1st MONTH: "ABIB"



Purpose: This is the demonstration of our obedience and reverence for YAHUAH. Just as the First Fruits of the harvest was brought to the Temple and inspected by the High Priest; (Leviticus 23:10) we, therefore are to symbolically present ourselves (our Temple within) as an unleavened (physical & spiritual) First Fruit or First Harvest with the purpose that YAHUAH inspects our hearts. First Fruit memorial also fulfill prophecy of Yahushua our <u>Redeemer</u>, who is the First Fruits Resurrection, that was presented to the Father/YAHUAH in

Heaven and was accepted. (Cepher/ John 20:17) "Yahushua said unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my YAH, and your YAH."

Therefore, after rising from the tomb/grave **Yahushua** became the First Fruit to *Eternal Life*. (*Cepher/ 1 Corinthians 15:20-23*) "But now is Mashiach risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Mashiach shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Mashiach the firstfruits; afterward they that are Mashiach's at his coming."

First-Fruit (translate to "Bikkurim") is also a picture of Rebekah (Bride who was chosen by YAH), saying "Yes" to go with Isaac (Ref Genesis 24:58)

Feast: YAHUAH'S First Fruits

Number of days: 1

It is observed the Sunday after the first Shabbat of the Passover Feast (during the week of unleavened bread (*It also starts the Omer count of the next 7 weeks to* **Shavuot**)

How to Celebrate



We are to begin the Omer count (Measure) of 50 Days to Shavuot. (Leviticus 23:15-16) During the days of counting the Omer, we are to Remember/Zakar on YAHUAH'S Scriptural Promises.

New Testament

1 Corinthians 15 (Chapter) Romans 8:23 Romans 11:16 James 1:18 Hebrews 10:8-11 Revelation 14:4

Old Testament

Genesis. 37:5-11 Leviticus. 23:9-15 Numbers. 28:26-31 Nehemiah. 12:44;/ 13:31

<u>Psalm 20:1-4</u> "YAHUAH hear you in the day of trouble; the name of the Elohai of Ya`aqov defend you; Send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Tsiyon; Remember all your offerings, and accept your ascending smoke sacrifice; Celah. Grant you according to your own heart, and fulfil all your counsel. (Cepher Ref)

<u>How to Observe: Feast of First</u> Fruit (Symbolically & Physically)

- Remembering that our offering to YAHUAH is about our circumcised heart, (Deuteronomy 30:6/ Hebrews 8:10) we are to have a repentant heart and a repentant lifestyle (1 John 1:8-10), always seeking YAHUAH in prayer with supplication, to grow in the WORD, to receive the Gifts of the Ruach Hakodesh and produce the Fruits of the Ruach Hakodesh, that we also be accepted by ABBA YAHUAH, being in the character and image of Yahushua

- Presenting a **First Fruit Offering** (of your harvest) to a righteous **Hebrew Assembly.** Israel was to bring before **YAHUAH**, the "First" of *their harvest*, and by doing this, Israel was acknowledging the source of their blessing.

Ezekiel 44:30 "And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in your house."

<mark>Remember/Zakar</mark>:

- Yahushua is first-begotten of YAHUAH our ABBA (Hebrews 1:6)
- Yahushua is firstborn of every creation (Colossians 1:15)
- Yahushua firstborn from the dead (Revelations 1:5)
- -Yahushua firstborn of many brethren (Romans 8:29)
- Yahushua is the beginning of creation by YAHUAH (Revelation 3:14)
- Yahushua is the preeminent One (Colossians 3: 18)

Yahushua is our promise of resurrection to eternal life in YAHUAH'S Kingdom for the Set-Apart ones /Redeemed in the Renewed Covenant. (Matthew 27:51-53 / Acts 1:9/ Hebrews 12)

FIRST FRUITS observance day being <mark>3 days after Passover</mark>. (count 3 days)

Exodus 3:18 ... 'The Lord God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.'

5:1 Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness."

5:3 "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days journey into the desert and sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

FIRST FRUITS Passover Lamb on the 14th day of Abib and risen the next day 15th Sunday (which on that day and time in Jerusalem would have been on 17 Abib).

The *first fruits wave sheaf offering* that year would have been on the 17th (Sunday) of Abib, *the day after the weekly Sabbath*, in keeping with the commandment of (*Leviticus 23:11*). The *Messiah was the first fruits offering of humanity resurrection, presenting himself to Yahweh on that Sunday day, the day after that weekly Sabbath*.

Order of events: (NOTE!)

Passover Night -> Day is Passover Day (evening to evening)
Start of Unleavened Bread (after Passover day for 7-days)
Start First Fruits (First Fruit is observed the <u>after the first Shabbat (on a</u> <u>Sunday)after Passover day</u>
(Passover-> 1st Sabbath -> then first Sunday is First fruits

Remark YAHUSHA is the 1st "Resurrection"