

KEEPING THE FEAST DAYS OF YAHUAH IN AMERICA

LESSON 3

Dear **Chaciyd** (Saints),

The celebration of the Fall Feast Days of **YAHUAH** is upon us. We are now in the time/season when many Hebrew Israelites will attempt to keep these feasts of **YAHUAH** here in America. As we have discussed in Lessons 1 and 2, the Feast Days of **YAHUAH** are very important to HIM. It is clear from Scripture that **YAHUAH** has commanded us to keep His feasts in obedience to what HE has spoken, and we are to perform them accordingly. But the question is Can We Righteously Keep The Feasts of **YAHUAH** Outside Of Its Appointed Place? The answer is a resounding NO!!! The Scripture is clear in declaring **YAHUAH'S** desire for us to keep HIS feasts, but it is equally clear that HIS feasts are to be kept at their appointed place, appointed time, and prescribed way. Let's look at some evidence from Scripture to prove these points.

In the book of **Shemoth** (Exodus) chapter 12 is when **YAHUAH** first reveals HIS intention concerning feast day celebrations (Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread) to **Mosheh** {**mo-sheh**} (Moses) and '**Aharon** {**a-har-one**} (Aaron) while they are yet in the land of **Mitsrayim** {**mits-rah-yim**} (Egypt). See **Shemoth** (Exodus) 12: 1-23. In verses 24 through 25, **YAHUAH** speaks concerning a land/ place where these feasts should be kept. **Shemoth** (Exodus) 12: 24, *And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and thy sons for ever. 25 And it shall come to pass when ye be come to the land which YAHUAH will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.* These verses of scripture prove that even while the Hebrew Israelites where in bondage in **Mitsrayim** {**mits-rah-yim**}, **YAHUAH** always had the intention that HIS feasts days would be celebrated in the land which HE would choose/ give unto them. Now, let's look at **Debarim** (Deuteronomy) chapter 16 for further evidence that **YAHUAH** always had a designated place in mind where HIS Feast Days would be celebrated. In **Debarim** (Deuteronomy) chapter 16 beginning at verse 1, **YAHUAH** commands the Hebrew Israelites, *"Observe the month of **Abib**, and keep the passover unto **YAHUAH thy Mighty One**: for in the month of **Abib** **YAHUAH thy Mighty One** brought thee forth out of **Mitsrayim** {**mits-rah-yim**} by night.* Pay close attention to verse 2, *Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto **YAHUAH***

thy Mighty One, of the flock and the herd, in the place which YAHUAH shall choose to place his name there. This is the key statement that reveals to us that YAHUAH speaks of a place where HE is going to place HIS name and where HE wants HIS feasts to be kept. Verse 3, *Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim} in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim} all the days of thy life.* 4 *And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there anything of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.* YAHUAH continues to speak concerning Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Now notice the very distinct statement that YAHUAH makes in regards to where HE wants these feasts to be kept. **Debarim** (Deuteronomy) 16: 5- 6, *Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates (towns), which YAHUAH thy Mighty One giveth thee: 6 But at the place which YAHUAH thy Mighty One shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim}.* These verses of scripture prove that we cannot keep the feast days in the place or at the time of our own choosing but only in the place and at the time that YAHUAH chooses. Now verses 7 and 8 of **Debarim** (Deuteronomy) 16, *And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which YAHUAH thy Mighty One shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.* 8 *Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to YAHUAH thy Mighty One: thou shalt do no work therein.* So far from these verses of scripture concerning Passover and Unleavened Bread, YAHUAH tells **how** these feasts should be celebrated, the **season** these feasts should be celebrated, and speaks of a special **place where** these feasts should be celebrated.

Question, does YAHUAH reveal in scripture HIS intention to have a place where **all HIS feasts should be held**? The answer is YES, HE does. Now, let us look at **Debarim** (Deuteronomy) 16: 9-12 where YAHUAH speaks about the Feast of Weeks also known as the Feast of Pentecost. **Debarim** (Deuteronomy) 16: 9, *Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle (reaping hook) to the corn.* 10 *And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto YAHUAH thy Mighty One with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto YAHUAH thy Mighty One, according as*

YAHUAH thy Mighty One hath barak {baw-rak} (blessed) thee: 11 And thou shalt rejoice before YAHUAH thy Mighty One, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates [towns], and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which YAHUAH thy Mighty One hath chosen to place his name there. 12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim}: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes. YAHUAH even reveals in scripture that the Feast of Weeks should also be celebrated in the place and time that HE should choose and not a place and time of our own choosing.

We clearly see from Scripture that YAHUAH has an appointed place and appointed time where HE wants the Spring Feasts (Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the Feast of Weeks, which is also known as Pentecost), to be celebrated. What about the Fall feasts? Can we keep the Fall feasts anywhere or anytime we desire, or does YAHUAH also have an appointed place and appointed time for them as well? The answer is a resounding YES, HE does! Let's look at the proof and evidence that proves that even the Falls feasts cannot be kept anywhere or anytime we want to keep them. They must be kept in the place and at the time that YAHUAH has chosen. **Debarim** (Deuteronomy) 16: 13-15 goes on to speak about the Feast of Tabernacles, *Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine: 14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates [towns]. 15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto YAHUAH thy Mighty One in the place which YAHUAH shall choose: because YAHUAH thy Mighty One shall barak thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.* Over and over again we can see from these scriptures concerning the Feast Days of YAHUAH that HE mentions a special place/ land that HE will choose for HIS feasts to be kept. Why do we think we have the right to choose the place where YAHUAH'S feasts should be kept when HE specifically states that HE will choose the place where they should be kept, and the place that HE has chosen is the only place where these feasts should be kept?

In our attempt to keep the Feast Days of YAHUAH here in America, here is something we have not seen since Acts chapter 2 and our dispersment from the land of Kna'an {ka-na-an} (Canaan). YAHUAH requires that three times a year **all the males** appear before HIM. **Debarim**

(Deuteronomy) 16: 16-17, *Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before **YAHUAH thy Mighty One** in the place which he shall choose ; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before **YAHUAH** empty: 17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the **barakah** {bar-aw-kah} (blessing) of **YAHUAH thy Mighty One** which he hath given thee. Even in our best attempt to keep the Feast Days of **YAHUAH** here in America, I have never seen an attempt to gather all the males that are just here in America to a specific location here in America so that all the males of the Hebrew nation in America could meet during the celebration of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles. If such an attempt was possible, it would still be out of order and not according to what **YAHUAH** has commanded because **YAHUAH** specifically requires that when all the males appear before HIM during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles that they can only be in the place which HE will choose and not a place that we choose. Now **Debarim** (Deuteronomy) 16: 18-22, *Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates [towns], which **YAHUAH thy Mighty One** giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment. 19 Thou shalt not wrest [misinterpret or misapply] judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous. 20 That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, **that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which YAHUAH thy Mighty One giveth thee.** 21 Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of **YAHUAH thy Mighty One**, which thou shalt make thee. 22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which **YAHUAH thy Mighty One** hateth.**

There are six points that these verses of scripture reveal and prove that I would like to call to your attention:

1. **YAHUAH** has an appointed place/ land where HIS feasts should be kept, which is the place where **YAHUAH** has placed HIS name (see verses 2, 6, 7, 11, 15, 16, 18, and 20).
2. **YAHUAH'S** feasts cannot be kept anywhere we choose to keep them but only in the designated place **YAHUAH** has chosen (see verses 5 and 6a, 7, and 11).
3. Not only does **YAHUAH** reveal that HE has an appointed place where these feasts should be kept, but **YAHUAH** also reveals the appointed time/ season when HIS feasts will begin to be observed each year (see verses 6 and verse 1, verse 3, and verses 9 and 13).

4. With each feast that is mentioned in these verses of scripture, **YAHUAH** reveals HIS desire for a special place/ land that HE will choose for HIS feasts to be kept (Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread: verses 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, and verse 16; Feast of Weeks: verses 9 and 10,11 and 12, and verse 16; Feast of Tabernacles: verses 13 and 14, and 15 and 16).

5. **YAHUAH** commands all the males of the Hebrew nation to appear before HIM three times every year during the celebration of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles at the appointed place and appointed time that HE has chosen (verses 16 and 17).

6. **YAHUAH** commands for us to only follow what is altogether just or righteous, that we may live and inherit the land which HE has given us (verse 20).

Concerning the Feast Days of **YAHUAH**, we should be following what is altogether just and righteous- not these leaders (pastors and teachers) that lead their congregation in observing the feasts their way, taking out what they do not like or understand, and adding what they want and calling it sacred. For **YAHUAH'S** way is the just way. HIS **torah {to-raw}** (law) and that which HE has commanded is righteous. We must do it HIS way, the righteous way that we might live and inherit the land of promise. The only way that we can keep the feasts is to keep them **YAHUAH'S** way. Again if we want **YAHUAH'S** results, we must do it **YAHUAH'S** way.

Now that we know that there is a specific place that **YAHUAH** has always had in mind for HIS feasts to be held, does the scripture reveal where this specific place is located? The answer is a resounding YES, it does. The place is **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im}** (**Jerusalem**). Now let us look at some evidence from scripture that proves this very fact.

Scripture Evidence #1

I Melakim (I Kings) 14: 21- *And Rehab'am {rekh-ab-awn} (Rehoboam) the son of Shelomoh {shel-o-mo} (Solomon) reigned in Yahudah (Judah). Rehab'am {rekh-ab-awn} (Rehoboam) [was] forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) , the city which YAHUAH did choose out of all*

the tribes of Yashar'al (Israel), to put his name there. And his mother's name [was] Na`amah {nah-am-aw} (Naamah) an Ammonitess.

Scripture Evidence #2

II Dibre ha Yamim (II Chronicles) 6: 5-6- *Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim} I chose no city among all the tribes of Yashar'al (Israel) to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Yashar'al (Israel): 6 **But I have chosen Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) , that my name might be there;** and have chosen Dawid {daw-veed} (David) to be over my people Yashar'al (Israel).*

We see clearly from these first two scriptures that are presented here as sound evidence that the place/ city which YAHUAH chose to put HIS name in is **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** out of all the tribes of **Yashar'al (Israel)**. We also see from these scripture evidences that YAHUAH said out of HIS own mouth "**in Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) I will put my name.**" HE also said this to **Dawid {daw-veed} (David)** and to **Shelomoh {shel-o-mo} (Solomon)** his son, "**In this house, and in Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem), which I have chosen out of all tribes of Yashar'al (Israel), will I put my name for ever (please read Scripture Evidence #3 II Melakim (II Kings) 21: 4 and 7).**"

Scripture Evidence #4

II Dibre ha Yamim (II Chronicles) 30: 1- *And Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo} (Hezekiah) SENT to all Yashar'al (Israel) and Yahudah, and WROTE LETTERS also to 'Ephrayim {ef-rah-yim} (Ephraim) and Menashsheh {men-ash-sheh} (Manasseh), that they should come to the house of YAHUAH at Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) , to keep the passover unto YAHUAH the Mighty One of Yashar'al (Israel).*

Question, why did Melak {meh-lek} (King) Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo} have to send for all of Yashar'al (Israel) and Yahudah and write letters to 'Ephrayim {ef-rah-yim} and Menashsheh {men-ash-sheh} to invite them to come the tabernacle of YAHUAH at Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) to keep the passover? Did not they know when and where the

passover would be held when **YAHUAH** had already established that it would be at **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** where he had placed HIS name and at the season that they came forth out of bondage (**Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim}**)?

The answer is YES. They did know. But the problem was that the tabernacle had been polluted by **Melak {meh-lek} (King) Ahaz {aw-khawz}** and their fathers because they did evil in the sight of **YAHUAH**. Because of their unfaithfulness to **YAHUAH**, **YAHUAH** gave them up to desolation (to be an astonishment), and they also had been in bondage to the **Melak {meh-lek}im (kings) of Ashshur {ash-shoor}** (Assyria). Therefore the passover and the feasts of **YAHUAH** were not kept at **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** - the only place that they could be kept for a long time because the tabernacle of **YAHUAH** was in disarray and out of order; the doors of the tabernacle were closed and the priesthood was not sanctified, neither had the people assembled themselves together to **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** collectively as prescribed by **YAHUAH** for a long time. Here is how the story goes:

After a reign of disobedience unto **YAHUAH** by **Ahaz {aw-khawz}**, the father of **Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo}** who did not do right in the sight of **YAHUAH** nor attend to the things of the tabernacle of **YAHUAH**, **Yahudah** was taken into bondage by **Yashar'al** (Israel), their own brethren and was taken to **Shomeron {sho-mer-one}**(Samaria) in captivity. 200,000 of their women, sons, and daughters were taken into captivity in **Shomeron {sho-mer-one}**. After the death of **Ahaz {aw-khawz}**, **Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo}** reigned in his stead; he reigned in **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** twenty five years. He did what was right in the sight of **YAHUAH**. In the first month of the first year of his reign, **Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo}** opened the doors of the tabernacle of **YAHUAH**, which his father had closed, and he restored the tabernacle. He brought together the priests and the Levites and commanded them to purify themselves and the tabernacle of **YAHUAH** and clean up the filth from the tabernacle that was done by their fathers. After purifying themselves and cleaning up the filth from the tabernacle, they went to **Melak {meh-lek} Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo}** and said unto him that all of the tabernacle of **YAHUAH** had been cleansed including the altar of burnt offering with all of its utensils and the shewbread table with all of its utensils. All the utensils which **Melak {meh-lek} Ahaz {aw-khawz}** in his reign cast away when he was transgressing were made ready and sanctified and were now before the altar of **YAHUAH**. Then **Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo}** with

all of the officials of the city went up to the tabernacle and made sin offerings for the kingdom, the sanctuary, and for **Yahudah**. They also made an atonement for all **Yashar'al** (Israel). With the cymbals, harps, and psalteries, and with the instruments ordained by **Dawid {daw-veed}**- **Melak {meh-lek}** of **Yashar'al** (Israel), and the priest with the trumpet, and with singing, they offered up the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to **YAHUAH** until all the burnt offering was finished. Then **Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo}** sent to all of **Yashar'al** (Israel) as well as **Yahudah** and wrote letters to '**Ephrayim {ef-rah-yim}** and **Menashsheh {men-ash-sheh}** to come to the tabernacle of YAHUAH at Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) to keep the passover unto YAHUAH the Mighty One of Yashar'al (Israel). So **Melak {meh-lek}** **Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo}** sent a letter to the Hebrew Israelites, throughout all **Yashar'al** and **Yahudah** saying,

*. . . Ye children of **Yahshar' YAH** (Israel), turn again unto **YAHUAH Mighty One** of '**Abraham {ab-raw-hawn}**(Abraham), **Yitschaq {yits-khwak}** (Isaac), and **Yashar'al** (Israel), and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against **YAHUAH Mighty One** of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see. 8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto **YAHUAH**, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve **YAHUAH your Mighty One**, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. 9 For if ye turn again unto **YAHUAH**, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for **YAHUAH your Mighty One** is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him (**II Dibre ha Yamim [Chronicles] 30: 6-9**).*

II Dibre ha Yamim (II Chronicles) 30: 10-14 states, *So the posts (couriers) passed from city to city through the country of '**Ephrayim {ef-rah-yim}** and **Menashsheh {men-ash-sheh}** even unto **Zebulun {zeb-oo-loon}**: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. 11 Nevertheless divers of '**Asher {aw-share}** (Asher) and **Menashsheh {men-ash-sheh}** and of **Zebulun {zeb-oo-loon}** humbled themselves, and came to **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** . 12 Also in **Yahudah** the hand of **YAHUAH** was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of **YAHUAH**. 13 And there assembled at **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second*

month, a very great congregation. 14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) , and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.

II Dibre ha Yamim (II Chronicles) 30: 21, And the children of **Yashar'al** (Israel) that were present at Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised **YAHUAH** day by day, singing with loud instruments unto **YAHUAH**.

II Dibre ha Yamim (II Chronicles) 30: 25-26, And all the congregation of **Yahudah**, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of **Yashar'al** (Israel), and the strangers that came out of the land of **Yashar'al** (Israel), and that dwelt in **Yahudah**, rejoiced. 26 So there was great joy in Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) : for since the time of **Shelomoh {shel-o-mo}** the son of **Dawid {daw-veed}** **Melak {meh-lek}** of **Yashar'al** (Israel) there was not the like in **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** .

Scripture Evidence #5

II Dibre ha Yamim (II Chronicles) 31: 1-3, Now when all this was finished, all **Yashar'al** (Israel) that were present went out to the cities of **Yahudah**, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all **Yahudah** and **Binyamiyn** (Benjamin), in **'Ephrayim {ef-rah-yim}** also and **Menashsheh {men-ash-sheh}**, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of **Yashar'al** (Israel) returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities. 2 And **Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo}** appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates (towns) of the tents of **YAHUAH**. 3 He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the shabbath {shab-bawth} (sabbaths), and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the torah {to-raw} (law) of YAHUAH.

Scripture Evidence #6

II Dibre ha Yamim (II Chronicles) 33: 4- *Also he built altars in the house of **YAHUAH**, whereof **YAHUAH** had said, **In Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) shall my name be for ever.***

Scripture Evidence #7

Luke 2: 41-43 *Now his parents went to Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) every year at the feast of the passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) after the custom of the feast. 43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child **YAHUSHA** tarried behind in Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) ; and **Yoseph** (Joseph) and his mother knew not [of it].*

Scripture Evidence #8

Acts 2: 1, 5- *And when the day of Pentecost [Feast of Weeks] was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 5 And there were dwelling at Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem) **Yahudim**, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.*

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We clearly see from these undisputed scripture evidences that **YAHUAH** without question has put HIS name in **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** , and it is the place that HE has chosen forever for us to not only keep HIS feasts but to keep HIS **shabbath {shab-bawth} (sabbaths)** as well. We also see clearly that **YAHUAH'S** feasts were never kept in the land of our captives, for being in the land of captivity signifies that we have turned away from **YAHUAH**. But as **Melak {meh-lek} Hizqiyahu {khiz-kee-yaw-hoo}** stated in his letter to all of **Yashar'al** (Israel) and **Yahudah** [the Hebrew Israelites], if we turn back to **YAHUAH**, **YAHUAH** will allow us to return again to our land for **YAHUAH** will not turn HIS face from us if we return to HIM. There are many other scriptural evidences that prove that the city of **Dawid {daw-veed} (Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem))** is where **YAHUAH** has placed HIS name forever and that HIS feasts and **shabbath {shab-bawth} (sabbaths)** should be kept there. Time will not permit me

to present on all these scriptures, but there is one more scripture in the book **Zekaryahu** (Zechariah) that I must present to you as evidence that **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im}** (**Jerusalem**) is the place where **YAHUAH** has placed HIS name.

Scripture Evidence #9

Zekaryahu (Zechariah) 14: 16-21, *And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im}***

*(**Jerusalem**) shall even go up from year to year to worship the Melak {meh-lek}, YAHUAH of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. 17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im}***

*(**Jerusalem**) to worship the Melak {meh-lek}, YAHUAH of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. 18 And if the family of Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim} go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith YAHUAH will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 19 This shall be the punishment of Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim}, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 20 In that day*

*shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO YAHUAH; and the pots in YAHUAH'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. 21 Yea, every pot in **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im}** (**Jerusalem**) and in **Yahudah** shall be holiness unto YAHUAH of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Kna'an {keh-ah-an} (Canaan)ite in the house of YAHUAH of hosts.*

Halal {haw-lal} YAHUAH (Praise **YAHUAH**)!!! What a powerful scripture that speaks about future events! This scripture shows that beyond a shadow of doubt that **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im}** (**Jerusalem**) is the place where **YAHUAH** wants not only HIS people, but also the heathen that will be left after the day of **YAHUAH**, to come to worship and keep HIS feast.

Whomever refuses to come up of all the families of the earth to **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im}** (**Jerusalem**) to worship and keep HIS feast, **YAHUAH** will smite them that come NOT up to **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im}** (**Jerusalem**) to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. For this will be the punishment of **Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim}** and all nations that will not come up to **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im}** (**Jerusalem**) to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. **Halal {haw-**

lal} YAHUAH!!! (Praise **YAHUAH**)!!! What a scripture! What great proof and evidence that are given in these scriptures concerning the appointed place where **YAHUAH'S** feasts should be held. If you reject the proof and evidence that is presented here, then you do so on your one accord- not because you have not been shown or warned. The choice is yours. Attempt to keep these feasts here in America or cry out to **YAHUAH** to bring us again to a place, even the place of our inheritance where we can serve HIM and keep HIS feasts the way HE has prescribed and the way that HE desires that we might live lives that are well pleasing in HIS sight.

So, are there any benefits in keeping the Feasts of **YAHUAH** outside of HIS appointed place, which is **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** (Jerusalem)? The answer is NO. There are never any benefits for our disobedience. Our obedience to **YAHUAH** is much greater than any sacrifice we make trying to find favor with **YAHUAH** by doing what HE has commanded our own way. Scripture proves that our disobedience to **YAHUAH** only leads us into bondage. **Please read Wayyiqra (Leviticus) 26: 31-34, Ekah (Lamentations) chapters 1 and 2, and Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) chapter 5.** Our ancient ancestors when they were in bondage in **Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim}** began to cry out to **YAHUAH** because of their affliction, hard labor, and cruel oppression that they were under, and **YAHUAH** heard them and delivered them with a mighty hand and outstretched arm. We too must cry out to **YAHUAH** because of the suffering we endure. HE promises to deliver us like HE did our ancient ancestors with a mighty hand. Today in America (our **Mitsrayim {mits-rah-yim}** [Egypt]) we may not suffer the exact same type of physical afflictions, hard labor, and oppressions that our forefathers who were enslaved suffered, but nevertheless today we too are afflicted physically, burden with hard labor, and oppressed economically, sociably, and educationally. But our greatest oppression here in America is knowing that we are called to a higher calling in **YAHUAH** than what we are experiencing. We are living way beneath our calling according to what **YAHUAH** has called us to, for we are called to be far above all nations of the earth- a set apart and sacred people unto **YAHUAH**. We are called to be lenders and not borrowers where we should be lending to many nations and not borrowing. We are to be the head and not the tail. We are to be above only and not beneath. We are called to serve **YAHUAH** and keep HIS feasts in the land of our inheritance, which is **Yruwshalaim {ya-roo-shaw-lah-im} (Jerusalem)** . For this commercial government that is in America in which we live does not recognize/ keep **YAHUAH'S torah {to-law}** (law) or HIS **mitsvah {mits-vaw}**

(commandments). **YAHUAH** promised, *And when all these things have come upon you, the barakah {bar-aw-kah} (blessings) and the curses which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where YAHUAH your Mighty One has driven you, 2 And shall return to YAHUAH your Mighty One and obey His voice according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your [mind and] heart and with all your being, 3 Then YAHUAH your Mighty One will restore your fortunes and have compassion upon you and will gather you again from all the nations where He has scattered you. 4 Even if any of your dispersed are in the uttermost parts of the heavens, from there YAHUAH your Mighty One will gather you and from there will He bring you. 5 And YAHUAH your Mighty One will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will do you good and multiply you above your fathers (Debarim [Deuteronomy] 30: 1-5). Also see Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 30: 1-3, 9-11, 16-18, 22-24 and **II Dibre ha Yamim** (II Chronicles) 7: 14).*

In closing because we are not in a proper covenant relationship with **YAHUAH**, and we have broken the covenant agreement, we do suffer and have become the opposite of what we are supposed to be. If we would only turn from our wicked ways, love **YAHUAH** with all our heart, keep the commandments of **YAHUAH**, and walk in HIS ways, then the **barakah {bar-aw-kah}** (blessings) of **YAHUAH** would overtake us. **YAHUAH** will heal our land, and we will be restored back into our land where we can serve **YAHUAH** and keep not only HIS feasts but HIS **shabbath {shab-bawth}** (sabbaths) as well.

In the **Yare {yaw-ray}** (Fear) of **YAHUAH**,

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