

The Acceptable Year of the LORD

Dear Torah Fan,

The first weekend of June 2023 marks the anniversary of when Yeshua was asked to read from Isaiah in a crowded synagogue on Shabbat; it was the 13th day of the third month, 27 CE. Luke's record tells us:

"When he opened the scroll, he found the place where it was written, and he read: 'The Spirit of YeHoVaH is upon me, because YeHoVaH has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bound, to preach the acceptable year of YeHoVaH.' He closed the scroll, gave it back to the rabbi, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was riveted on him. He began, 'This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears'." - Luke 4:17-21

Indeed, this was the "acceptable year of the LORD" in the eyes of that crowd — an acceptable year to get rid of this character! This was the guy who had upset the Pharisees by healing a lame man on the Sabbath the previous week (John 5:2-15) and had driven the merchants out of the temple with a whip just two months prior (John 2:14-22).

Little did the crowd realize, Yeshua was being quite literal about the "acceptable year." He was prophesying the final one-year countdown in which the Spring Feasts of YeHoVaH would be fulfilled. You see, this event occurred on the first Sabbath after Shavuot (Pentecost). Exactly one year later, again on Shavuot, the crucified and risen Messiah would mikveh (baptize) his followers with the Ruach Kodesh (the Holy Spirit).

We don't need fairytales about a three-and-a-half year ministry; we need only one, acceptable year of YeHoVaH. We need only to heed the words of THE Prophet, the one of whom Moses spoke — the prophet who stood up and boldly proclaimed the acceptable year of the LORD in a crowded, angry synagogue. That prophet also spoke of things we are seeing in our present age and said, "I am coming quickly" (Revelation 22:20).

Let's be like him. Let's do what he told us to do with the time that we have left.

See you when the smoke clears



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