Are We Already In The Tribulation Period? Heed The Word Of The Lord!

On the morning of August 12, 2014, as I was lying in bed this morning, I heard the sound of "war" and heard the words from the Lord when He said, "It is beginning!" As a matter of fact, I posted the article below with this message the same morning on Face Book. This article titled "Are We Living in the Fifth Seal of Revelation" came out the same morning I heard the sound of "war".

Are We Living in the Fifth Seal of Revelation? http://www.charismanews.com/opinion/44968-are-we-living-in-the-fifth-seal-of-revelation

We often think of "war" as being in the literal sense of happening on the earth, but long before these prophetic events manifest in the *physical* earthly realm, they are first decreed and manifest in the *spiritual* realm—in the heavens.

Then on August 13th this word from the Lord was released by Chuck Pierce via Face Book...

When From the album: Timeline Photos By The Elijah List

Important! Note from Steve Shultz, THE ELIJAH LIST:

When Chuck Pierce speaks, I LISTEN! Chuck has simply one of the most keen understandings of the times and seasons of God that I've seen! At least thus far. So when he puts out an alert, it would be crazy NOT to heed it and go to prayer and praises as he mentions. Now let me emphasize with all that's in me.. when Chuck alerts you to PRAISE...that's LITERAL! Praise God no matter how dark it looks. He inhabits Praises and He moves swiftly on behalf of those who are praising Him. Chuck is giving you God's strategy in this warfare!!

Steve

By Chuck Pierce https://www.facebook.com/chuckdpierce

"We are in a time of major warfare. I will be sending out prophetic words for the next several days until we breakthrough this. Be alert and watchful!

"We Have Entered A Dangerous Season! Even though the enemy would like to knock your legs out from under you and drive you off of your path, decree that the Lord is taking a stand and illuminating your path. I heard the Lord say, 'The confrontation of the enemy is at hand. You must be filled with praise to enter into that conflict ahead. War is stirring in your midst. War is rising. Unless I rise and inhabit your praises, you will not be able to praise in the midst. ~ Chuck Pierce

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Therefore, this word from Chuck Pierce not only confirmed what I heard on the morning of August 12th, it also confirmed what a pastor that I was praying with last week said when he received a word from the Lord that there will be a release of more demonic spirits coming in like a flood to wage warfare on God's people in the near future.

On the morning that I had heard the sound of "war" and I inquired of the Lord what this means, it was then that the Lord reminded me of a dream I had on July 27, 2010 where I journaled:

"Time is shorter than we have anticipated. On July 25th I just concluded my 21 day fast. I was woken up in the middle of the night and saw a huge full moon that was red in color and heard the word "Sukkot." The Lord has been showing me the year 2014 is tied to Salvation as in the lyrics to the song, "These are the days of Elijah!" It will be during the Lord's holy convocation/feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) in 2015 that a super blood red moon will be over Jerusalem."

"These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the word of the Lord: And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored. And though these are days of great trial, Of famine and darkness and sword, Still, we are the voice in the desert crying 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call; Lift your voice, IT'S THE YEAR OF JUBILEE, And out of Zion's hill SALVATION COMES.

These are the days of the harvest, The fields are as white in Your world, And we are the labourers in Your vineyard, Declaring the word of the Lord! These are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh; And these are the days of Your servant David, Rebuilding a temple of praise."

Speaking of rebuilding a temple of praise.... as we speak the Lord is rebuilding the *Tabernacle of David* based on Amos 9:11 which talks about all of Israel being restored. Amos 9:11 says, "On that day I will raise up The *tabernacle of David*, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old..."

And, as such, this is why worshipping and praising the Lord is "key" in this hour in order to abide in His manifest presence and get the answers from the Lord we are seeking! And, worship is our greatest spiritual weapon that we have. We must set aside time every day to worship the Lord and pray in the spirit, and as we do you will notice a huge difference in the revelation you receive and you will see an increase of His anointing as well.

Then the Lord reminded me of what I journaled on September 16, 2009 concerning what my son spoke when he was just nine years old. I had picked up my son Dylan from Royal Rangers where they talked to the boys about the dangers of drugs then they had a field trip out to the car and learned about things like battery cables, radiator, brake fluid, oil, etc. I learned a lot too. Then it got really weird. On the way home as I was talking with Dylan about the things he learned about the engine, then he said out of the blue said, "Mom 9-12 is for the ninth month, the twelfth day," He was referring to me seeing 9-12 on the clock consistently for a while. Then he said wait a minute I have to polarize the date it is the 12th month, the 9th day. Then he said, "I have another date 2016 the number 666. This number is evil." Then he started singing songs about Jesus.

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Therefore, in retrospect I believe 2016 will somehow be tied to the *Mark of the Beast* that Revelation 13:16-18 talks about and based on everything that we are seeing happening on a global basis that Jesus told in Luke 21:36 below that Jesus told us to watch for as we pray always, that we are already in the tribulation period.

"Watch therefore, and pray <u>always</u> that you may be counted worthy to escape <u>all</u> these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." ~ Luke 21:36 (NKJV)

As many of you know by now, four lunar eclipses will occur on God's holy convocations/feast days during *Passover* and *Feast of Tabernacles* (Sukkot) in the years 2014 and 2015. Sukkot, Succot or Sukkos is a Biblical Jewish holiday celebrated on the 15th day of the month of Tishrei (varies from late September to late October).

There are many Scriptures that connect the second coming of Christ with "signs in the heavens," particularly the signs that "the sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood" BEFORE the return of Christ. If you haven't yet read the teaching under the 2014 Prophetic Word on my website that the Lord had me release on April 7, 2014 titled, "Signs In The Heavens—Is God Trying To Tell Us Great And Mighty Things We Do Not Know In Order To Prepare His People For The Season Ahead?" I beseech you to do so. This teaching can be accessed at the following link:

http://www.angeloffaith777.com/2014-prophetic-word.html

See watch the video below.

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And, you may be wondering what relevance these holy convocations/feast have for New Covenant believers from the *House of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim) who have been grafted into the commonwealth of Israel by our faith in Jesus Christ?

Notice that in Leviticus 23:1-2 below that the Lord specifically says that these are His feasts; therefore, where does it say that these feast/holy convocations are just for the Jews from the *House of Judah* to proclaim, observe, and practice? Nor, does it say these are Jewish feasts! Rather, is specifically says that these are God's feasts!

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts." ~ Leviticus 23:1-2 (NKJV)

Moreover, the word "feasts" as used in Leviticus 23:1-2 above, according to Strong's Hebrew Lexicon Number **H4150** is the Hebrew word "mô'êd" which I have already defined to have the same meaning as the word "seasons" as used in Genesis 1:14 (NKJV) in which God said to us, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years..."

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Furthermore, according to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon Number* **H4744**, the word "convocation" as used in Leviticus 23:1-2 is the Hebrew word "miqrâ" pronounced "mik-raw" which means something that is called out, that is, a public meeting as in an assembly, and is also a rehearsal.

Therefore, would any of us get married without having a dress rehearsal? Of course not! As such, neither will our bridegroom—Jesus Christ marry His bride! And, it is for this very reason, why the *bride of Christ* will be only those who proclaim, observe, and practice God's holy convocations because "It is written!" and it is a commandment, not a suggestion!

For the *bride of Christ* are only those who <u>keep</u> God's commandments <u>and</u> have the testimony of Jesus Christ! In other words, both are required! This is substantiated by Revelation 22:14 (NKJV) says, "Blessed are those who <u>DO</u> His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may <u>enter</u> through the gates into the city."

Also, take note that in the end of days like we are already seeing and experiencing that Satan will become enraged with the woman (Israel) and he will make war with the rest of her offspring—Christians who are those who KEEP the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ based on Revelation 12:17 below.

"And the dragon was enraged with the woman [Israel], and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who <u>keep</u> the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." ~ Revelation 12:17 (NKJV)

Therefore, contrary to what is being taught out of pulpits all across America, disciples of Jesus Christ must keep the commandments of God based on the <u>whole</u> counsel of His Word and have the testimony of Jesus Christ for Jesus says to us in to us in John 14:15, "<u>If you love me</u>, <u>keep My commandments</u>."

When Jesus said this to us, the New Testament was <u>not</u> written yet! And, it is for this very reason that according to *Strong's Greek Lexicon Number* **G1785** the word "*commandments*" as used in John 14:15 is the Greek word "*entole*" means 1) an order, command, charge, precept, injunction 1a) that which is prescribed to one by reason of his office 2) a commandment 2a) a prescribed rule in accordance with which a thing is done 2a1) a precept relating to lineage, of the Mosaic precept concerning the priesthood 2a2) ethically used of **the commandments** in **the Mosaic law** or Jewish tradition.

Moreover, all of God's Commandments found in the Old Testament came from Jesus, who became the Word made flesh for we are told in John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

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In addition, the apostle Paul wrote in the New Testament to us concerning the New Covenant in Hebrews 8:8-13. However, before we take a close look at what Hebrew 8:8-13 says, I need to address some critical points worth mentioning as follows:

- 1. When the apostle Paul said that God would put His **laws on our minds** and **write them on our hearts** what law do you think Paul was referring to based on the fact that the New Testament was not written yet? He was referring to Yahweh's law in the Torah which the apostle Paul strictly taught from because he was "the" *Pharisee of all Pharisees*" before God transformed his heart and removed his spiritual blindness on the road to Damascus.
- 2. Many Christians say that the old covenant has no relevance to New Covenant believers based on Hebrews 8:13 (NKJV) which says, "In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away."

Yet, they are taking this statement out of context due to the fact that Paul starts off Hebrews Chapter 8 talking about the new priestly order of our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ, who is the mediator of a better covenant, which is established on better promises because it was ratified by His precious blood.

Therefore, with the exception of the sacrificial system used for the atonement of sins, the priesthood which offered the sacrifice, and <u>some</u> of the ceremonial requirements, the instructions that God gave to <u>all</u> the children of Israel found in the Torah are still applicable to New Covenant believers. Especially since God has now put His laws on our minds and written them on our hearts instead of on two tablets of stone which is substantiated by Hebrews 8:10 which says, "For this <u>is</u> the covenant that I will make with the <u>house of Israel</u> [Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim] after those days, says the LORD [YAHWEH]: I will put <u>My</u> laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Again, what God made obsolete with the New Covenant was the blood which was used from animals that were sacrificed under the old covenant's sacrificial system. The blood from animals could only cover the sins of mankind! Whereas only the precious blood of Jesus could redeem once and for all the sins of mankind thus ending the need for the old sacrificial system once and for all under the old covenant. By Jesus' sacrifice He became our Great High Priest thereby becoming our mediator so we can now boldly approach God's throne of grace and mercy for ourselves in the name of Jesus! Therefore, we no longer need an earthly priest to be the middle man between us and our heavenly Father.

And, because Jesus is our Great High Priest this has made **some** ceremonial requirements under the old covenant obsolete—but in no way has this done away with God's seven holy convocations He commands us to keep based on Leviticus 23! These are God's divine seasons referred to as "mô'êd" in Hebrew which means an *appointment*, that is, a fixed *time* or season; specifically a *festival*; conventionally a *year*; by implication, an *assembly* as convened for a definite purpose. In other words, these are God's times and seasons that He has established for all His people to meet with Him and also to receive from Him.

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And, last but certainly not least, what Jesus did away with and made obsolete with the New Covenant is the CURSE that we would receive by NOT keeping the *letter of the law* like the Old Testament saints had to do before Jesus Christ shed His precious blood for us on the cross at Calvary! This is why **immediately** preceding Hebrews 8:13 (NKJV) which says, "In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away." God says to us what "In that..." means when He says to us in Hebrews 8:12, "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Under the old covenant God had a zero tolerance policy for His people's sins and transgressions of His laws. In other words, if you transgressed His laws, you paid the price immediately even unto death. If you read the Old Testament you will know that under the old covenant God was not merciful with His people's unrighteousness! And, guess what? As it was in the beginning so it shall be in the end! In addition, the dispensation of God's grace is coming to a close because Jesus Christ is coming back for a bride without spot or blemish. So the days of God's people using God's grace as a license to sin and playing church are over! He is already beginning to separate the tares (unrighteous) from the wheat (righteous)!

As a matter of fact, when you realize the Greek meaning of the word "laws" that the apostle Paul uses to substantiate that Yahweh has now put His laws in our minds and written them on our hearts, you will know beyond a shadow of doubt what I am proclaiming is true. Therefore, make sure you read the meaning of the word "law" in the Greek as used in Hebrews 8:8-13 that I have provided immediately following this passage of Scripture.

- 4. As was the case based on Jeremiah 31:31-33, in Hebrews 8:7-13 below, notice that Yahweh once again specifically states that He will put <u>His laws</u> in the minds and write them on the hearts of ONLY those from the *house of Israel* [Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim—the Gentiles who were grafted into the commonwealth of Israel by their faith in Jesus Christ] even though He is establishing this New Covenant with both the *House of Judah* and the *House of Israel*.

Now we will take a look at the Scripture the apostle Paul wrote in the New Testament concerning the New Covenant in Hebrews 8:8-13 below.

"Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD [YAHWEH], when I will make a <u>NEW</u> covenant with the house of Israel [Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim] and with the house of Judah [the Jews]—not according to the covenant that I made with their

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fathers [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—Israel] in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD (YAHWEH)." ~ Hebrews 8:8-9 (NKJV)

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel [Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim] after those days, says the LORD [YAHWEH]: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD [YAHWEH],' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more. In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away." ~ Hebrews 8:10-12 (NKJV)

² According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon Number* **G3551** the word "*laws*" as used in Hebrews 8:8-12 above, is the Hebrew word "*nomos*" which means anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, a law, a **command** a) of any law whatsoever 1) a law or rule producing a state approved of God a) by the observance of which is approved of God 2) a precept or injunction 3) the rule of action prescribed by reason b) of the Mosaic law, and referring, acc. to the context. either to the volume of the law or to its contents c) the Christian religion: the law demanding faith, the moral instruction given by Christ, esp. the precept concerning love d) the name of the more important part (the Pentateuch), is put for the entire collection of the sacred books of the OT

Oh, my! WOW! The Greek word for "laws" that the apostle Paul teaches about that Yahweh will put in the minds and write on the hearts of New Covenant believers is referencing Yahweh's Torah, which is found in the first five books of the Bible, written by God's servant Moses <u>and</u> the moral instructions given by Christ, especially concerning love. Therefore, it seems that the Torah, which is our heavenly Father's written instructions given to all His people, is still applicable to New Covenant believers!

If you are still not sure what I am proclaiming based on the <u>whole</u> counsel of God's Word is not true, in Matthew 7:22-24 below Jesus is talking to believers who have been walking in the gifts of the Spirit but are violating God's law because of their contempt of it or because of their ignorance of it.

"Many will say to Me in <u>that</u> day (judgment Day), 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who <u>practice</u> <u>lawlessness!</u>" \(^1 \sim \) Matthew 7:22-24 (NKJV)

¹The word "Lawlessness" is synonymous with the word "iniquity". And, according to Strong's Greek Lexicon Number G458 the word "iniquity" is the Greek word "anomia" which means illegality, i.e. violation of law or (genitive base) wickedness derivation: from G459; KJV Usage: iniquity, X transgress(-ion of) the law, unrighteousness. G459 Thayer:1) the condition of without law 1a) because ignorant of it 1b) because of violating it 2) contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness.

Jesus is saying He never knew these believers even though they were operating in the gifts of the Spirit they did for the work of the ministry because they **practiced** iniquity (lawlessness) for they violated and had contempt

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for His law. Also, notice the definition of "anomia" says this applies to those who are ignorant of God's law as well.

Therefore, just because you see a man or a woman operating in the gifts of the Spirit does not necessarily mean they have a personal intimate relationship with our heavenly Father Yahweh and Jesus Christ. Nor, does it necessarily mean that they are <u>walking</u> according to the Spirit. For Romans 11:29 (NKJV) says, "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

Moreover, some use this Scripture to say that we cannot fall away from our salvation because the calling of God is irrevocable. Yet, just because God calls us does NOT mean that we will choose to answer the call, fulfill our destiny, and "do" the will of our heavenly Father because Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:14 (NKJV), "For many are called, but few are chosen." The truth is not many are willing to pay the high cost involved in order to become a bondservant of the One we profess to serve for it will cost you everything!

In addition, the Holy Spirit will lead those who are abiding in God's presence and obeying His voice into all truth, especially His truth! They will have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to His Church which will come into alignment based on the **whole** counsel of God's Word!

Furthermore, the Lord has placed it upon my heart to proclaim that many in the body of Christ have broken covenant with Him due to the great apostasy we are seeing and experiencing because His people do NOT study the whole counsel of His Word for themselves! Moreover, we do not understand all His everlasting covenants (plural) that He has established throughout the *synergy of the ages* with mankind and creation! And, we do NOT seek to understand our Hebraic roots in Christianity!

One such example which comes readily to mind of how many in the body of Christ are breaking covenant with God is concerning God's seven (7) holy convocations/feasts that are God's appointed seasons that He has set aside to meet with His people. In addition, the word "seasons" in Hebrew is the word "mô'êd" which means an appointment, that is, a fixed time or season; specifically a festival; conventionally a year; by implication, an assembly (as convened for a definite purpose).

Therefore, God's feasts/Holy convocations are to be proclaimed to be holy convocations for all the children of Israel which are the Jews from the *House of Judah* and those of us who were formerly Gentiles from *the House of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim) that have been grafted into the commonwealth of Israel by our faith in Jesus Christ! As such, the body of Christ is to proclaim, observe, and practice them because God said so in His Word and "It is written!" In addition, <u>IN</u> Christ, there is no such thing as a Gentile believer, because the word "Gentile" means a heathen pagan nation of people who are out of covenant with God.

Moreover, While it is true based on Lamentations 2:5-6 that the Lord has caused His appointed feasts and Sabbaths based on Leviticus 23 to be forgotten in Zion because of the *spiritual* harlotry of both the *House of Judah* and the *House of Israel* due to the early Christians compromising His Word and embracing the traditions

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of men and the practices of pagans nations as it is to this <u>very</u> day, God promises that in the end-days His truth would be restored with MUCH CONTROVERSY based on Ezekiel 44:24 which says "In controversy they shall stand as judges, and judge it according to My judgments. They shall <u>keep</u> My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths."

In this hour, Yahweh is calling some of us to be *Repairers of the Breach* based on Isaiah 58:12-14 below which is specifically addressing His Sabbath Day that He has defined as a perpetual COVENANT for all His people for all eternity.

Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In. If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken." ~ Isaiah 58:12-14 (NKJV)

In this hour, Yahweh is calling some of us to help bridge the gap between our Jewish sisters and brothers so that all Israel will be restored based on the following Scripture in Ezekiel 37:19.

"...say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand." ~ Ezekiel 37:19 (NKJV)

In this hour, we are seeing Yahweh's eternal purpose to rejoin all His children, *physically* speaking, into one house, one kingdom, and one new man—all twelve tribes of Israel comes to completion, the children of Israel will no longer be divided into **two nations**, nor shall we ever be divided into **two kingdoms** again. This is based on Ezekiel 37:21-23 below.

"Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God." ~ Ezekiel 37:21-23 (NKJV)

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Therefore, in this hour Yahweh is calling His people to return to the *ancient paths* and the gospel which was once delivered to the saints, including proclaiming, observing and keeping God's seven (7) holy convocations based on Leviticus 23 which are as follows:

1. The **first** holy convocation is the *Sabbath Day* based on Leviticus 23:3.

This commandment is not only the fourth commandment of *The Ten Commandments* which is reiterated in the New Testament as are the remaining commandments of *The Ten Commandments*; it is also a **perpetual COVENANT** for all of God's people forever!

Based on Exodus 31:16-17 below, and many other Scriptures, honoring and keeping the Sabbath Day holy that Yahweh established and defined—on the seventh (7) day of the week is "a sign" between Yahweh and the children of Israel forever! Again, the children of Israel include both the Jews from the house of Judah and those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the house of Israel (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim) who were grafted into the commonwealth of Israel based on Ephesians 2:12. Therefore, if you are a disciple of Jesus Christ this applies to us because forever means forever!

"Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a PERPETUAL COVENANT. It [the Sabbath] IS A SIGN [mark] between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the SEVENTH DAY He rested and was refreshed." ~ Exodus 31:16-17 (NKJV)

And, again in Ezekiel 20:19-20 below, God is elaborating further concerning His Sabbath being a sign between Him and His people. I have provided the Hebrew meaning of certain key words in brackets [] for definitions purposes for clarity.

"I am the LORD your God: Walk in My statutes [meaning substantially the same: - appointed, custom, manner, ordinance, site, statute], keep My judgments, [divine law, individual or collectively), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty] and do them; hallow [make, pronounce or observe as) clean (ceremonially or morally): - appoint, bid, consecrate, dedicate, (be, keep) holy] My Sabbaths, and THEY WILL BE A SIGN [a signal (literally or figuratively), as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, etc.: - mark, miracle, (en-) sign, token] between

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¹ According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon Number* **H226** the word "sign" as used in Exodus 31:16-17 above is the Hebrew word "'ôth" pronounced *oth* probably from <u>H225</u> (in the sense of *appearing*); a *signal* (literally or figuratively), as a *flag*, *beacon*, *monument*, *omen*, *prodigy*, *evidence*, etc.: - **mark**, miracle, (en-) sign, token. Also, worth mentioning is this is the same meaning of the word "sign" as used in Genesis 1:14.

Me and **you**, that you may know that **I** am the LORD your God." ~ Ezekiel 20:19-20 (NKJV)

Again, keeping the seventh day Sabbath is not only the fourth commandment of *The Ten Commandments*, it is also a **perpetual <u>covenant</u>**, between God and all His people, not just the Jews from the *House of Judah*!

2. The **second** holy convocation is *Passover* and the *Feast of Unleavened Bread* based on Leviticus 23:4-8.

Passover is commemorated on the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight and on the fifteenth day of the same month the Feast of Unleavened Bread commences for seven days. Passover is when Jesus Christ, "the" perfect Passover Lamb without spot or blemish, was sacrificed on the cross at Calvary and shed His precious blood for the redemption of sins for all mankind, and to restore all which was lost from the first Adam's transgression—referred to as "the fall", including bringing us back into a covenant relationship with our heavenly Father Yahweh! Therefore, the feast of Passover is definitely relevant to each individual under the New Covenant!

Moreover, the *Feast of Unleavened Bread* represents Jesus, who is the *Bread of Life*, who was without sin, yet He was willing to pay the price for our sins on the cross at Calvary, and thus, do away with the curse that we would incur for NOT keeping the *letter of the law*! It was during the *Feast of Unleavened Bread* that Jesus was buried in the tomb and was resurrected after three days and three nights in the belly of the earth. The mere fact that Jesus was without sin, and took our sin upon Himself when He died on the cross and was resurrected three days later is what gives believers in Him our blessed hope of eternal life! Therefore, both Passover and the *Feast of Unleavened Bread* are relevant to believers under the New Covenant!

3. The **third** holy convocation is the *Feast of Firstfruits* based on Leviticus 23:9-14.

The *Feast of Firstfruits* is when Jesus ascended into heaven the day after the Sabbath day (Saturday). Jesus Christ fulfilled this holy convocation when He became the firstfruits of the dead and took with Him a wave offering of the firstfruits of the barley harvest to present to Yahweh thereby fulfilling Leviticus 23:1-12 and Ephesians 4:8-10.

And, when Jesus returns the second time this time a wave offering of the firstfruits of the wheat harvest will be presented to both our heavenly Father Yahweh and the Lamb as we are caught up to meet the dead in Christ in the clouds where we will be with the Lord forever more otherwise called the rapture! So unless you have other plans, this holy convocation is also relevant to New Covenant believers!

4. The **fourth** holy convocation is the *Feast of Weeks* (Pentecost) (Leviticus 23:15-22).

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This is when the children of Israel received the Torah at the very first Pentecost held at a corporate gather occurred at the base of Mount Sinai long ago which is still applicable to New Covenant believers based on Deuteronomy 29:14-15.

Pay particular attention to Deuteronomy 29:14-15 (NKJV) which says, "I make this covenant and this oath, not with YOU alone, but with him who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well as with him WHO IS NOT HERE WITH US TODAY."

"All of you stand today before the LORD your God: your leaders and your tribes and your elders and your officers, all the men of Israel, your little ones and your wives—also the stranger who is in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water— that YOU may ENTER INTO COVENANT with the LORD your God, and into His oath, which the LORD your God makes with YOU today, that He may establish YOU today as a people for Himself, and that He may be God to YOU, just as He has spoken to YOU, and just as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." ~ Deuteronomy 29:10-13 (NKJV)

"I make this covenant and this oath, not with YOU alone, but with him who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well as with him WHO IS NOT HERE WITH US TODAY." ~ Deuteronomy 29:14-15 (NKJV)

Did you catch the significance of Deuteronomy 29:14 when it says that it is THIS covenant and THIS oath which is detailed in the Torah, specifically in the *Book of Deuteronomy*, which Yahweh established through His servant Moses, which was the result of the Abrahmic Covenant? This is Yahweh's covenant and oath with the children of Israel who stood at the base of Mount Sinai thousands of years ago, as well as those who were NOT there with the children of Israel that day!

This means that this covenant and this oath applies to all of Yahweh's children who came forth on the earth since the time that generation of Israelites stood there in the land of Moab and Horeb so long ago!

Therefore, to reiterate, the New Covenant replaces <u>some</u> of the Mosaic Covenant with respect to the blood used for the forgiveness of sins, the mediator, and some of the ceremonial laws. However, the New Covenant does <u>not</u> in any way shape or form replace all of Yahweh's laws found in the Torah written by Moses which were the result of the Abrahamic Covenant which is an <u>everlasting</u> covenant. And, if your spiritual leader says otherwise, then ask them why they are still holding onto the law concerning the tithe? So my question to all of you who are reading this today, why are you still sowing your money to someone who is NOT teaching you the truth based on the <u>whole</u> counsel of God's Word and who is NOT preparing and equipping you for the times which are already upon us?

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Moreover, we are taught that the *baptismal of the Holy Spirit* only happened the first time in the *Book of Acts* based on Acts 2:1-4, and as such, now the Holy Spirit resides inside of believers correct?

Yet, in the Old Testament we are told that God put His Holy Spirit within them, His people, when Moses led the *children of Israel* up out of the sea as the shepherd of His flock based on Isaiah 63:11-12.

In addition, we are told based on Daniel 4:8-9 and Daniel 4:18 that Daniel had the Holy Spirit **in** him!

Yet, we are told in God's Word that we will receive the later outpouring of the Holy Spirit referred to as the latter rain when God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh in Joel 2:28 and Joel 2:29.

Therefore, the *Feast of Weeks* (Pentecost) is still relevant to New Covenant believers. As a matter of fact, why is it that the body of Christ commemorates this holy convocation of Yahweh, but disregards the rest?

5. The **fifth** holy convocation is the *Feast of Trumpets* based on Leviticus 23:23-25.

This feast will usher in the second return of Jesus Christ and is the only holy convocation of Yahweh's seven holy convocations that can only begin at the first sighting of the new moon over Jerusalem based on the condition of the harvest in the land as well. These two factors are only under the control of and known only by our heavenly Father Yahweh. Therefore, this one holy convocation is the only feast of the seven that no man knows the hour or the day it begins which goes right in line with what Jesus tells us in Matthew 24:36 (NKJV) which says, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

Therefore, this holy convocation is certainly relevant to New Covenant believers!

6. The **sixth** holy convocation is the *Day of Atonement* based on Leviticus 23:26-32).

During the final *Day of Atonement* this will be the final opportunity for all the children of Israel to repent before Jesus Christ returns to bring salvation for those who are waiting for Him and unleash the wrath of God on the unrepentant wicked! I would say this holy convocation is extremely relevant to New Covenant belivers.

7. The **seventh** holy convocation is the *Feast of Tabernacles* based on Leviticus 23:33-44.

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This is when Jesus Christ was actually born and when He will once again tabernacle with all His people as we celebrate the *Marriage Supper of the Lamb*! Again, this holy convocation is extremely relevant to New Covenant believers unless of course you have other plans!

Heed this warning for God, the Father, and God, the Son—Jesus Christ, is calling His people to come out of Babylon [which is the world system and the traditions of men] so we do NOT share in her sins and receive her plagues! We must get back to the basics of the faith we profess to have based on the <u>whole</u> counsel of His Word! This is based on Revelation 18:4 (NKJV) which says, "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues."

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