
Special Feast Edition

INTRODUCTION

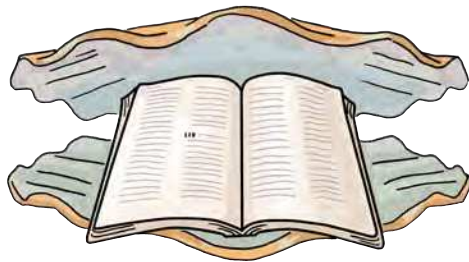
This Parsha Pearls Feast Edition is designed specifically for Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). In Leviticus 23:1-2, Yahweh told Mosheh to speak to the children of Yisra'el about His appointed times (moadim), which they were to keep as set-apart gatherings (mikra kodesh). Three times each year, the 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



Yom Kippur is the 4th appointed time (moad) of the year and the 5th High Sabbath. According to Yahweh's calendar, it is observed on the 10th day of the 7th month. *"On the 10th day of this 7th month (new moon) is the Day of Atonement (Yom HaKippurim). It shall be a set-apart gathering (mikra kodesh) for you. And you shall afflict your beings, and shall bring an offering made by fire to Yahweh. And you do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), to make atonement for you before Yahweh your Elohim. For any being who is not afflicted on that same day, that being I shall destroy from the midst of his people. You do no work - a law forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It is a Sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your beings. On the 9th day of the month (new moon) at evening, from evening to evening, you observe your Sabbath"* (Lev. 23:27-32).

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

Fun Facts

Even though the book of Yonah has only 47 verses, the Hebrew word gadol (big) is used 14 times (1:2, 2, 4, 10, 12, 16, 17; 3:2, 3, 5, 7; 4:1, 6, 11).