

# Getting Started

Lifestyle Pattern 4: Observe only Scriptural Holydays.

As we study Scripture we can note that as the Set-Apart Ones of the Northern Tribes, “the House of Yisra’el,” started to adopt and participate in the pagan traditions and customs that surrounded them, they became corrupt and debased in both their thoughts and lifestyles. Yahuah/Yahweh has called us out from among the world to be a peculiar people and Set-Apart unto Him.

The Scriptures define the Moadim (Appointed Times) that we are to keep:

## Pesach (Passover):

Shemoth (Exodus) 12: 6 & 14

**‘And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then all the assembly of the congregation of Yisra’el shall kill it between the evenings.**

**‘And this day shall become to you a remembrance. And you shall observe it as a festival to יהוה throughout your generations – observe it as a festival, an everlasting law.**

## Hag HaMatzah (Unleavened Bread):

Shemoth (Exodus) 12: 15-17

**‘Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. Indeed on the first day you cause leaven to cease from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that being shall be cut off from Yisra’el.**

**‘And on the first day is a set-apart gathering, and on the seventh day you have a set-apart gathering. No work at all is done on them, only that which is eaten by every being, that alone is prepared by you.**

**‘And you shall guard the *Festival of Unleavened Bread*, for on this same day I brought your divisions out of the land of Mitsrayim. And you shall guard this day throughout your generations, an everlasting law.**

## Bikkurim (First Fruits):

Wayyiqra (Leviticus) 23:10-11 & 14

**“Speak to the children of Yisra’el, and you shall say to them, ‘When you come into the land which I give you, and shall reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest to the priest.**

**‘And he shall wave the sheaf before יהוה, for your acceptance. On the morrow after the Sabbath the priest waves it. ‘And you do not eat bread or roasted grain or fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your Elohim – a law forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.**

## Shavuot (Pentecost/Feast of Weeks):

### **Wayyiqra (Leviticus) 23:15-16 & 21**

**‘And from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, you shall count for yourselves: seven completed Sabbaths.**

**‘Until the morrow after the seventh Sabbath you count fifty days, then you shall bring a new grain offering to יהוה.**

**‘And on this same day you shall proclaim a set-apart gathering for yourselves, you do no servile work on it – a law forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.**

### **Yom Teruah (Feast of Trumpets):**

#### **Wayyiqra (Leviticus) 23:24-25**

**“Speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, ‘In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you have a rest, a remembrance of blowing of trumpets, a set-apart gathering.**

**‘You do no servile work, and you shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה.’ ”**

### **Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement):**

#### **Wayyiqra (Leviticus) 16:29-31**

**“And this shall be for you a law forever: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you afflict your beings, and do no work, the native or the stranger who sojourns among you.**

**“For on that day he makes atonement for you, to cleanse you, to be clean from all your sins before יהוה.**

**“It is a Sabbath of rest for you, and you shall afflict your beings – a law forever.**

### **Sukkot/Succot (Feast of Booths/Tabernacles):**

#### **Wayyiqra (Leviticus) 23:34-36 & 41**

**“Speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, ‘On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Festival of Booths for seven days to יהוה.**

**‘On the first day is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.**

**‘For seven days you bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. On the eighth day there shall be a set-apart gathering for you, and you shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. It is a closing festival, you do no servile work.**

**‘And you shall observe it as a festival to יהוה for seven days in the year – a law forever in your generations. Observe it in the seventh month.**

### **Chanukah/Hanukkah (Feast of Dedication or Festival Lights):**

#### **Yochanan (John) 10:22-23**

**At that time the Hanukkah came to be in Yerushalayim, and it was winter.**

And יהושע was walking in the Set-apart Place, in the porch of Shelomoh.

### Purim:

**Ester (Esther) 9:17-18 & 26-28**

That was on the thirteenth day of the month of Aḡar, and on the fourteenth day of the month they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

But the Yehudim who were at Shushan assembled on the thirteenth day, as well as on the fourteenth day. And on the fifteenth day of the month they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

Therefore they called these days Purim, after the name Pur. Therefore, because of all the words of this letter, what they had seen concerning this matter, and what had come upon them,

the Yehudim established and imposed it upon themselves and upon their seed and all who should join them, that without fail they should observe these two days every year, according to their writing and at their appointed time,

and that these days should be remembered and observed throughout every generation, every clan, every province, and every city, and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Yehudim, and that the remembrance of them should not cease from their seed.

Note that in all the Scriptures listed these times and seasons were observed as Feast Days (Moadim and Appointed Times) and were kept annually according to Scriptural Mandates. All these Feasts were observed by our Precious Master Yahshuah/Yahoshua HaMashiach and if He observed these times and seasons then it would behoove us to follow His example.

Also let us take a look at what the Scriptures say regarding this subject:

**Melakim Bet 2Ki 17:13-18**

And יהוה warned Yisra'el and Yehudah, through all of His prophets, and every seer, saying, "Turn back from your evil ways, and guard My commands and My laws, according to all the Torah which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets."

But they did not listen and hardened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not put their trust in יהוה their Elohim,

and rejected His laws and His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His witnesses which He had witnessed against them, and went after worthlessness, and became worthless, and after the gentiles who were all around them, of whom יהוה had commanded them not to do like them.

And they left all the commands of יהוה their Elohim, and made for themselves a moulded image, two calves, and made an Asherah and bowed themselves to all the host of the heavens, and served Ba'al,

and caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, and practised divination and sorcery, and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of יהוה, to provoke Him.

**So יהוה was very enraged with Yisra'ël, and removed them from His presence – none was left but the tribe of Yehudah alone.**

**Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 10:1-2**

**Hear the word which יהוה speaks to you, O house of Yisra'ël.**

**Thus said יהוה, “Do not learn the way of the gentiles, and do not be awed by the signs of the heavens, for the gentiles are awed by them.**

**Yechezqel Ezekiel 11:12**

**“And you shall know that I am יהוה, for you have not walked in My laws nor executed My right-rulings, but have done according to the rulings of the gentiles which are all around you.” ’**

**Qolasim (Colossians) 2:6-8**

**Therefore, as you accepted Messiah יהושע the Master, walk in Him, having been rooted and built up in Him, and established in the belief, as you were taught, overflowing in it with thanksgiving.**

**See to it that no one makes a prey of you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary matters of the world, and not according to Messiah.**

**Here is a list of some holidays that are after the ways of the gentiles and traditions of men:**

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| I) easter                   | II) maundy thursday  | III) good friday     |
| IV) valentines day          | V) halloween         | VI) christmas        |
| VIII) MLK birthday          | VIII) groundhog day  | IX) mardi gras       |
| X) ash wednesday            | XI) st patrick's day | XII) april fools day |
| XIII) kwanzaa               | XIV) new years eve   | XV) birthdays        |
| XVI) and many others (etc.) |                      |                      |

**Always remember any feast, festival, celebration, event or holiday which is not prescribed in Divine or Holy Scripture are after the ways of the gentiles and traditions of men.**

**Please refer for more information to our Teachings and Studies on YHWH's Moadim and our Statement of Faith.**