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ROOD REVIEW

THE DAY OF FIRST FRUITS

WITH PASSOVER BEHIND US, WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, DURING WHICH THERE IS ALWAYS A SABBATH (SATURDAY). THE DAY AFTER THE SABBATH (A.K.A. SUNDAY) WE ARE TOLD TO BRING THE "FIRST FRUITS" OF THE HARVEST (THE FIRST RIPE BARLEY IN THE FIELD) AND RAISE IT AS A WAVE OFFERING; THIS IS THE DAY OF FIRST FRUITS; IN 2021, THAT DAY IS SUNDAY, APRIL 4.

What made the First Fruits offering so significant is that it was given from the first harvest of the year, not knowing if any more crop would spring from the ground! As such, the Day of First Fruits was, and still represents, a "faith" offering; a declaration that you trust the Almighty to provide for you throughout the coming year. Indeed, the Almighty provided the ultimate "first fruit" for us when he raised Yeshua on that Sabbath evening, as the Day of First Fruits approached. But there's more to the story than you may realize.

After the Passover lambs were put in the oven, the Cohen Gadol (High Priest) and his entourage went over the Kidron Valley bridge to the barley field on the side of the Mount of Olives, opposite the Temple Mount. They bound together 10 standing shocks of aviv barley, one omer each, and returned to the Temple. There, the Cohen Gadol remained in seclusion in the priests' chambers on the Temple Mount from the time of the marking of the First Fruits on the side of the Mount of Olives until he presented the First Fruits offering in the Temple on the morning of the Day of First Fruits. Likewise, Yeshua was in seclusion in the same Mount MorehYah for his three days in the grave, and his seclusion was not yet finished when he forbade Miriam from touching him after his resurrection. Later that morning, after Yeshua presented the Firstfruits offering before the Father's throne in Heaven, he then allowed others to touch him, for his time of seclusion was finished. This is when the saints in the graves arose in the sight of the thousands who were participating in the Day of First Fruits (Matthew 27:52).

Each element of the Spring Feasts of Yel InVal I, including the events surrounding the First Fruits, was fulfilled by Yeshua. Only by careful study of the Temple service and the ordinances put in place by the prophet David are we able to see the Divine orchestration of events that were prophetically envisioned by King David – and only then can we see the depth of the Gospel records which depict their fulfillment.



Michael Rood

See you when the smoke clears!



YEHOVAH ANSWERS PRAYER!

WE LOVE TO PRAY WITH YOU – AND WE LOVE TO HEAR THE RESULTS, TOO! HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE AMAZING SITUATIONS IN WHICH THE ALMIGHTY HAS INTERVENED IN THE LIVES OF ROOD FANS LIKE YOU!



"I reached out for prayer about 2 months ago when my mother Cathleen was in the hospital for a bowel obstruction and gastro-intestinal bleed. After surgery and a bout with sepsis, she spent a month in hospital, but YeHoVaH has blessed her with his love and presence! She said that she felt he loved her for the first time. She is home now! Thank you for your prayers – praise YeHoVaH!!!"

- Anna D.

"I was driving to go repair an elevator at a hospital around 1:00am and was almost there. As I was just about to cross train tracks, I saw a light to my left. The train whistle blew and somehow the train missed me. The next block was the hospital, so I pulled into their parking lot and I sat there for a few minutes to collect myself. I know that I would have been broadsided by the train had YeHoVaH not intervened. This certainly was a miracle."

- Richard M.

"I am overwhelmed to share this testimony. Derrell, a minister friend, went into surgery with a 4% chance of survival for a collapsed aorta artery. He had a miraculous near death experience. A staff member at A Rood Awakening! International answered my call and we prayed. Derrell is now better than ever! Thanks be to YeHoVaH!"

- Brent H.

"I'm a survivor of a gunshot in the head during a very tough time in my life when I was 26. The bullet passed entirely through the back of my head, leaving only both entrance and exit wounds, which healed completely! Not only has YeHoVaH given me another opportunity, but also blessed me with a beautiful wife, daughter, and son. That was 9 years ago, and now we continue to see his favor to us every single day! B'shem Yeshua ha Mashiach. HalleluYAH!"

- Joshue G.

"Michael's teachings have been pivotal in my life. He has never steered me wrong. I began giving out his VCR tapes and cassette tapes many years ago. In fact, our Bible study group would make cassette tapes and hand them out. For anyone who is going through terrible hardships in your life the key is to cry out and our heavenly Father will surely answer you just like he did me. Thank you Michael for all your teachings and I pray for the second wind for you!"

- Fayvah M.

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(John 10:10)

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