Special Feast Edition

INTRODUCTION

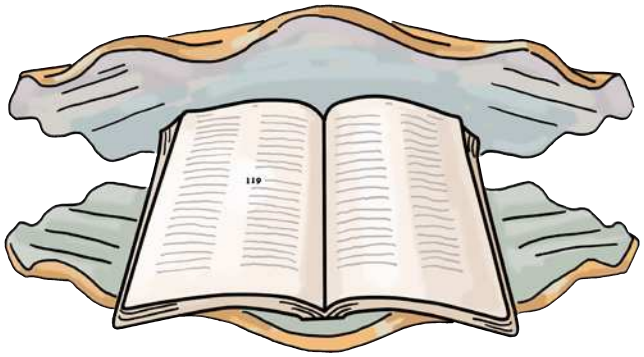
This Parsha Pearls Feast Edition is designed specifically for Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread. In Leviticus 23:1-2, Yahweh told Mosheh to speak to the children of Yisra'el about His appointed times (moadim), which they were to keep as set-apart gatherings (mikra kodesh). Three times each year, the children of Yisra'el were required to travel to Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) to observe one of the 3 pilgrimage feasts (shalosh regalim).

The 3 spring festivals are:

1. Passover (Pesach)
2. Festival of Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMatzot), which immediately follows Passover
3. Feast of Weeks (Chag HaShavuot)

The 4 autumn festivals are:

1. Day of Trumpets (Yom Teruah/Zichron Teruah/Rosh HaShanah)
2. Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), Day of Atonements (Yom HaKippurim)
3. Feast of Tabernacles (Chag HaSukkot)
4. 8th day Assembly (Shemini Atzeret), which immediately follows Sukkot



Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread are the 1st appointed times (moadim) of the year. According to Yahweh's calendar, Passover is performed on the 14th day of the 1st month of Abib, between the evenings. *'In the first month (new moon), on the 14th day of the month (new moon), between the evenings, is the Passover (Pesach) to Yahweh'* (Lev. 23:5). The festival of Unleavened Bread immediately follows Passover and is celebrated for 7 days, from the 15th to the 21st day of Abib. The 1st and 7th day of Unleavened Bread are High Sabbaths. *'And on the 15th day of this month is the Festival of Unleavened Bread (Festival of Matzot) to Yahweh – 7 days you eat unleavened bread. On the 1st day you have a set-apart gathering (mikra kodesh), you do no servile work. And you shall bring an offering made by fire to Yahweh for 7 days. On the 7th day is a set-apart gathering (mikra kodesh), you do no servile work'* (Lev. 23:6-8).

These festivals were commanded by Yahweh to be kept by the children of Yisra'el throughout their generations, and that is why we are observing them as well (Lev. 23).

Chag Sameach (Happy Feast) from MTOI and YMTOI

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