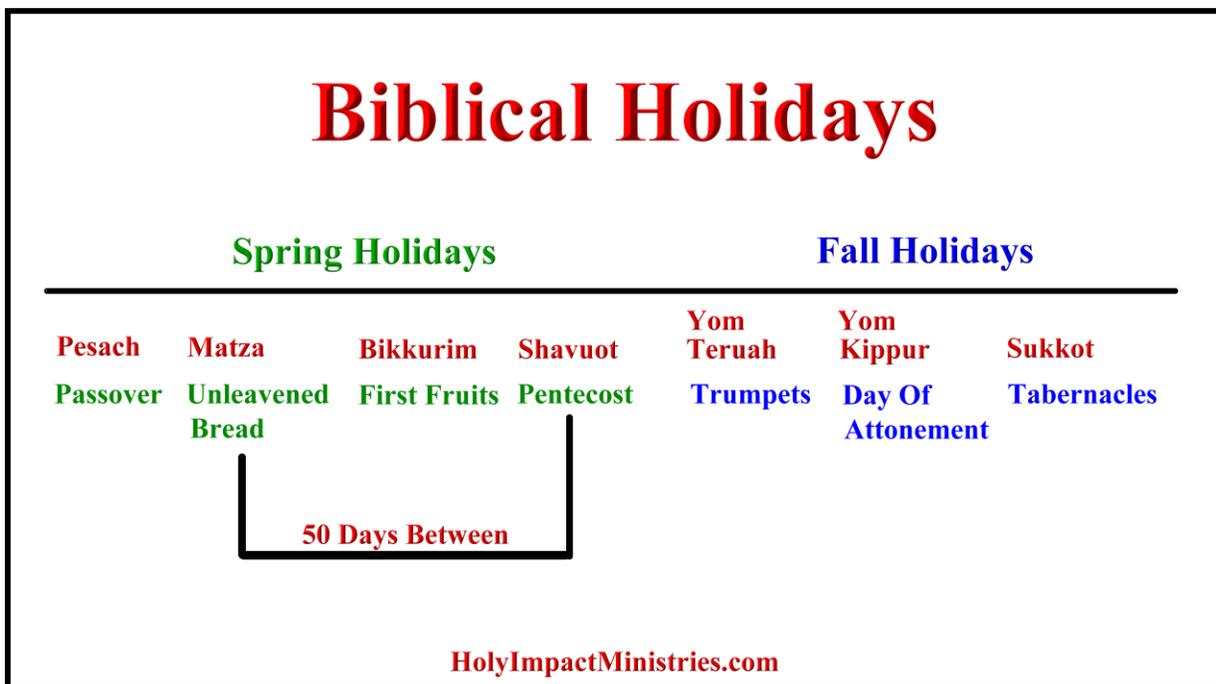
To many ignorant Christians today have been taught that Pentecost is some new Christian holiday just for Christians, and they have no idea of the origins of Pentecost

which was always known as Shavuot.... Shavuot was being celebrated for thirteen hundred years before Pentecost!

Pentecost is one of the 7 Feast Days commanded in the book of Leviticus.. back then it was called Shavuot.. and yet how many Christians today do you suppose even know this?.. or even care too?.. very few... unfortunately...too few.

So before we get ahead of ourselves, lets take a look at the actual system of Holy Days that are commanded by Yahovah our Elohim, because this is important to understand.

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Here is a layout of the Biblical Holidays according to scripture. As you can see Pentecost also known as Shavuot is part of the commanded appointments of Yahovah our Elohim, and this is important to understand as we move forward.

Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits happen in rapid succession, and then there is a 7 week break or 50 days before we come to Pentecost also known as Shavuot. Bikkurim means “Barley Harvest” in Hebrew, and Shavuot means “Wheat Harvest”, the month of Tishri starts with Yom Turuah, then Yom Kippur, and ends with Sukkot also known as Tabernacles.

We should already know that Yahovah our Elohim does nothing on a whim. His timing is impeccable, his appointments are sure, and his ways never change. Everything he does has a purpose. Simply understanding the Passover should help us to understand that much.

Lets take for instance the perfect timing of Passover. Yahshua was our Passover Lamb who died just as he said that he would.. on Passover day.

HE WAS OUR PASSOVER LAMB

READ 1ST COR. 5:7

*1Co 5:7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For **Christ, our Passover lamb**, has been sacrificed.*

HIS BODY WAS THE BREAD WITH OUT SIN (UNLEAVENED BREAD)

READ MAR. 14:22

*Mar 14:22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "**Take; this is my body.**"*

HE WAS THE FIRST FRUIT THAT ROSE ON FIRST FRUITS

READ 1ST COR. 15:22-23

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

*1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: **Christ the first fruits**, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.*

PAUL SAYS THESE ARE A SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME:

READ COL. 2:16-17

Col 2:16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

*Col 2:17 **These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.***

You see all of these Feast Days are shadows of things that were, or are... to come. They all point to something that has already arrived or that will arrive. They are his appointments, his moedim, that he made for his people to keep, and remember... they do not belong to the Jews... Yahovah our Elohim says these are HIS Feast Days.

Things that he has done in the past point to what is about to be in the future.

EVEN THE ISRAELITE'S WERE BAPTIZED INTO MOSSES!

READ 1ST COR 10:1-4

1Co 10:1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all

*under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,
1Co 10:2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
1Co 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food,
1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.*

They were all baptized into Moses who was the first mediator between Yahovah our Father and man... and now... we have an even better mediator in his son Yahshua HaMashiach, and they drank the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink that we drink. Once again my friends, our Father is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow... he does not change, and neither do his Laws, Commandments, or his Precepts.

So it's important to know and understand that Pentecost also known as Shavuot is not some Christian event. Lets take a look at some of the similarities between Pentecost, and the original Shavuot, so that we can see how Pentecost is actually an extension of Shavuot.. we can find this in the book of Exodus chapter 20 verse 18

READ EXODUS 20:18-22

Exo 20:18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off

Exo 20:19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die."

Exo 20:20 Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

Exo 20:21 The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Exo 20:22 And the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven.'

So here we have some 1300 years before Pentecost, Yahovah our Elohim comes down in fire and actually thunders his commandments to the Israelite's, with his own voice.. with fire and columns of smoke.. and here the Apostles are at Pentecost, and he once again comes down in fire and infilling them with his Ruach Hakodesh, (his Holy Spirit)... and this time... through his Holy Spirit, he writes his Laws and his Commandments not on tablets of stone... but he removes their hearts of stone, and proceeds to write his Torah, his Word, his Laws.. on their hearts and in their minds. Just like Paul tells us in the book of Hebrews chapter 10

READ HEBREWS 10:15-17

Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

*Heb 10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: **I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,**"*

Heb 10:17 then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Paul is quoting from Jeremiah 31:31, you can read that for yourselves, once again, the book of Hebrews in the "New Testament" is pointing directly back to the Torah, also known as the "Old Testament".

This was the 2nd giving of his Torah to his people and it was his Ruach Hakodesh, his Holy Spirit that was delivering it, but not to be written on stone, but rather in the hearts and the minds of his people.

This is so fundamentally important for us to understand, and be able to teach our Gentile brothers and sisters who are all caught up in today's modern day version of Christianity and have missed the mark in their understanding of what the gospel message really is, and what it really says.

Most Christians today will never know what you now know, and they will have never heard what you have just heard, or seen what you have just seen in the Word of Yahovah our Elohim.

My hope and my prayer is that now that you now know the truth... and not only that you know it... but that you'll share it with someone else. The harvest is great... but the workers are few. We have our work cut out for us, and the war against principalities in high places rages on around the world in so many different ways I can not even count.

We see it every day splashed across our Television sets, social media, and main stream news outlets. It's in our news papers and magazines, in our soap operas, sit coms, game boxes, tablets, computers, and smart phones.

The Evil day that Paul talks about in the sixth chapter of Ephesians is here today my friends, and we are standing in it.. and most Christians are so lost they don't even know it. So comfortable in their own sin that the Devil doesn't even have to shut the jail cell door.

Most Christians today all too willing to follow some wolf in sheep's clothing like the Pide Piper as he leads them down to the pit and they don't even know it... And this is the fight we fight my friends.. If we don't teach our children the ways of our God my friends... the

world will them the ways of their god, and with all it's sensuality, bright lights and demonic music they will be all to ready to follow after it.

It's time to stand.