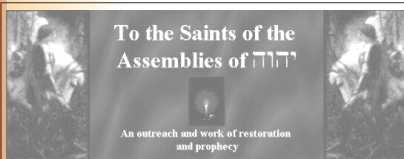


The Feast Of First Fruits (Pentecost)



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Scriptural Allusions I

and he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord to be accepted for you: and eue n the morow after the Sabbath the preaste shall wave it. **(Lev 23:11, Tyndale)**

(Readings: Deut 26 ... Lev.23:15-21, Exodus 23:14-19)

1. INTRODUCTION

The **Feast of Pentecost** was originally called the **Feast of Harvest** or the **Feast of Firstfruits**. This harvest festival occurs 50 days after the waving of the sheaf during the Passover week. It also coincides with the start of the wheat harvest in Israel.

Festival Seasons

Yahweh's command concerning His **three** festival seasons are as follows:

14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. **15** Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:.) **16** And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year; when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. **17** Three times

in the year all thy males shall appear before YHVH Elohim. **(Exod 23:14-17, RNKJV)**

Two Wave Loaves

Besides the sacrifice of certain animals, **two loaves of leavened bread** were offered to God at the **Feast of Firstfruits**. These represented the first fruits of the wheat harvest from the field. On a higher level the loaves of bread represent **purified believers** in whom the *leaven of sin* has been totally deactivated. They are now **holy people**, dedicated solely for priestly use. Sacrificed animals, most Christians know, represent Jesus the Messiah; but finely ground flour, fruit and incense represent the holiness and prayers of the people of the Most High.

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the **firstfruits** unto YHVH. **18** And ye shall offer with the bread **seven lambs** without blemish of the first year, and **one young bullock, and two rams:**

they shall be for a burnt offering unto YHVH, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto YHVH. **19** Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. **20** And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before YHVH, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to YHVH for the priest. (Lev 23:17-20)

A Basket of Fruit

In addition to the young bullock, the rams, the lambs and the loaves, during the harvest season individual Israelites were required to bring a **'basket of fruit'** to the Most High: and they were commanded to enact the following drama.

1 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; **2** That thou shalt take of **the first of all the fruit of the earth**, which thou shalt bring of thy land that YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which YHVH thy Elohim shall choose to place his name there. **3** And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto YHVH thy Elohim, that I am come unto the country which YHVH swore unto our fathers for to give us. **4** And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of YHVH thy Elohim. **5** And thou shalt speak and say before YHVH thy Elohim, **A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous: 6** And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: **7** And when we cried unto YHVH Elohim of our fathers, YHVH heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression: **8** And YHVH brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: **9** And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey. **10** And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O YHVH, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before YHVH thy Elohim, and worship before YHVH thy Elohim: **11** And thou

shalt rejoice in every good thing which YHVH thy Elohim hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you. (Deut 26:1-11)

The basket of fruit was symbolic of the **spiritual fruit Israel's God** would produce in the lives of His people after He had rescued them from the slavery of sin. More about this fact later.

Without delay

There are a few points concerning firstfruits that we should note. They are mentioned in the following commands:

*Thou shalt **not delay** to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me. (Exo:22:29)*

The Best

12 All the **best** of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the **firstfruits** of them which they shall offer unto YHVH, them have I given thee. (Num 18:12)

2. BLESSING / CURSING

At their highest level, and I'm not meaning the symbolic level of animal sacrifices and the waving of loaves of bread, the **laws of the Most High are living, active and eternal laws**. Like the laws of thermodynamics or the law of gravity, they are in operation at this very moment and the better we understand and obey them the better it will be for us. In short, **if you do what the Almighty says, you will be blessed. But break His commands and they will break you**. This fact is detailed in Deuteronomy chapter 28. I will quote a few verses concerning the results of obedience and disobedience.

Obedience

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of YHVH thy Elohim, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that YHVH thy Elohim will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: **2** And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of YHVH thy Elohim. **3** Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. **4** Blessed shall be the **fruit of thy body**, and the **fruit of thy ground**, and the **fruit of thy cattle**, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. **5** Blessed shall be thy **basket** and thy store. (Deut 28:1-5)

Disobedience

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of YHVH thy Elohim, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: 16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. 17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. 18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. (Deut 28:15-18)

3. SPIRITUAL PRIORITIES

How important is all this to us living in this century? Does it really make any difference to the quality of one's spiritual life, or the welfare of this small congregation, whether we keep these **Feasts of Jehovah** or not? After all, most of us don't make our living at agriculture. We don't grow wheat or keep sheep. We don't keep cattle for milk: neither do many of us keep bees for honey.

How does this feast of firstfruits affect us? The answer is: **these low-level laws all have high-level spiritual meaning.**

- We are the soil. We were made from the dust of the earth.
- The Holy Spirit is tending each one of us - *with our permission* - like a gardener tends his plot or a shepherd his flock.
- Yahweh expects us to be producing sacred fruit in thought, word and deed.** This is the purpose of our salvation.

Those ancient commands may not concern us at their **low agricultural level**: but most certainly they do at their **high spiritual level**. We are expected to bring forth '*fruit of the Holy Spirit*.' Failure to do so will be catastrophic. Consider this parable:

6 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. 7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? 8 And he answering said unto him, Master, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: 9 And if it

bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. (Luke 13:6-9)

- Sacred spiritual truths (the Word of God) have been sowed in our minds.

The meaning of this story is obvious. It needs little or no explanation. A vital clue to the importance of offering the **best** to God is found in what, at first glance, appears to be a misplaced instruction.

19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of YHVH thy Elohim. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk. (Exod 23:19)

What has this last sentence about cooking a kid in its mother's milk to do with firstfruits? The answer, I suspect, is: offering the **first of the firstfruits** is as vital to spiritual growth as milk is to a new-born kid. Withholding the best from Yahweh is tantamount to seething a kid in its mother's milk. In other words, consuming the very thing (the milk) which was intended to make the kid grow. Withholding the firstfruits from God, in other words, is fatal. It will kill you in the end. I would say with the wise man:

9 Honour YHVH with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: (Prov 3:9)

4. HIGH LEVEL FIRSTFRUITS

As I stated before, firstfruits come at several levels: farm produce, living beings (believers) and the holy thoughts, words and actions of those believers.

- Yahweh's only begotten Son is a first fruit; the fruit of His own body.**

15 Who is the image of the invisible Elohim, the firstborn of every creature: (Col 1:15)

20 But now is the Messiah risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. (1Cor 15:20)

- Yahweh's people are also firstfruits; the first to be saved from sin.**

3 Israel was holiness unto YHVH, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith YHVH. (Jer 2:3)

- The 144000 priests or prophets of God.** Not so much first in sequence; but first - (**best**) in quality. They are absolutely faultless.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which

follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the **firstfruits** unto YHVH and to the Lamb. (Rev 14:4)

•Epaenetus

5 Likewise greet the assembly that is in their house. Salute my well beloved Epaenetus, who is the **firstfruits** of Achaia unto the Messiah. (Rom 16:5)

•Individual Believers

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of YHVH. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the **firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. (Rom 8:21-23)

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. 18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. (Jas 1:17-18)

•Potential (Baal-shalisha a third part)

42 And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of Elohim bread of the **firstfruits**, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. (2Kgs 4:42)

Note how that this man's tithe provided food for many souls.

5. SPIRITUAL FRUIT

To produce a crop one must sow seed. Pause a while and consider that basic agricultural fact. Without sowing there can be no harvest. It is exactly the same in the spiritual realm.

Sowing

Honour YHVH with thy substance and with the **firstfruits** of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. (Prov 3:9-10)

7 Be not deceived; **Elohim is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.** 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. (Gal 6:7-8)

Sowing to the flesh is not just committing blatant sin. Sowing to the flesh means sowing in the spirit of error and self-interest. This includes:

- Pride:** The first and most dangerous sin.
- Greed.**
- Jealousy,** envy and secret hate.
- Misjudgement.**
- An unforgiving heart** etc.

These seeds produce a harvest - nothing but heartache.

Sowing to the Spirit

8 ... but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. (Gal 6:8)

22 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.** 24 And they that are the Messiahs have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. (Gal 5:22-26)

I would add to this list, qualities such as: **mercy, tender-heartedness, kindness, generosity, hospitality, compassion, good judgement, self-sacrifice, a sense of humour and the desire for reconciliation** etc. If you produce such fruit the Most high will be your friend.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheeps clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 **Ye shall know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. (Matt 7:15-20)

The **Feast of Firstfruits** (Pentecost) is primarily about **spiritual fruit**. I tell you our very lives depend upon the kind of fruit we are producing. Just as we do not expect young children to produce offspring, or young fruit trees to produce fruit, in exactly the same way Yahweh gives us time to produce **spiritual fruit in our lives**.

Remember:

- We are a kind of firstfruits - all of us.

- He is looking for the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If he finds no good, spiritual fruit, it could end in being hewn down and cast into the fire!
- We are commanded to put Him **first** and to bring Him the **best**.
- We are recognised by others, believers and unbelievers, by our words and actions. We are known by our fruits.

The **basket on this table** here represents our Bible School. It contains a variety of the best fruit we could find in the locality. Just as these fruits are all different, so too are we different from each other. But you are here, part of this symbolic **basket of fruit**. By the blood of the Saviour you were brought out of Egypt, out of sin. Why? The answer is - **to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit**.

In the light of these facts let all of us in SBS examine ourselves and ask ourselves the question: **Am I producing good fruit or evil fruit?** That is the question we must address today - on the **Feast of Firstfruits**.

Amen

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Stewarton Bible School, Scotland

1999



Living Spirit, Holy Fire

1. Liv - ing Spir - it, ho - ly fire, burn - ing bright to
 2. Warm us, draw your peo - ple near when our love draws
 3. Melt a - way the masks we wear, hid - ing what we
 4. O - pen hearts; af - firm us all, man - y - splen - dored,

light our way, blaze a - mong us and in - spire
 weak or cold. Free our fro - zen hearts from fear,
 know and feel. Risk - ing growth, we want to share
 one in you; we em - brace the work, the call:

lives that praise you day by day,
 that each sto - ry may be told.
 love in ac - tion, love that's real.
 You are mak - ing all things new.

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Songs for Feast of First Fruits

For Your Information [FYI]

Oh, how hast Babylon confounded the nations of the world!

Did you know that before men used meridians on the earth, another system was used to acknowledge the passage of time around the globe?

The **International Date Line (IDL)** is an imaginary line on the surface of the Earth that runs from the north to the south pole and demarcates one calendar day from the next. It passes through the middle of the Pacific Ocean, roughly following the 180° longitude but it deviates to pass around some territories and island groups.

The **IDL** is on the opposite side of the Earth to the Prime Meridian. The Prime Meridian is used to define Universal Time and is the meridian from which all other time zones are calculated. Time zones to the east of the Prime Meridian are in advance of UTC (up to UTC+14); time zones to the west are behind UTC (to UTC-12). The IDL is the line between those highest (up to UTC+14) and those lowest (down to UTC-12) time zones.

In the books of Isaiah, Acts, and Revelations, the text reads “*corners' of the earth*”. The word corner [H3671] refers to an 'extremity, a garment, or flap'. When John wrote that the angels shall gather the saints from the four corners of the earth, he was referring to the equatorial and East/West hemispheres in terms of the four 'quarters' of the earth's surface area. A visual representation is seen in Peter's vision.

And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: (Acts 10:11, KJV)

Various terms and methods apply to this form of geography and time placement: 180° Longitude, Equator, the Northern and Southern Hemisphere, East and Western Hemisphere, International Date Line [IDL], etc.. The **IDL** was first established in

De facto and de jure date lines

All nations unilaterally determine their standard time zones, applicable only on land and adjacent territorial waters. These national zones do not extend into international waters. Here are some examples.

- Sunday as observed in Tonga (as with Kiribati, Samoa, and parts of Fiji and Tuvalu) is considered by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to be the same day as Saturday.
- Islam starts and ends Ramadan upon sighting the new crescent moon, a phenomenon whose occurrence begins at a different location on Earth each month. The appropriate local date for holding the Friday prayer (Jumu'ah) can be a question in Islam in the Pacific region, since the date line used could be, for example, the IDL or 140°W (opposite Mecca).
- The concept of an international date line is first mentioned in a 12th-century Talmudic commentary which seems to indicate that the day changes in an area where the time is six hours ahead of Jerusalem (90 degrees east of Jerusalem, a line running through the Philippines). This line, which he refers to as the K'tzai Hamizrach (the easternmost line), is used to calculate the day of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

An allusion to one of Mark Twain's axioms helps to keep things in perspective, “*It is a good teacher that can take a complex subject and make it understandable in simpler terms.*”

Ah-h-h, for the simpler times when language (and time references) did more clearly convey their message!

Election with Purpose¹

It is most important to recognize the uniqueness of a candidate's gifts and talents in order to appoint them to a best-fit, or position(s), fitting their ability(s). In 1 Peter, for example, Peter specifically identifies himself as an elder.

James Murdock's *Translation of the Aramaic Western Peshitto New Testament* (2008) translates

1 Peter 5:1 as,

And I, an Elder, your associate, and a witness of the sufferings of the Messiah, and a Participant in his glory which is to be revealed, entreat the Elders who are among you: (1Pet, 5:1, Murdock).

Peter here identifies himself as an affiliate among many other elders. Of course, we know that He was also an apostle just as Paul also acknowledged (1 Tim 2:7). Each of the Apostles had a special assignment, a special message, calling, and passion for their place in time. Likewise, so should the elders

¹ *Nazarene-Hebrew Chaplaincy Manual*, p. 143.)

within the assemblies/congregations. Some may be assigned basic tasks and others delegated to resume certain functions to allow another to fulfill their calling.

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a Murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected In the daily ministrations.

Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason That we should leave the word of YHWH, and serve tables.

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. (Acts 6,1-6, RNKJV)

There are numerous types of services and types of ministering that elders perform within and outside the congregations. Paul lists a few of these to the congregation at Corinth,

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

And YHWH hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way. (1Cor 12: 27-31, RNKJV)

... then summarizes with the most important message of all,

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as

sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing (1Cor 13:1,2, KJV).

Remember, Paul wrote, “Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular”. Meaning, the saints are only a part of a greater whole, each member having their place. This is the reason that YHWH has chosen you and the brethren – each according to their portion, talents, and gifts as given by the Ruach HaChodesh upon immersion (baptism) and over their years of learning and experience. The Chaplaincy elder will recognize that the expression of charity is a noble task in itself, and that as According to Paul, is the most important of all.

Often times a particular event may require team work. One such task performed jointly by the apostles, elders, and presbyters can be found in: Acts 15:2,4,6,22,23, and in Acts 16:4.

| A breakdown of those gifts, talents, and of members for consideration can be seen in Appendix v. *Ordainment References_b: The Gifts of Ruach HaChodesh.* |

| Key words: Appoint (-ing); Ordain (-ment); Anoint (-ing, -ment); Laying on of the hands |

~ May the saints see one another soon, in Israel! Amen. ~

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Scriptural Allusions II

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For Your Consideration [FYC]

The teaching-elder aspires to practice the approach of Yah'shua's example. Paul once taught this principle stated as, "[Are] all apostles? [are] all prophets? [are] all teachers? [are] all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? (1Cor 12:29-30) Wise words. Upon the necessity to seek counsel, a careful inquiry will reveal varying gifts and talents for a 'best fit' for one's own unique needs.

We know that all things were given to Yah'shua to glorify the Father, even as the son of man. Among His many talents, He modeled the perfect teacher. So, what are some examples of Yah'shua's approach as it applies now? Yah'shua's model can be realized when finding a true elder. Here are a few of our own discoveries.

The permissive elder

Permissive teacher/elders are popular, but have a low control threshold; their locus can often seem self- rather than other-centered, they make few demands on their audience and they generally show apathy toward their progress. This particular style, despite a lack of focus and a relaxed student/[disciple involvement, is suitable – albeit not ideal -- for a learning situation in which they are addressing an advanced audience, the kind that needs little or no supervision and complete independent studies or advanced projects on their own. The elder isn't required as an educator in this environment; his role is only as a supervisor.

The authoritarian elder

Authoritarian elders are the antithesis of the permissive supervisors, as they set out barriers making themselves hard if not impossible to approach, which effectively further distances them from any personal connection to their audience. Their rules are copious and absolutely enforced. The authoritarian is a dictator who frequently lectures, encourages little interaction and establishes fervent competition among their disciples. Inevitably, the authoritarian's atmosphere is [somewhat] fearful and punitive, as this approach exercises rigorous control but shows little interest in involvement. In secular environments, administrators consider authoritarians suitable for "trouble-making" environments, as they maintain order; sadly, it's at the cost of potentially positive interaction.

The authoritative elder

The authoritative elder manages the best of both worlds with regard to focus upon Yahweh and encourages disciple involvement. They maintain not only high expectations but also promotes rigor and relationships; which usually encourages interactions and is warm and inviting to the student/disciple. They are open and friendly, even though boundaries are clearly established; they are a steady and reliable role model. An authoritative teacher-elder praises and motivates; they encourage respect and cooperative learning. Best of all, their authority allows them to take all along on the journey to interactive discovery.

The best elder

The main difference between authoritative, authoritarian and permissive teachers, beyond their low or high ability to maintain focus or involvement, is how well each style interacts in most settings. Yah'shua himself demonstrated each of these techniques when needed to address the situation:

- He was both permissive and authoritative when addressing His disciples ([Matt 7:29](#); [Mar 1:22](#); [6:2](#); [Luk 4:32](#))
- He was authoritarian in His actions when entering the corrupted temple ([Matt 21:12-13](#)), and even righteous anger ([John 2:15-17](#))
- He was perfectly authoritative in His Sermon on the Mount and His dissertation to the disciples prior to His martyrdom (The books of the [Gospels](#), [John](#), and [Revelation](#))

Permissive and authoritarian styles function well in selected environments; the authoritative style is ideal for many more settings. An authoritative teacher finds himself better able to handle, encourage and establish both control and involvement in a majority of environments. A true elder not only has a level of mastery of the scriptures, they apply the model of their Master, Yah'shua haMoshiak. And here is the gift to the saints of a true teaching elder. (Also see books of [Titus](#) and [Timothy](#))

Q: Considering the above information, can you think of any examples when you may have employed each of these approaches; and, which one would you say is your primary approach?

Rosh Chodesh

Rosh Chodesh 3, June 2014

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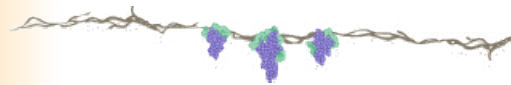
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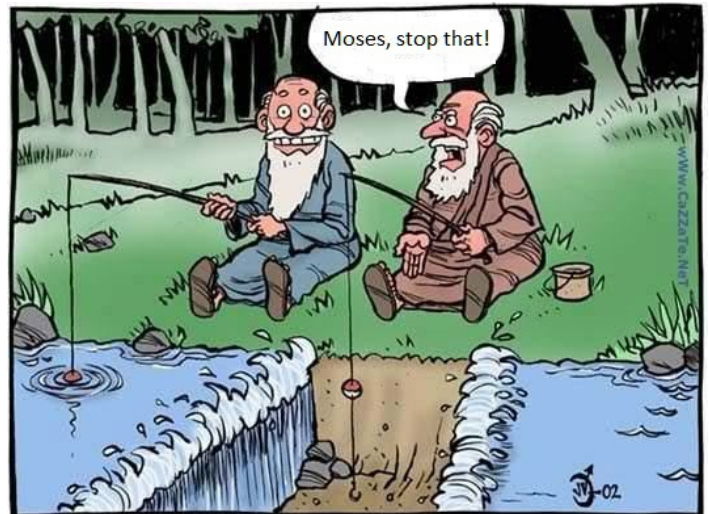
Amazing Quotes

“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.” ~ Albert Einstein

The Feast Days of Yahweh (2014)

-	Abib 1 (Starts @ sunset Mar 31)	-	Apr 1
-	Yah'shua's Kiddush	Abib 13	Apr 13
-	Passover Memorial (at even)	Abib 14	Apr 14
I, II	Passover Feast (DUB)	Abib 15-21	Apr 15-21
-	Wave Sheaf	Abib 16	Apr 16
III	Feast of First Fruits (Pentecost)	Abib 16 + 49	Jun 4
IV	Feast of Trumpets	Day 1 of 7 th new moon	Sep 27
V	Atonement	Day 10 of 7 th new moon	Oct 6
VI	Feast of Booths (FOT)	Day 15-21 of 7 th new moon	Oct 11-17
VII	Last Great Day (8 th Day)	Day 22 of 7 th new moon	Oct

Lighter Side



Moses and Isaiah go fishing during the millennium.



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Mom, Dad, I think it's time for me to get out there and follow everyone else.

Notes

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