
Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Lev. 21	Torah regarding the priesthood
Tuesday:	Lev. 22	Torah regarding the Set-apart offerings
Wednesday:	Lev. 23	Torah regarding the Appointed Times
Thursday:	Lev. 24:1-9	Torah regarding the Set-apart Place
Friday:	Lev. 24:10-23	Torah regarding Right-rulings

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be discussing Yahweh's Appointed Times. We are providing a parent/teacher guide that indicate the '7 High Sabbaths', the '5 Appointed Times' and the '3 Pilgrimage Feasts' to help teach your children the special times in the year besides the weekly Sabbath that we are commanded to observe as set-apart gatherings. Now, let's read Lev. 23.

PARSHA POINTS

The Torah regarding the Appointed Times of Yahweh

- Yahweh instructs Mosheh to tell the children of Yisra'el His Appointed Times (**moadim**) - 23:1-2, 4,44
- The Appointed Times of Yahweh shall be proclaimed as set-apart gatherings - 23:2, 4, 37
- On the Appointed Times, these offerings by fire are to be made to Yahweh daily: burnt, grain, slaughtering, and drink offerings - 23:37
- The offerings for the Appointed Times are in addition to the Sabbaths, gifts, vows, and voluntary offerings that are given to Yahweh - 23:38

Torah regarding the Sabbath/Shabbat

- 6 days work is to be done - 23:3
- The 7th day is a Sabbath of rest - 23:3
- It is a set-apart gathering (**mikra kodesh**) - 23:3
- You do no work - 23:3
- It is a Sabbath to Yahweh in all your dwellings - 23:3



Torah regarding the Passover/Pesach

- It is observed in the first month (**Abib**) on the 14th day - 23:5
- It is observed between the 2 evenings (14th to 15th) - 23:5



Torah regarding the Festival of Unleavened Bread (Matzot)/Chag HaMatzot

- It is observed on the 15th day of the first month - 23:6
- The children of Yisra'el are to eat unleavened bread for 7 days - 23:6
- The first day there is to be a set-apart gathering; no servile work is to be done - 23:7
- An offering by fire is to be made to Yahweh each day for 7 days - 23:7
- The 7th day there is to be a set-apart gathering; no servile work is to be done - 23:7



Torah regarding the Offerings of First-Fruits/Wave Sheaf/Bikkurim

- When the children of Yisra'el settle in the land of Kena'an, they are to bring a sheaf of the first-fruits of their harvest to the priest - 23:10
- The priest shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh for their acceptance - 23:11
- It shall be performed on the day after the Sabbath (after the first Day of Unleavened Bread) - 23:11
- A burnt offering of a perfect one year old male lamb shall be given to Yahweh - 23:12
- A grain offering of 2/10ths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil shall be given to Yahweh - 23:13
- A drink offering of 1/4th of a hin of wine shall be given to Yahweh - 23:13
- The children of Yisra'el are to eat NEITHER bread, roasted grain or fresh grain until they have first brought their offering to Elohim; a law forever throughout their generations - 23:14



Torah regarding the Festival of Weeks/Shavuot

- The day after the waving of the sheaf, they are to begin counting 50 days and 7 completed Sabbaths toward Shavuot - 23:15, 16
- After 7 completed Sabbaths, on day 50, they are to bring a new grain offering to Yahweh - 23:16
- The wave offering of grain consists of 2 loaves of leavened bread baked from 2/10ths of an ephah of fine flour. These are first-fruits to Yahweh - 23:17
- A burnt offering is also to be presented to Yahweh, consisting of the following (23:18):
 - 7 lambs a year old, unblemished
 - 1 young bull
 - 2 rams
- A sin offering of 1 male goat shall also be brought - 23:19
- In addition, 2 male lambs, a year old are to be brought as a peace offering - 23:19



Torah regarding the Festival of Trumpets (Memorial/Remembrance of the trumpet blast)/Zichron Teruah/Yom HaTeruah/Rosh HaShanah

- It is observed in the 7th month on the first day at the new moon (**chodesh**) - 23:24
- It is a day of rest - 23:24
- It is a remembrance of blowing of trumpets - 23:24
- It is a set-apart gathering - 23:24
- No servile work is to be done on this day - 23:25
- An offering by fire is to be made to Yahweh - 23:25



Torah regarding the Festival of the Day of Atonement(s)/Yom Kippur/Yom HaKippurim

- It is observed in the 7th month on the tenth day of that new moon - 23:27
- It is a set-apart gathering - 23:27
- You shall afflict your beings (fast) - 23:27
- An offering by fire is to be made to Yahweh - 23:27
- No work is to be done on this day - 23:28,31
- It is a day to make atonement for the children of Yisra'el before Yahweh - 23:28
- Any being who does not afflict himself (fast) on this day shall be cut off from his community - 23:29
- Any being who works on this day shall be destroyed (killed) by Yahweh - 23:30
- This festival, with its mandatory rest from all work, is a law forever throughout your generations - 23:31
- It is a Sabbath of rest and affliction (fasting), observed from the 9th of the new moon at evening (10th) until the next evening (11th) (24 hours) - 23:32



Torah regarding the Festival of Tabernacles (Booths)/Sukkot

- It is observed in the 7th month starting on the fifteenth day - 23:34, 39,41
- It is a 7 day festival (**chag**) to Yahweh - 23:34, 39,41
- The first day shall have a set-apart gathering; no servile work is to be done this day; the first day is a rest - 23:35, 39
- An offering by fire is to be made to Yahweh each day for 7 days - 23:36
- All native Yisra'elites shall dwell in booths for 7 days - 23:42
- You shall rejoice before Yahweh for 7 days with the following (23:40):
 - fruit of good trees
 - branches of palm trees
 - twigs of leafy trees
 - willows of the stream



- This festival is:
 - observed at the time when you gather in the fruit of the land - 23:39
 - a law forever throughout your generations - 23:41
 - a reminder of the time Yisra'el lived in booths when Yahweh delivered Mitsrayim - 23:43



Torah regarding the Festival of the Eighth Day Assembly/Shemini Atzeret

- The eighth day shall have a set-apart gathering as a closing festival (after Sukkot); no servile work is to be done this day - 23:36,39
- An offering by fire is to be made to Yahweh - 23:36



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Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Now that we have read about a mikrah (convocation) in its early Scriptural context, let's discuss its full meaning and its spiritual application to our lives today. (23:2)
- Discuss the differences between no servile work and no work at all. For example, the instruction for Shabbat and Day of Atonement(s) states that we are to do NO work (23:3, 28), whereas the other festivals state that we are to not do any 'servile' work. (23:7, 8, 21, 25, 35, 36)
- What are some Biblical stories that are traditionally read on some of the Holy Days?
- As we are currently in the process of counting toward Shavuot, research the first-fruits (bikkurim) or '7 Species', which were brought to Yahweh on this Holy Day (Deut. 8:8). What is the primary event that occurred on Shavuot?

