

# Counting beyond Shavuot toward a Circumcised Heart

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Last week we celebrated Shavuot by counting 50 days after the first resheet barley offering would have been made by the Priest on Day 16 of Month 1.

Through the writings of Josephus and Philo, we know that this is how the Omer was counted during Yahushua's time.

We can also discern how the Yisraelites counted when they left Egypt.

The children of Yisrael reached Mount Sinai three days before Shavuot. The text of Exodus 19:1 carries a clue that they arrived at Sinai on "the same day" that they left Egypt.

We know that they left Egypt on the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread in 1437 BCE.

Do you know what day of the week that was? Using the [TorahCalendar](#) as a tool, we can see that it was the first day of the week, commonly called "Sunday."

That "same day" in Month 3 that they arrived in Sinai was, therefore, Day 5 of Month 3. It was the "first day" of the week (i.e., Sunday).

We then read the following: *“<sup>10</sup> YHWH said to Moses, Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments <sup>11</sup> and be ready for the third day. For on the third day YHWH will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.”* Exodus 19:10-11

Notice the emphasis on “the third day.” Well, that refers to the third day of the week, commonly called “Tuesday.”

On the third day, YHWH came down on the Mountain. It was also the fiftieth day of the Omer Count. We know this not simply because of tradition. We know it because we can look back at 1437 BCE and count the days ourselves.

Can you do that with the calendar you are using? I assume you all use the sun and the moon and can do this. So, ask your friends chasing after rogue Dead Sea calendars if they can. The answer is no; they cannot because they are solar calendars.

We know that YHWH came down on the fiftieth day. Therefore, Shavuot has always been connected with the 10 Words spoken by YHWH and the further instructions given to Moses on the Mountain.

So, the Torah is very much associated with Shavuot. Interestingly, while the word Shavuot literally means “sevens,” Christians celebrate Pentecost, which means: “fiftieth.”

They understand that the event described in Acts 2 was an important event, but few connect it with an Appointed Time that spans back to Sinai. Most treat it as a brand-new Christian Holiday.

Western Christianity will observe Pentecost Sunday tomorrow, May 19<sup>th</sup>, while Eastern Orthodox Christians will celebrate it on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Both observe it seven weeks after their Easter Sunday.

Sadly, they never give the Torah a thought in their celebrations. Instead, they focus on the Spiritual aspect of the Promise of the Father. Without the Torah, many assemblies end up looking like the “Wild West” as people get consumed with operating in “gifts of the Spirit” as a means to an end.

Most fail to make the connection between Sinai and Jerusalem, which is why many will appear before Yahushua proclaiming “Lord, Lord,” but will be rejected.

*“<sup>21</sup> Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup> And then will I declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.” Matthew 7:21-23*

Let me rephrase that - Not everyone who calls Yahushua Lord will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

I can hear many Christians saying: “But wait. My Pastor told me that all I needed to do was believe in Jesus and say a prayer.”

We have discussed this so many times that I’m sure the answer is clear to every reader of this message. It’s not what you say, but rather what you do. You cannot simply call Yahushua “Lord” or “Master” or even “Messiah.” You must do the will of the Father in Heaven. And His will is set forth in the Torah.

Those “many” people wanted power for their own edification. They neglected the fact that the power of the Spirit, called “The Helper,” was so that they could obey the instructions. (John 14:26, 15:26 and 16:7)

The “many” were called lawless because they didn’t obey. They didn’t use the power for the intended purpose.

This group of many sounds and acts like many Christians in the Charismatic movement dabbling in the pagan practice of “ecstatic utterance” under the guise of speaking in tongues. Look it up.

They sound and act like the many Christians who have invited the Kundalini spirit into their congregations rather than the set-apart Spirit of Elohim. They do this because they are lawless and cannot discern between qodesh and profane.

These “many” people failed to understand the intended purpose of a restored people through the Covenant. The people of Elohim are not called to perform miracles on a daily basis.

Here is a description of our calling:

*“<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy (set apart) Nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> who once were not a people but are now the people of Elohim, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.” 1 Peter 2:9-10*

Remember that those who were once not a people who did not obtain mercy were the lost sheep of the House of Yisrael. (See Hosea 1)

So, those who are chosen must focus on being set apart priests to YHWH in the Light, which is His Truth. We are to proclaim the praises of Elohim and worship Him in spirit and truth.

That is what Yahushua told the Samaritan woman at the well.

*“<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> Elohim is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”* John 4:23-24

Do you remember where Yahushua made this statement? It's one of my favorite places to visit in the Land - Shechem.

Here is the context: *“<sup>4</sup> And He had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So He came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Yahushua, wearied as He was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.”* John 4:4-6

So, the focus was on Joseph and the lost sheep of the house of Yisrael. That is why the conversation quickly focused on the fact that she was an adulterous woman. *“<sup>17</sup> . . . You have well said, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”* John 4:17-18

None of this was a coincidence. He was speaking directly to the lost sheep of the House of Yisrael.

He was referring to the promised Circumcision of the heart, not attending a Christian event and raising your hands while you sing along with your favorite band or worship team.

Moses stated: *“Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.”* Deuteronomy 10:16 He was contrasting an uncircumcised heart being stiff-necked. Stiff-necked is YHWH’s way of describing people who will not respond to His yoke – His instructions.

We are supposed to sense the tugging of the Spirit and respond. Removing the foreskin increases sensitivity and makes us more responsive - more obedient, which is an expression of our love and intimacy with Elohim.

It was not a coincidence that YHWH placed the outward sign in the flesh upon the sexual organ of the male, which corresponds to the inner heart. While man can circumcise flesh, we need YHWH to circumcise our hearts, and He promised to do just that.

*“And YHWH your Elohim will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul (nefesh), that you may live.”* Deuteronomy 30:6

Why do we need YHWH to circumcise our hearts? So that we can love Him *“with all your heart and with all your nefesh.”*

That’s the Shema - The First and Greatest Commandment according to Yahushua (see Matthew 22:37-38 and Mark 12:29-30)

Yahushua said, *“If you love Me, keep My Commandments.”* John 14:15 Our love is directly related to our obedience. That obedience does not simply consist of outward actions; it needs to originate with the heart.

He emphasized this point while in the Land of the Exiled House of Yisrael because those exiles needed to change while in exile.

That is why He sent His disciples to them with the Good News.

Here is the promise given through Ezekiel: “<sup>14</sup> Again the word of YHWH came to me, saying, <sup>15</sup> Son of man, your brethren, your relatives, your countrymen, and all the House of Yisrael in its entirety, are those about whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘Get far away from YHWH; this land has been given to us as a possession.’ <sup>16</sup> Therefore say, Thus says Adoni YHWH: Although I have cast them far off among the Nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone. <sup>17</sup> Therefore say, Thus says Adoni YHWH: I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the Land of Yisrael. <sup>18</sup> And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. <sup>19</sup> And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, <sup>20</sup> that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their Elohim. <sup>21</sup> But as for those whose hearts follow the desire for their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their deeds on their own heads, says Adoni YHWH.” Ezekiel 11:14-21

Did you catch verse 15? The inhabitants of Jerusalem will tell all the House of Yisrael to get far away because the Land has been given to them as a possession. That is precisely what the Jewish Zionists are saying to the Nations who want to return.

Through Ezekiel, we understand that YHWH will gather back His people, take away their stony hearts, and give them a heart of flesh and a new spirit.

In the New King James Version, there is a “then” at the beginning of verse 19 instead of a “and.” That is an inaccurate rendering of the Hebrew “vav,” but I have seen people argue that YHWH will return the people to the Land and at some later date, He will give them a new

heart and a new spirit. We are seventy years and counting, and the Land is still being profaned.

The return is obviously for people who repent and turn to YHWH and return to the Land so that they can walk in His Statutes, keep His judgments, and do them. As usual, YHWH expects His people to follow Him and worship Him in Spirit and truth when they dwell in the Land. That is the reason for a new heart and a new spirit.

In Ezekiel 36, we read the same promise to the Houses of Yisrael concerning a new heart, a new spirit, and a return to the Land immediately before the promise of a resurrection of the dry bones and the union of the two sticks we discussed last week.

All of this involves the New and Renewed Covenant promised through Jeremiah.

*“<sup>31</sup> Behold, the days are coming, Says YHWH, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Yisrael and with the house of Yahudah <sup>32</sup> not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a Husband to them, Says YHWH. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Yisrael after those days, Says YHWH: I will put My Torah in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup> No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know YHWH for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, Says YHWH. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”* Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Torah gets inside our minds and is written on our hearts through a new spirit and a new heart.



Yahushua renewed the Covenant of truth and sealed it with the Spirit between Passover and Shavuot. We need to participate in that Covenant to receive the promise of a new heart and a new spirit.

Yahushua is the door to the Covenant and the only way to the Father (see John 10:7-9 and John 14:6). That's it.

Through Jeremiah, it is confirmed that Sinai was a wedding ceremony and the Torah is the "ketubah" - the wedding contract.

Yahushua performed His first recorded miracle at a wedding and showed that He came to cleanse the Bride through His shed blood.

As His last promised miracle, the Spirit fell upon those gathered in Jerusalem like fire, and they spoke in different languages so the people of the Nations could understand the message.

The purpose of all these prophetic promises involving a new heart and a new spirit is so that people can know YHWH and be known by Him. The way the Father and the Son know you is if you are in a relationship with them. The Covenant defines that relationship, and the Covenant has terms and conditions that must be obeyed.

If you want to be part of His Bride in attendance at the wedding, then you need to abide by the terms of the Covenant and show up to the wedding on time. Those are important details.

There are currently people all over the spectrum following all sorts of calendars, as if the calendar that Yahushua was born into, lived within, and then died, was resurrected, and then sent the Spirit on was somehow corrupted. And oh, by the way, He never mentioned that fact to anyone.

Well, that is an absurd position.

First, the Yahudim were only exiled into Babylon for 70 years. They did not lose the mercy and their identity as a people in Covenant with YHWH as the House of Yisrael did. (See Hosea 1)

Last week, we showed how the House of Yisrael became lost in time and space through a punishment that spanned 2,730 years.

The Yahudim who had been exiled into Babylon were people who understood their Creator and the fact that they were being punished.

Even while in exile, Ezekiel provided a clue to a Jubilee Year.

*“In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was struck down, on that very day, the hand of YHWH was upon me, and He brought me to the city.”* Ezekiel 40:1

This passage clearly refers to a Jubilee year, so they were keeping track of time while in exile.

In fact, Daniel was visited by the Messenger Gabriel while in exile. He was given the 70-week prophecy while praying about the end of the 70-year punishment.

Here is what we read before the appearance of Gabriel <sup>1</sup> *In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans - <sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the scrolls the number of the years specified by the word of YHWH through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”* Daniel 9:1-3

He had definitely been keeping track of time as Jeremiah kept track of time. He knew what time it was.

Instead of straying from YHWH during the exile, certain Yahudim like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah maintained their focus and obedience while in Babylon.

Some exiles who returned to Jerusalem actually remembered the old Temple. They were led by Ezra the Priest and continued on the proper calendar when they returned. They knew what time it was.

Here is an account of their celebration of the Appointed Times of Month Seven after they returned.

*“<sup>1</sup> And when the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Then Yeshua the son of Jozadak and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brethren, arose and built the altar of the Elohim of Yisrael, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Torah of Moses the man of Elohim. <sup>3</sup> Though fear had come upon them because of the people of those countries, they set the altar on its bases; and they offered burnt offerings on it to YHWH, both the morning and evening burnt offerings. <sup>4</sup> They also kept the Feast of Sukkot, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings in the number required by ordinance for each day. <sup>5</sup> Afterwards they offered the regular burnt offering, and those for New Moons and for all the Appointed feasts of YHWH that were consecrated, and those of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to YHWH. <sup>6</sup> From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to YHWH, although the foundation of the Temple of YHWH had not been laid.”*  
Ezra 3:1-6 (see also Nehemiah 8)

Are we to think that these people were celebrating on the wrong calendar? Absolutely not.

YHWH sent numerous prophets during this period of return and restoration. They warned, scolded, and encouraged the Yahudim on many issues, but never the calendar. In fact, many of those prophets included dates when their prophecies were given. Those who say that the returning Yahudim brought back a profaned Babylonian calendar are now defaming the integrity of many of those prophets.

So, it's a baseless argument to assert that the Yahudim were keeping time like the Babylonians while neglecting YHWH's calendar. They do this to justify their solar calendars for some other calendar that does not comport with Genesis 1:14.

Shavuot is one of the most difficult Feast for people to calculate. While it seems obvious to count strictly sabbaths as weeks, that is not how Yisrael counted the Omer. We know how Moses counted the Omer; we understand how Joshua counted the Omer. We know how Yahushua counted the Omer, and the Set-Apart Spirit "sealed the deal." For all the evidence I refer you to the TorahCalendar article titled [\*How Yahushua Messiah Counts the Omer.\*](#)

Imagine if you were following some Dead Sea Scroll solar calendar and you missed the Spirit as described in Acts 2? There was no "redo" if you missed out. That is why there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth for many who show up late to the wedding and get left out.

People gathered in Jerusalem from all the surrounding Nations for Shavuot because they were on the same calendar. They counted the Omer from the day after the First High Sabbath of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The Set-Apart Spirit confirmed that YHWH counted the Omer as well.

That's it - end of discussion.

So, if you didn't celebrate Shavuot last week, I'm sorry to say that you missed the Appointed Time.

You need to thank YHWH that we're still rehearsing and get it right next time. In fact, you had better get it right before Month 7.

But showing up on time is just part of the process. Being ready when you show up is equally important. If you are not known by Yahushua, you won't get in, even if you are on time.

Last week, I quoted Isaiah 49 and the prophesy of the Servant Who would raise up the tribes of Jacob and bring back the preserved of Yisrael. That Servant is none other than Yahushua. He will be "as a covenant to the people, to establish the Land, to apportion the desolate heritages."

We referred to the fact that we should not align with those who reject the Messiah. Again, we are supposed to be a set-apart Nation of Priests, and we should look to the example set by the followers of Yahushua.

While they continued to visit the Temple in Jerusalem while it was still standing, they left Jerusalem before it was destroyed in 70 CE.

We read from Josephus's writings concerning the horrors that occurred in the Land during Vespasian's and Titus's assaults. The important thing to understand is that there were no Disciples of Yahushua in Jerusalem when YHWH judged the city and the people by the hand of the Romans.

Yahushua had already told them when to flee. Here is the warning from Luke:

*“<sup>20</sup> But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. <sup>22</sup> For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. <sup>23</sup> But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. <sup>24</sup> And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Nations are fulfilled.” Luke 21:20-24*

The disciples of Yahushua were all well aware of this warning. In 66 CE, after the beginning of the Jewish revolt, Roman governor Cestius Galus of Syria led a Roman legion to Jerusalem and surrounded the city. Amazingly, he then inexplicably left after ten days.

The followers of Yahushua saw this as a sign that it was time to flee, and they did. They fled the Land of Judea to the mountains across the Jordan at Pella.

The Zealots, who did not follow Yahushua, misinterpreted this as a sign from Elohim that they would have victory over the Roman oppressors. They did not follow Yahushua’s advice. Instead, they stayed in the Land and continued to go to Jerusalem for the feasts. Their struggle ended in a terrible defeat with horrific results that Yahushua alluded to in His original warning concerning the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem. (See Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21)

It is amazing how two different groups of people who claim to follow YHWH can be so diametrically opposed to one another. The critical difference was the Messiah - those who believed and obeyed the Messiah and those who did not.

The followers of Yahushua were not standing with the two major factions in Jerusalem led by Simon bar Gioras and John of Gischalla. Nor were they were not aligned with the Idumeans or the Zealots.

The followers of Yahushua heeded His words and followed His advice. If they had chosen to “Stand with Yahudah,” they would have been decimated. Instead, they were gone – out of the path of destruction.

The Romans later began the attack on Jerusalem on April 14, 70 CE, under Titus's leadership. According to TorahCalendar.com, this was also Passover.

They were not covered by the Blood of the Lamb of Elohim and were, therefore, destined for judgment.

The siege lasted around four months, and on August 5, 70 CE, the final Tamid offering was slaughtered in the Temple. This was none other than Day 9 of Month 5, commonly referred to as Tisha b’Av (the Ninth of Av).

The destruction of Jerusalem did not end the rebellion, though. Some Zealots sought refuge in the Herodian Fortress at Masada.

Again, they did not heed Yahushua’s advice. Instead, they sought refuge in a Roman fortress (the Iron Dome of Rome, if you catch my drift) instead of under the shadow of the Almighty.

They all died.

It is a sad story of defeat and judgment that the modern State of Israel attempts to turn around by holding these people up as heroes. That completely misses the point. You cannot outrun or hide from the

Judgment of YHWH. Your defiance against YHWH will end up in destruction.

That is consistent with the Zionist approach to the land. It ignores the prophets of YHWH and attempts to achieve its desires through defiance.

The events at Masada are a prime example of what happens when we stray from Elohim's commandments. They should be viewed in the context of judgment and curses, not heroism.

I filmed a video from Masada on that point many years ago titled [\*Remembering Judgment at Passover\*](#).

It had to be ironic for those Yahudim on top of Masada during the Roman siege. They could look down at the remnants of Sodom and Gomorrah below them as they were about to receive the wrath of Elohim through the Romans. They could also look across the Dead Sea to the mountains where the followers of Yahushua fled to safety.

There were no followers of Yahushua at Masada either. They did not stand with Yahudah. Instead, they obeyed Yahushua.

Tisha b'av (the ninth of av) was not only the day when the Romans destroyed the Temple. Five calamities are commemorated on this traditional fast day. Namely, 1) the ten spies giving a lousy report, 2) the destruction of Solomon's Temple, 3) the destruction of Herod's Temple, 4) the crushing of the Bar Kokhba revolt and destroying the city of Betar, and 5) Following the Bar Kokhba revolt, Roman commander Quintus Tineius Rufus plowed the site of the Temple in Jerusalem and the surrounding area.

Did you notice that the final three events directly resulted from rejecting Messiah Yahushua?



It is important to note that Yahushua's followers also did not stand with Bar Kokhba and Akiba during the second Jewish revolt. Why would they? It was all a rejection of Yahushua and defiance of His authority.

They knew that Akiba was wrong and Bar Kokhba was a false Messiah, and they both rejected Yahushua as the Messiah.

This is very similar to the circumstances we find ourselves in today. There is a nation occupying the Land that calls itself Israel and specifically rejects Yahushua as the Messiah.

They have not had any peace as they forcibly attempt to take the Covenant Land without being in the Covenant renewed by Messiah.

We should not be joining with Jews who reject the Messiah in their quest to take and keep the Covenant Land without Yahushua.

We must make the same decision to separate as our predecessors did. We must continue to obey Him and follow His Commandments, understanding that those who hear the voice of the Good Shepherd are the Lost Sheep of the House of Yisrael being called home.

Of course, much of this comes down to the identity of Yisrael.

It is not a genetic definition. Instead, it is a Covenant definition.

So, who is Yisrael?

We already discussed it at the beginning of this message. They are the ones who receive the Promise of the Father through the Covenant renewed by Yahushua. The Spirit has sealed them through belief in Yahushua so they can have circumcised hearts. They want to obey.

The act of circumcision involved the removal of flesh. It pointed to the fact that the physical flesh is not essential. There was a part that could be cut off and thrown away because it pointed to a more critical Spiritual change inside us.

While Adam was made in the image of YHWH, we were all born in the image of Adam. (see Genesis 5:3)

The Yisraelites were not born circumcised. They were born uncircumcised, just like all of the Nations. There was nothing different from them except for the journey of the seed and the Covenant they were born into.

The seed needed to pass through the cutting of the Covenant, and it took three generations to get to the point where the seed passed from a male circumcised on the eighth day to a male that would be circumcised on the eighth day. That is why YHWH is the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who later became Yisrael.

The Yisraelites had to be circumcised on the eighth day of their life to be in the Covenant. They were completely reliant upon their parents to circumcise their flesh, just as we are entirely reliant upon our Father to circumcise our hearts.

Of course, “the eighth day” happens to be the name of the final Appointed Time in the annual cycle of Appointed Times. (see Leviticus 23:39) Many people think it is simply the eighth day of Sukkot, but Sukkot is only a seven day Feast.

The Eighth Day (Shemini Atzeret) lands on day 22 of Month 7. It is the “taw” of the Month, while Yom Teruah is the “aleph” of Month 7.

Yahushua was born on Yom Teruah, and we can expect a great Covenant fulfillment on a future Eighth Day (Shemini Atzeret).

That is the goal of the Covenant journey we are all on, guided through the cycle of the Appointed Times.

Keep that in mind as we pass from Shavuot to the Appointed Times of Month 7. We are physically observing Commandments so that we can be changed on the inside.

Last week, we talked about the 40 days at the beginning of Yahushua's "ministry" as well as the 40 days at the end.

Those 40 days were pointing us back to Moses and the Mountain.

It is essential to recognize that we don't stop counting after Shavuot.

On Day 50, YHWH came down and spoke the Ten Words in His Voice through the sound of the Shofar. Shortly after that, Moses ascended the Mountain of Elohim. He ascended and descended for three different 40-day periods leading up to Yom Kippur.

One hundred twenty days on the Mountain to get to Yom Kippur and Atonement. Remember that a Jubilee Year begins on Yom Kippur. This is a fantastic and purposeful connection.

The completion of 120 Jubilee years points to the year 6,000 from Creation. That is why some believe Yahushua will return at the beginning of a Jubilee year and descend from the clouds like Moses descended from the Mountain on Yom Kippur.

There is a great shofar blast blown on Yom Kippur. (see Leviticus 25:9) Someday, it may be announcing the return of the King to judge the Nations.

With that in mind, I hope you all had a wonderful Shavuot, and I encourage you to keep counting because the journey isn't over!

These exercises and observances are meant to keep us focused on what really matters.

Ultimately, it comes down to the fact that YHWH is looking for true worshippers - those who worship in spirit and truth.

The only way to do this is through a circumcised heart, and that is why we must stay focused on time and the Appointed Times that lead us to the Eighth Day!