

HOW DID YAHSHUA FULFILLED THE LAW?

Yahshua taught His disciples that the summary of the law rested on the word, love. Love the Lord, your God; love your neighbor as yourself; love your enemies, love them and do not hate them. When the enemies were piercing his hands and His feet, He prayed forgiveness for those who were crucifying Him, thus fulfilling the law in its complete meaning of love (Luke 23:24).

When the centurion and the soldiers with him saw the earthquake and all that had taken place at the moment of Yahshua's death, they were terrified, and exclaimed, Surely He was the Son of God! Yahshua's prayer was answered at that moment, for surely this centurion didn't know Who that man was whom they had crucified and now he confesses that Yahshua was the Son of God. What a beautiful picture of reconciliation and of the fulfilling of the law!

Yahshua fulfilled the law when the curtain of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom, opening the way for whosoever would believe in Him to enter the Holy of Holies through His blood. Since we have a great Priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith (Hebrews 10:19-21).

He fulfilled the law when His blood was shed on the cross for the sins of the world, for the Law says that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin. Since the Law was only the shadow of the good things that were coming, and not the reality themselves because it was not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins, therefore, when Yahshua came into the world, He said, Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You prepared for Me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings You were not pleased. Then He also said, Here I am – it is written about Me in the scroll – I have come to do Your will O God... (Hebrews 10:1-7). By this will we are made whole once and for all; no more need for sacrifices of animals for the forgiveness of sins. He said that He had come to fulfill the law in its entirety and at the cross He said, It is finished! The Law was fulfilled and salvation came to all through His blood.

In His death, Yahshua fulfilled the Law, for He conquered the sting of death and the power of sin as we read in I Corinthians 15:56, The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord Yahshua, the Messiah. Paul asks the question, Where death is your sting? And the statement, The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law. So we conclude that the sting and the power of sin were conquered on the cross. If death lost its sting, where then is its power? It was abolished, when Yahshua died on the cross.

We well know that the will of the Father was for Yahshua, His Son to atone the sins of the world with His blood, a requirement for the fulfillment of the law. If sacrifices are offered today for the remissions of sins in observance of the law, Yahshua's atonement for sins is rejected and forgiveness will not reach those who still practice the law, for as we know, the blood of bulls and goats have no power to forgive sins neither atone the sins of the world. Salvation exists only through the blood of Yahshua.

Yahshua also fulfilled the feasts mentioned in Exodus 23: 14-19: the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacle. The Feast of Unleavened Bread was fulfilled when Yahshua offered His body- the Living Bread, pure and free from leaven-sin as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. We read in the accounts of Matthew 26:17-18, On the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Yahshua and asked, “Where do You want us to make preparations for You to eat the Passover? He replied, Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘the teacher says, My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with My disciples at Your house’. God had told Israel to celebrate this feast at the appointed time, for this was a very important feast, since it was in that month that Israel came out of Egypt many years ago. That first day of the unleavened bread was the appointed time for Yahshua to die. He was going to fulfill the words of John the Baptizer “Behold the Lamb of God Who takes the sins of the world”! At the time when the Jews celebrated their freedom from the physical Egypt, God was giving them His Son to free them from the spiritual Egypt. The blood on their door posts pointed to the time when their Messiah would come and shed His blood for their salvation. Yahshua said in John chapter six, I am the Living Bread that came from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; this is My flesh which I give for the life of the world. “It is a remarkable fact that the Bible records two Passovers as having been celebrated at the close of the true 14th day of the first day of the first moon or month, namely, that which preceded the Exodus of Israel from Egypt in the evening of Thursday, 11th May 1639 B.C., and that which preceded our blessed Lord’s Exodus out of this world on the evening of Thursday, 30th April A.D.33” (The Restored Vision).

The Feast of Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks, these seven weeks or forty-nine days after the the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is closely related to Passover, constituted the time of harvest which is the great symbol of resurrection. This feast was also fulfilled in Yahshua fifty days after His resurrection, when He sent His promised Holy Spirit. We have here also the fulfillment of John’s prophecy, The man on Whom You see the Spirit come down and remain is He Who will baptize with the Holy Spirit (John 3:29-34). Yahshua told the disciples just before He went to heaven, For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5).

“The Feast of Tabernacles embraces the whole course of human history and envisages man as a sojourner on the earth, like Abraham dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob” (Hebrews 11:9). The Fall Feasts as in the Feast of Trumpet, the atonement- day of reckoning, and the Feast of Tabernacles have not yet been fulfilled. These feasts have to do with Kingdom issues. The Feast of Tabernacles will be fulfilled at the coming of Yahshua for Israel as their ruling King.