

# Why We Count The Omer After The Annual/High Shabbat (An Explanation Of Gates To Zion Protocol)



This is an explanation, as to why our ministry chooses to begin the 'mitzvah/instruction' of 'Counting the Omer', AFTER the 'Annual/High Shabbat', following 'Pesach/Passover'. This is in 'contrast' to those who celebrate this 'mitzvah/instruction', on the 'day after the weekly Shabbat'. The two most prominent 'sects' during the days of our Master Yeshua were the 'Sadducees', and the 'Pharisees'. The 'modern counter-parts' of the 'Sadducees', are the 'Kairites'. While the 'modern day counter-parts' of the 'Pharisees', are the 'Rabbis' of 'rabbinical Judaism'

The controversy of the 'timing' of this 'mitzvah/instruction' of the Torah as to 'when' the 'Counting of the Omer' should begin, has a long history. We, at GTZ, have chosen to accept the practice of beginning the 'counting of the Omer' on the 'erev/evening' following the 'Annual/High Shabbat'. Many within this 'present day restoration' of the 'Whole House of Yisrael', have chosen to follow the 'dynamic' of 'beginning the count' following the 'day after the weekly Shabbat', after Pesach/Passover. Most of the 'church of Christendom' also follows this method, in accordance with their observance of a 'Sunday Sabbath'. We believe YHWH has given a 'clear witness', both 'historically', and from the 'Hebrew Torah', not a 'bible translation', as to the 'proper timing' to 'begin the count'. Therefore, we present this study for two reasons:

- 1) To help those who have chosen to fellowship with us, as a congregation, to move 'in unity', worshipping YHWH in 'spirit', and 'truth'
- 2) To provide an 'explanation' to those who 'celebrate' using other 'Hebraic calendars', and 'starting dates' for the Omer Count. And, why we, as a ministry, believe YHWH has 'clearly revealed' His will to begin 'the count' on the 'day after' the 'High Shabbat' (**Aviv 16 Erev**), immediately following the 'Mo'ed/Appointed Times of Pesach/Passover', and 'HaMatzot/Unleavened Bread' (**on Aviv 14, 15 respectively**), and NOT 'the day after' the 'weekly Shabbat/Sabbath' [**Sunday**]

## The Historical Witness And Words Of Master Yeshua

The 'instruction' of Torah tells us, 'by the mouth of two', or 'three witnesses', the words of YHWH will be established. (Devarim/Deuteronomy 17:6) The 'first' witness we have is 'history'. In the days of the 'Second Heikhal/Temple', when our Master Yeshua lived, it is true, that the office of 'Kohen HaGadol/High Priest' was from the 'sect' of the 'Sadducees'. However, while this is true, it is also a 'historical fact', the 'true control' of the 'Heikhal/Temple' was under the 'complete control' of the Pharisees. Most wrongly assume, because the 'Kohen HaGadol/High Priest' was a 'Sadducee', the whole 'Heikhal/Temple' was under 'Sadduceean control' too. IT WAS NOT! All one must do, is a little 'historical investigation', and the truth maybe easily found. [See Alfred Edersheim's book, 'Sketches of Jewish Social Life', and, also his book 'The Temple'; Sherrard Beaumont Burnaby, an Anglican Bishop wrote a book in 1901 entitled, 'Elements of the Jewish and Muhammadan Calendars'. In chapter 9, he addresses this same issue; Even the Jewish Historian Josephus Flavius, in his book 'Antiquities Of The Jews' also confirms this. Many reject his writings because he was, himself, a Pharisee. However, his writings are

**written in a most objective manner. He also cites elements, where the Pharisees were at fault. Nonetheless, his writings give a historical overview of the time] Why is this important?**

First, in the days of our Master Yeshua, He did not *'openly endorse'* either *'sect'* of the *'Sadducees'*, or *'Pharisees'*. Coupled with this, was His *'refusal'* to *'join either sect'*. It was His *'refusal'* to do so, that ended up *'setting the stage'* for His death. These *'two sects'* were *'diametrically opposed'* to one another. Yet, the only thing *'greater than their opposition'* to one another, was *'their hatred'* of Master Yeshua! On this they agreed perfectly!

Second, if you were Abba YHWH, and You were going to send Your Son to *'facilitate a plan'* as important as *'redemption'*, don't you think you would make sure the *'timing was exact'*? Beloved, it wasn't that *'either sect'* was more right than the other. They both had their *'issues'*, and *'corruption'*. It was just, at the time, the Pharisees had their *'timing'* of the *'Mo'edim/Appointed Times'* in line with YHWH, and His Torah. As a result, YHWH *'used them'* to *'ensure'* His Son would be *'offered'* according to His *'designated timing'*.

Third, if the Pharisees were incorrect in their *'timing'* of the *'Mo'edim/Appointed Times'*, and the *'Chagim/Feasts'*, why is there no record in the Besorot/Gospels? Mattityahu/Matthew 23 is a *'stinging rebuke'* of the Pharisees on their *'many corruptions'*, and *'failures to adhere'* to YHWH's *'demand for righteousness'* in obeying His Torah. Yet, Master Yeshua said NOTHING on their having their *'timing'* of YHWH's *'Mo'edim/Appointed Times'*, and *'Chagim/Feasts'* wrong. Why, on such an *'important point'*, with the *'absolute necessity for accuracy'*, would there be NO WORD FROM OUR MASTER OF REBUKE? Why? BECAUSE THEIR TIMING **WAS IN-LINE** WITH YHWH's INSTRUCTION! This will become absolutely clear as we go on.

Lastly, regarding present day *'rabbinical Judaism'*, we do not *'wholly embrace'* its ideals as represented in the Oral Torah/Talmud. However, as we are coming to see, the Pharisee's of old, their *'understanding'* of the *'timing'* of the *'Mo'edim/Appointed Times'*, and *'Chagim/Feasts'*, are *'in line'* with YHWH, as designated in the *'written Torah'* of Moshe. Today, Yahudah/Judah also still has the *'sceptre of authority'* as the *'First born kingly ruler'* (B'eresheet/Genesis 49:10; Romans 3:2), when it comes to YHWH's Torah. Master Yeshua said this, in respect, to *'when they [the Pharisees] speak according to Moshe'*. **[A reference to when the Pharisees/Rabbis, were sitting in the 'seat of Moshe' in the synagogue. It was from this seat, they spoke from the 'words of Moshe', the 'written Torah', not from the 'added words' of the rabbis, the 'Oral Torah' of their day... 'The Traditions of the Elders']**

Also, we are *'instructed'* by Rav Sha'ul/Paul, to *'make Yahudah/Judah jealous'*. How? As they see us *'keeping Torah'* in Truth, not by the *'traditions of men'*, but by the Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of YHWH's Holiness. (Romans 10:19) Our keeping *'holy days'*, not in line with YHWH's *'written Torah'*, will not provoke the intended result. So, as we lovingly follow YHWH's *'mitzvot/instructions'*, their hearts may just be moved. They will see us, a people, who are not *'considered Jewish'*, doing *'out of our heart'* the *'mitzvot/instructions'* of the Torah. They will *'hear our claim'* of being from the non-Jewish, *'returning house of Yosef-Ephraim'*. It just may open their heart to the *'conviction'* of YHWH's Ruach. It may be the *'catalyst'* to have their *'partial blindness'* removed, so they can SEE THEIR MASHIACH. (Romans 11:25)

Today, many are running after the *'voice'* of the modern-day *'Sadducees'*, the *'Kairites'*. Some are running after the modern-day *'Pharisees'*, the *'voice'* of *'Rabbinical Judaism'*. Our Master Yeshua gave *'telling rebukes'* for both. He called their errors, *'leavening'*, and warned us to *'stay away'*. In the Besorot/Gospels He said, the *'leavening'* of the *'Sadducees'* was, their *'ignorance'*

of both YHWH's word', and 'His power'. (Mattityahu/Matthew 22:29) A word still applicable to their 'modern-day counterparts', the 'Kairites'.

The 'leaven' of the 'Pharisees' was their 'hypocrisy'. Our Master Yeshua said, 'they teach', and 'do not'. Today, the Pharisees of old, are found in their 'modern-day counterparts' of 'Rabbinic Judaism'. They are 'enmeshed' in the 'alternative, Yeshua denying world' of the 'Oral Torah/Talmud'. Yet, while we 'recognize', and 'reject' their error, we 'still acknowledge', as our Master Yeshua said, when they 'speak the words of Moshe/the Written Torah'. We 'honor' that part of the 'scepter' of YHWH's 'righteousness' to which they are faithful. Part of that 'honor', is the 'timing' of YHWH's 'Mo'edim/Appointed Times', and 'Chagim/Feasts'.

There is a 'large amount of activity' going on today, 'under the banner' of those who claim to be a part of the 'returning house of Yosef/Ephraim'. It sounds impressive. However, 'under the microscope' of YHWH's Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness, it's 'true nature' is 'being revealed'. It is an 'old nemesis' of 'Yosef/Ephraim': REBELLION! David would not lift his hand to touch m'lekh/king Sha'ul. Even though he was 'demon oppressed', and 'desirous to kill' him. Why? BECAUSE HE WAS STILL YHWH'S ANNOINTED KING! David still called him...YHWH'S ANNOINTED. (Sh'muel Alef/1 Samuel 24:6) He 'deferred Sha'ul' to YHWH, for His dealings. We too would be wise to do the same with the rabbis today.

## Digging For The Truth

We will now begin to take a look at the verse, that has been the 'center of so much controversy'.

***"You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths."***  
***(Wayikra/Leviticus 23:15- New American Standard Bible)***

At first glance, as this verse appears in the 'translation' of the New American Standard Bible, you could easily see why there might be controversy. However, is this really 'what it says', or simply what it 'appears' to say? The problem is, while the words maybe 'translated', without also 'understanding' the 'mindset' behind those words, the 'true essence' of the 'intent' of the One who spoke them, may not be. This is what we must go 'digging for here'. Therefore, we are going to go back to the 'source'...the Torah itself. We are going to look at the 'transliteration' of this verse, and see if we can 'search out' the 'real message' YHWH wants us to understand.

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***"Usfartem lachem mimochorat hashabbat miyom havi'achem et-omer hatnufah sheva shabbatot tmimot tihyeinah."***

First, above, we have our verse from Wayikra/Leviticus 15:23, written in the 'Hebrew'. Below, is its 'Hebrew transliterated form'. Finally, below this paragraph, is the 'translated Hebrew' into our English, from 'its source'...NOT a 'bible translation'. Now, we will be able to 'see', and 'derive', a much 'clearer understanding' as to what is being said.

***'You shall count for yourselves, from the day after the day of Ceasing/Shabbat from the day on which you will bring the omer/wave-offering, SEVEN COMPLETE WEEKS they shall be.'* [emphasis mine]**

We are instructed above, our 'counting', is to begin 'from the day after the day of Ceasing' [**Literal meaning of 'Shabbat... to cease, desist from'**]. This 'day of Ceasing', is 'identified' as a 'Shabbat'. That is 'seemingly', clear to understand. However, here is where we must ask our first question. 'What Shabbat is being referred to?' Why do we need to ask this?

In Hebrew, there is more than one 'type' of 'Shabbaton'. (**pl. of Shabbat**) There is the 'weekly Shabbat', which falls on the 'seventh day' of the week. However, there is also another 'kind' of 'Shabbat', that is NOT associated with a 'week', but with 'a year'. It is referred to as an 'Annual', or 'High Shabbat'. What's the difference?

The 'Annual Shabbat' is 'identified', because there is always a 'miqrah chodesh/holy convocation' associated with its observance. These 'Annual Shabbaton' (**pl. of Shabbat**) are important, 'over the weekly Shabbat', because they are NOT 'associated with time'. The 'weekly Shabbat', along with the 'other six days' are. Regardless, the 7<sup>th</sup> day 'weekly Shabbat' is the 'holiest' day of the 'week', because YHWH, the Creator, CHOSE IT FOR HIMSELF to 'cease' His 'creative work'. In turn, He calls all who 'pursue His Torah', to 'honor that day', and 'cease their work too'. The 'weekly Shabbat' keeps us 'holy/set-apart', and 'qualified' to 'receive the power' needed to FINISH THE PROCESS OF REDEMPTION we have been called into.

However, the 'Annual Shabbat', is NOT 'associated with time'. Instead, it comes out of 'heaven', BEYOND TIME. Therefore, it is associated with 'eternity'. There are 'seven' of these 'High Shabbaton', and 'seven' is the number of 'supernal completion', and 'perfection'. All of the seven 'Mo'edim/Appointed Times', and 'Chagim/Feasts', are leading YHWH's people, the 'restored nation' of the 'Whole House of Yisrael', toward the 'coming establishment' of the 'Malchut HaShomayim/Kingdom of the Heavens' on earth. As a result, from there is the 'unlimited source of power' needed to 'transform' us, 'perfect' us, and 'prepare' us, as the Bride. Cleansed from all 'spot', and 'wrinkle'. Ready to welcome the 'return of our Bridegroom', YHWH's 'physical manifestation', as The Son.

So, in the first portion of our verse, we only know what is being referred to us as, 'a' Shabbat. However, now we know, there is 'more than one kind' of Shabbat. What exactly then, is the 'Shabbat' being spoken of? To 'identify' this, we must go on further into our verse.

## **The Next Clue: The Waving Of The Omer**

***'...from the day on which you will bring the omer/wave-offering...'***

We are getting closer. We're told, the time 'to start counting' is from 'the day AFTER the DAY OF CEASING/THE SHABBAT'. This day is said to be, FROM the DAY we 'bring in' the 'Omer' as a 'T'nufah'. [**that which is 'Lifted Up/Wave Offering'**]. In most 'translations', the word 'sheaf' is used in this verse. [**Wayikra/Leviticus 23:15**] However, the word in Hebrew is 'omer', NOT a literal 'sheaf of barley', that was brought to be 'waved'. It was a 'sheaf', cut from the 'first ripened barley', and then 'prepared' to be 'waved' by the 'Kohen HaGadol/High Priest' for YHWH's 'approval of the harvest'. An 'omer' is a 'dry measure', equal to about 'two and a half

quarts'. Therefore, it was that 'amount' of 'prepared barley grain', the 'Kohen HaGadol/High Priest', was to 'wave' before YHWH. It was considered a 'firstfruit', a 'Todah/Thanksgiving Korban' for the blessing of YHWH's 'provision' of the 'barley harvest'. The 'waving' began on Aviv 16 day, and was CONTINUED until the 'last day' [49 days later] before the 'Mo'ed/Appointed Time' of Shavuot. **[Most are unaware, the Omer was waved not once, BUT EVERY DAY OF THE SEVEN WEEKS OF COUNTING]**

***'...from the day after the day of Ceasing/Shabbat...'***

The above 'fragment' is from our 'target verse' we opened with. It precedes the 'fragment' from this same verse we began with. I apologize, if the 'intentional', 'methodical effort', to take the time to 'slow down' this 'process', is challenging your patience. However, we MUST PAY ATTENTION, and allow YHWH's Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness, to make the 'needed impact' in our heart, and spirit. We are after 'revelation knowledge', NOT merely 'mental understanding'. INFORMATION CHANGES OUR BRAIN; REVELATION CHANGES OUR HEART!

So, now we see the 'pivotal words' in our verse are indeed ***'...the day of Ceasing/Shabbat'***. This DAY is the FOCAL POINT YHWH is after. Our opening words in our verse again are:

***'You shall COUNT for yourselves, from the DAY AFTER the DAY of Ceasing/Shabbat!'***  
**(emphasis mine)**

After 'seeing' this through the 'Hebraic lens' of the 'Hebraic mindset', all that's left is: WHAT SHABBAT IS THE SUBJECT? THE WEEKLY SHABBAT? Or, THE HIGH/ANNUAL SHABBAT? Whichever it is...THIS IS WHERE YOU BEGIN COUNTING THE OMER! To determine this, we must do a little 'Hebrew grammatical rules investigation'. A Strong's Concordance, or a Brown-Driver-Briggs English/Hebrew Lexicon, are wonderful study tools. However, they are no more useful than 'wood', and 'nails', without the 'plans' on how they are to be used! I do not claim to be a 'Hebrew Scholar'. I have over these past seventeen years on this 'Hebraic journey' of the 'Restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael', learned how to 'seek out' those who are, and LEARN FROM THEM! There is a 'great deal of wisdom' given to us by one of the most 'astute scholars' of both the Hebrew language, and the Torah in his day: Rav Sha'ul/Paul, a true 'Messianic Rabbi' of blessed memory.

***'However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.'*** (1 Corinthians 15:46  
NASB- New American Standard Bible)

## **Seven Complete Sabbaths Or Weeks?**

Now, all we need to do is a 'little fine adjusting' on our 'Hebraic lenses', and the 'picture' will become 'crystal clear'. Here we go!

Before we pay any more attention to the 'subject' of the 'Shabbat' in question. to begin the 'instruction to count', we need to 'go forward' just a bit. We have already been told, the COUNTING of the DAYS from the FIRST WAVING OF THE OMER is 'forty-nine'. Those 'forty-nine days' are SEVEN WEEKS. However, it is 'very important' as to how those SEVEN WEEKS are 'viewed'. At the end of our 'transliterated Hebrew' of this passage, those last words

are 'translated literally' as: **'Seven Complete Weeks'**. Here is where some understanding of 'Hebrew grammar' is essential.

You will remember from our verse as quoted from the New American Standard Bible translation, the 'time of counting' was:

**'there shall be seven complete SABBATHS'**

Yet, what we read in our 'transliteration', and its 'literal translation' is:

**'seven complete WEEKS...'**

Do you see it? According to the Hebrew, we are dealing with WEEKS, not SHABBATON/SABBATHS. Why is this so important?

Grammatically, the Hebrew 'understands', a SHABBATON/SABBATHS, in 'certain usages', MAY ALSO BE 'understood' as a WEEK OF TIME. This 'coincides' with another 'true principle' in Hebrew grammar, concerning the word 'chodesh' meaning, 'moon'. Grammatically, the word CHODESH, may be both the DAY of the 'new moon', as well as A MONTH OF TIME. BOTH are 'etymologically correct'! So, what we are finding here is, the word SHABBATOT/SABBATHS (pl.), may also be UNDERSTOOD to be WEEKS in certain applications! At this point, we must put the brakes on, because, again, it is our UNFAMILIARITY of the HEBRAIC MINDSET, that is causing such 'unnecessary confusion'.

Still, if WEEKS is the 'implied' meaning in our verse, and NOT 'shabbaton/sabbaths', then WHY did YHWH use the word 'shabbaton', and NOT 'shavuot', which does mean 'weeks'? It is because, it was YHWH's 'intention', that during these 'seven weeks' of 'counting', there was SUPPOSED TO BE A CEASING/REST INVOLVED WITH A INTENDED PURPOSE! Only NOT the 'day' of the 'weekly sabbath/rest'. Why?

You remember earlier above, we drew a 'comparison' between the 'weekly shabbat', and the 'Annual/High Shabbat'? What was the 'distinction' between each? The 'weekly shabbat' was 'connected' to time, to the other 'six days of the week'. The 'Annual/High Shabbat' is NOT 'connected' to time. It comes out of the 'Shomayim/heavens', and for that reason, it is 'connected' to 'eternity'. The 'eternal' is a 'realm' without 'limitations', because it is the 'realm' in which YHWH dwells. As 'holy' as the 'weekly shabbat' is, by its 'connection' to time, its 'function' is primarily a 'focused' one...LIMITED MAINLY TO PRESERVATION. It KEEPS/QUALIFIES those within it, and PERPETUATES their HOLINESS towards YHWH's INTENDED CONSUMMATION of Yisrael's 'betrothal to Himself' at Mt. Sinai. The purpose of the 'weekly shabbat' is to **KEEP YISRAEL HOLY/SET-APART UNTIL HIS RETURN, IN THE VISIBLE/MANIFESTATION OF HIMSELF, AS THE SON!** The 'purpose' of the COUNTING during the SEVEN COMPLETE WEEKS up to SHAVUOT, is to BRING THE POWER OF THE ETERNAL REALM TO HIS BRIDE, IN ORDER FOR HER TO BE FULLY TRANSFORMED...MADE READY FOR HER UNION WITH HIM! The POWER for this comes from the HEAVENS, from the REALM OF YHWH, THE ETERNALS, through the auspice of the ANNUAL/HIGH SHABBAT! **\*\*Important Note [The inclusion of the Annual/High Shabbat into the 'counting equation' of the Omer, is indispensable. As we cited above, its existence 'beyond the realm of time', provides the 'unlimited source of power' needed for the 'transformation process' to be FULLY REALIZED, by the restored nation of**

the Whole House of Yisrael. This is the reason, YHWH, in His wisdom, established an Annual High Shabbat the *'day before'* the count begins (Aviv 15- Unleavened Bread), and the *'day after'* it ends. (Sivan 6- Shavuot/Weeks). Thus, the *'counting process'*, is BOOKENDED by two Annual/High Shabbats! The *'heavens are opened'*, and the power provided is *'increased exponentially'*. It GUARANTEES that the *'counting process'* will achieve YHWH's *'intended purpose'* for Am Yisrael. If the *'counting process'* was *'delayed'*, to begin on the *'day after the weekly Shabbat'*, as both the Karaite, and the church of Christendom's calendar demand, the Annual Shabbats would have been displaced. The *'power needed'* for *'full transformation'*, would have been severely reduced, possibly negated. **TIMING IS EVERYTHING IN YHWH'S PURPOSES!**

## Identifying The Shabbat

So, now we may come back to *'identify'* what *'kind'* of DAY OF CEASING/SHABBAT, YHWH is *'instructing us'* to use to *'begin'* the *'process'* of *'counting the Omer'*. Is it the *'weekly shabbat'*, or an *'Annual/High Shabbat'*? We will also discover WHY, and WHO has been behind this *'age old'* controversy!

Now, we have *'adjusted'* the word *'shabbaton/sabbaths'* to its proper *'grammatical understanding'* in Hebrew, as *'weeks'*. This *'allows us to attain the true intent'* of the *'shabbat'* in the *'middle of the verse'*. We are NOT *'counting shabbats'*. We are *'counting'* **49 COMPLETE DAYS OF WEEKS!**

***'You shall count for yourselves, from the DAY AFTER THE DAY OF CEASING/SHABBAT from the DAY on which YOU WILL BRING the omer wave-offering...'* (emphasis mine)**

Here, the order is given to us by YHWH, to properly *'count the omer'*. We begin the count FROM the DAY after THE DAY OF CEASING/THE SHABBAT'. Aviv 14 *'day'*, is Pesach/Passover. It ends in the *'erev/evening'*. Then, Aviv 15 begins, and continues from that *'erev/evening'*, till that *'day'* ends. *'Erev/the evening'* Aviv 16, is the DAY AFTER THE DAY OF CEASING/THE SHABBAT. This is WHEN you BEGIN to COUNT! Aviv 16 day, is when the *'omer'* was *'physically'* brought to the *'Heikhal/Temple'*, *'prepared'*, and *'waived'* before YHWH by the *'Kohen HaGadol/High Priest'*.

So, you must pay close attention. Hebraically, Master Yeshua died on Aviv 14 day. The *'three days'*, and *'three nights'* would have begun on the *'erev/evening'* of Aviv 15. This *'day'* would also, Hebraically, be the DAY OF CEASING/THE SHABBAT. However, this would have been a *'midweek day'* in the year Master Yeshua died. So, it would have to be an *'Annual High Shabbat'*, NOT THE WEEKLY SHABBAT! We find the following verse from the Besorah/Gospel of Yochanon/John in confirmation.

***'Then the Jews, because it was the DAY OF PREPARATION, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (FOR THAT SABBATH WAS A HIGH DAY [Annual Shabbat]), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.'* (Yochanon/John 19:31 NASB- New American Standard Bible- comments/emphasis mine)**

## The Power Of A One...Two...Three Punch!

Beloved, our one 'great weakness' due to sin is 'fragmentation'. ONENESS is what YHWH intended for us to express. Unity has such a 'dynamic power' to give 'exponential increase'. This is the 'power' of the 'Annual/High Shabbat', coming through the 'Mo'edim/Appointed Times', and 'Chagim/Feasts' of YHWH. There is, therefore, a reason the 'first three celebrations' of YHWH in the 'Spring Mo'edim/Appointed Times' are in such 'close proximity'. They were designed this way for MAXIMUM EFFECT. They all 'fall within days' of one another: Aviv 14, 15, and 16. Now, couple this together, with the fact, the 'celebration' of these 'Mo'edim/Appointed Times' is 'included' within the first two, of seven 'Annual/High Shabbaton', you should be 'becoming aware', YHWH HAS SOMETHING OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, in how these are 'grouped' with such 'close proximity'.

The picture of 'HaMatzot/Unleavened Bread' is, the 'removal' of all 'leaven' [here, a type of sin], from the 'houses of Yisrael' during this celebration. At the same time, the 'length of the celebration' is 'seven days' [supernal completion/perfection]. ALL is 'intentionally' given to us as a 'taste' of the 'Malchut HaShomayim/Kingdom of the Heavens', that will be 'manifest on earth' during the 'reign of M'lekh/King Mashiach Yeshua' for 1000 years. THERE WILL BE NO SIN IN THAT KINGDOM! Therefore, YHWH 'intentionally groups' these 'first three celebrations' together. Why? UNITY! He INTENTIONALLY made the 'last ingredient' to be an ANNUAL/HIGH SHABBAT. One whose 'origin' is from the REALM OF ETERNITY! Whose ability is LIMITLESS! In order to 'empower' those who are COUNTING UP to receive the POWER to be TRANSFORMED to COMPLETION over ALL that sin has been able to DEFILE, and HOLD IN BONDAGE. These 'three celebrations' MUST remain 'near to one another', to ensure that YHWH's glory has its FULL MANIFESTATION! ONE...TWO...THREE. The POWER of YHWH is 'released' from an OPEN HEAVEN/THE SOURCE OF THE REALM OF THE ETERNALS, made available through the 'Mo'edim/Appointed Times', and 'Chagim/Feasts'.

## Who Is Behind The Confusion?

As we said earlier, the 'confusion', and 'controversy' over the 'timing' of 'counting the omer' is of long standing. In the days of our Master Yeshua, it was seen as a 'dispute' between the 'Sadducees', and the 'Pharisees'. Presently, for those in this restoration of the 'Whole House of Yisrael', it 'seems' to be between the 'Kairites', and the 'Rabbis'. Let me say emphatically, IT IS NOT! All of this is just a 'mere diversion'... 'a smokescreen', to keep the 'true culprit' in the shadows. Who is it? Yes, that 'old deceiver', Hasatan! (May his memory be blotted out forever) I know he gets a lot of 'undeserved blame', but when he's guilty, it is fitting for the 'blame to be placed squarely' where it is deserved.

Make no mistake, the 'darkness' knows, YHWH has a plan to bring His long awaited 'eternal purpose' to its 'promised realization'. One of the 'central prerequisites' is, the 'transformation' of His 'nation Yisrael'. One of the major 'prophetic ingredients' needed, is the 'restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael'. It was 'prophesied' through the 'navi/prophet' Amos.

***'In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:'***  
***That they may possess the remnant of \*\*Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith Yahweh that doeth this. (Amos 9:11-12 WOY- Word of Yahweh) \*\*Note- [the***

Hebrew word here is מְדָן- mem-dalet-alef (read right to left) Translated by some as *'Edom'*, however others translate it as *'adam/man/mankind'*- by which some *'translations'* cause the verse to read *'remnant of men'* the *'Septuagint'* agrees- It is also quoted by Ya'akov/Jacob/James in the Messianic Writings we cite below in this article]

The *'only time'* in *'Yisrael's history'*, the *'whole nation'* was *'unified'* was under m'lekh/king David. We see above, YHWH promises again, ***'B'Yom Ha Hu/In that day...'***. This phrase is a *'prophetic marker'*, indicating this *'event'* will be *'fully realized'* again, during the *'time-period'* of the *'latter portion'* of the *'Achareit HaYamim/Latter Days'*. A *'precursor to this event'* was *'confirmed'* during the days following Mashiach Yeshua's return to the *'Shomayim/Heavens'*. **[40 days after His crucifixion, and burial]** It occurred in *'Antioch'*, a large city in the region of Asia Minor, in Syria. There was a *'large contingency'* within the *'community of the Nazarenes'* there, who had become *'believers/talmidim/disciples'* of Yeshua HaMashiach/The Messiah, who were *'non-Jews'* [***'Goyim/nations'*...also labelled as *'Gentiles'***], presented an *'interesting dilemma'*, both there, and for the *'leadership'* back in Yerushalayim/Jerusalem. We haven't the space here to consider all this situation entails, only to highlight the most interesting part, as to what Ya'akov/Jacob/James, the lead *'sh'likim/apostle'* of the assembly there, in Yerushalayim/Jerusalem, had to say of the situation,

***"Ya'akov [Jacob] broke the silence to reply. "Brothers," he said, "hear what I have to say. Shim'on [Peter] has told in detail what God [Elohim/Mighty One] did when he first began to show his concern for taking from among the Goyim [Nations] a people to bear his name.***

***And the words of the Prophets are in complete harmony with this for it is written,***  
**AFTER THIS, I WILL RETURN; AND I WILL REBUILD THE FALLEN TENT OF DAVID. I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, I WILL RESTORE IT, SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD [YHWH], THAT IS, ALL THE GOYIM [NATIONS] WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED BY MY NAME, "'**  
***(Ma'asim/Acts 15:13-17 CJB- Complete Jewish Bible- emphasis mine/definitions mine)***

So, we see, it is within YHWH's *'eternal plan of redemption'*, to restore the *'nation of Yisrael'* from its *'brokenness'*, and being *'scattered all over the earth'*. It was *'promised'* by the *'navi/prophet Amos'*, and *'confirmed'* in the *'history book'* of the *'Messianic Scriptures/Ma'asim/Acts'*. Beloved, we are LIVING, ***'B'YOM HA HU/IN THAT DAY'***! We are seeing literally thousands, and thousands of those within the *'church of Christendom'*, being *'awakened'* to YHWH's call to *'return to Him'*, and *'His Torah'*. They are being *'repatriated'* to a *'Hebraic lifestyle'*, and *'mindset'*. This has to be worrisome to the *'kingdom of darkness'*. Why? Because Hasatan (***may his memory be blotted out forever***), is NOT *'waiting to be judged'*, he, and his kingdom, are ALREADY JUDGED! Our Master Yeshua has said so. (Yochanon/John 16:11) All that is waiting, is for the *'imprisonment'* to begin: THE RETURN OF THE KING, TO TAKE UP HIS KINGDOM, AND ENFORCE THE AUTHORITY OF THAT KINGDOM OVER ALL THE EARTH! The *'sign'*, this is about to happen is: THE RETURN, AND RESTORATION OF THAT KINGDOM TO YHWH's ONE NATION... YISRAEL!

Therefore, just as we do not know the *'exact moment'* of our Master Yeshua's return. **[we know the season, the *'fall Mo'edim/Appointed Time'* of *'Yom Teruah'*]** He has given us *'signs'*, when that *'time is near'*. Hasatan (***may his memory be blotted out forever***), can also *'recognize'* those *'signs'*. He also knows, there MUST BE A DYNAMIC TRANSFORMATION, if the NATION OF YISRAEL is to be *'made ready'*. Beloved, the POWER of that TRANSFORMATION, is found in the NATION OF YISRAEL obeying YHWH's *'instructions in His Torah'*! The *'secret'* to this

TRANSFORMATION is, the COUNTING PROCESS! We must not only COUNT...we must COUNT RIGHT! To COUNT RIGHT, includes a very important prerequisite: WE MUST START RIGHT! YHWH does everything with *'precise detail'*. The *'realm of darkness'* understands this too. With the surety of YHWH's judgment hanging in the balance, our *'adversary'* knows he cannot escape. So, his *'next tactic'* is to *'find a way'* to *'delay the inevitable'*, as long as possible. How? By *'confusing'* the *'correct starting point'* of the *'process'*. It has worked very well so far. Along with this *'tactic'*, throw in *'another twist'*. KEEP THE ATTENTION OFF THE REAL CULPRIT. Make it about the *'differing sects'*. Keep *'stirring the mix'*, with the *'fragmented theological concepts'* abounding, to keep the situation *'boiling with confusion'*. Oh, by all means, let them count. It won't really matter, if the *'proper time to count remains skewed.'* The *'full effect'* will be *'dissipated'*, effectively *'delaying'* the INTENDED END RESULT! Regardless, keep the attention *'focused away from'* the ONLY ONE who really matters. If EVER those involved, STOP BEING DISTRACTED, and 'LOOK AWAY' FROM THE CONFUSION LONG ENOUGH TO REALIZE, IT'S NOT ABOUT JUST ANYONE. IT'S ABOUT THE **ONLY ONE** WHO CAN FINISH WHAT WAS STARTED. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THEN IT WILL BE OVER! The power of the Creator's Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness, will put those involved IN SYNC. THE POWER TO TRANSFORM WILL BE RELEASED...**AND MANIFEST!** Yisrael, will be TRANSFORMED into the PERFECT BRIDE, YHWH, The Father, has been *'intending to present'* to YHWH, HIS SON from the beginning. OUR BRIDEGROOM WILL COME! THE DARKNESS WILL HAVE NO POWER LEFT, AND THEIR JUDGMENT WILL COME. THE DARKNESS WILL FINALLY MEET THEIR FATEFUL END. The Kingdom of the Heavens will be manifest on earth!

Beloved, let us take up what YHWH is revealing here. Let us COUNT in ONE ACCORD with YHWH's revealed TRUTH! Let the UNLIMITED POWER of the ANNUAL HIGH SHABBAT BE RELEASED FROM THE HEAVENS! May Abba YHWH: **FINISH WHAT HE STARTED.** NO MORE DELAYS. This is THE DAY, where the *'work of YHWH'* can be expedited. A SUPERNATURAL HARVEST CAN COME, IF WE WILL ONLY BELIEVE. In the same passage after the verse we quoted above, concerning YHWH's *'promise'* to RAISE UP AGAIN the *'Tabernacle of David'* in the *'Acharit HaYamim/Latter Days'*, we are given this FINAL PROMISE...

***"Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, THAT THE PLOWMAN SHALL OVERTAKE THE REAPER, AND THE TREADER OF GRAPES HIM THAT SOWETH SEED; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. AND I WILL BRING AGAIN THE CAPTIVITY OF MY PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. AND I WILL PLANT THEM UPON THEIR LAND, AND THEY SHALL NO MORE BE PULLED UP OUT OF THEIR LAND WHICH I HAVE GIVEN THEM, SAITH YAHWEH THY ELOHIM". (Amos 9:13-15 WOY- Word Of Yahweh- emphasis mine)***

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