**YOUTUBE TRANSCRIPT – ARE THE FEAST DAYS ONLY FOR THE JEWS?**

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Hello, everyone, I'm Jim Staley with Passion  for Truth Ministries, and I just want to take

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a couple of minutes out and share with you  something that has changed my life forever

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over the last two decades, and my family's life,  without a doubt. What is that? It's the feast days

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of the Lord. It's God's prophetic calendar, as I  like to call it. Every one of us have a calendar,

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we have a family calendar, guys, you have a  calendar, wives have a calendar, quite frankly,

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they're, they trump all calendars,  right? We've got the school calendar,

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there's all kinds of calendars that are  out there. But what about God's? What is

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the dates on His calendar that are important  to Him? And do we even know what they are?

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And are we in sync with that calendar? When I was  introduced to this calendar over two decades ago,

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it really impacted me. My first thought was,  wait a minute, like I already have a calendar I,

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you know, keep Christmas and an Easter and  Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day, and all

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these different days are on the calendar and then  I realised that that was not the calendar that God

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gave us in the Bible, but that was the calendar  that man gave us over time, and quite frankly,

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through the Roman church, in the early few  hundreds after Christ died and rose again. And so,

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as I began to kind of re-look at this calendar,  it began to dawn on me that this calendar wasn't

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given to just Israel, this was given to anybody  that called upon the name of the Lord.

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As a matter of fact, most people when they talk  about Passover, or the Feast of Tabernacles,

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or Pentecost, all those are "Jewish holidays".  Those are the holidays that belong to the Jews.

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But then you go back to the Bible, and you  discover the God says something completely

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different. Leviticus chapter 23:1 says this, it  says, "These are the feasts of the Lord, which you

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shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are  my feasts". Nowhere does it say that these are His

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people's feasts. He says these are the feasts  of Yahweh. These are my feasts. These are my

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holidays. These are my anniversaries, my wedding  rehearsals that I give you, that are connected

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to the first and second comings of Christ. And so that's what I want to actually propose

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to you, is to show you that we have  been defrauded as Christians for almost

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2000 years since God's prophetic calendar was put  aside for the new Gentile Roman calendar to come

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into place. And really, quite frankly, it happened  out of anti-semitism, they didn't want to appear

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to be like the Jews, who were the early Christians  who were Jewish, that were keeping God's prophetic

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calendar. So a new calendar system was introduced  slowly over time. But the reality of the calendar

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is that it's split into two completely different  feast days, the feast days in the spring, there's

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four of those, and those all relate to the first  coming of Christ, and the second feast day set,

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which is the fall feast days and those all relate  to the second coming of Christ. If we had have

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known, if I would have known, for the last 30  years of my life, I'm almost 50 years old now.

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But being a believer for over 25 years of my life,  if I would have known that all of these prophetic

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calendar feast days were all about Jesus, I  would have been looking into them all along.

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And so, let's just go through each and every one  of them and show you the power of these feast

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days and what we've been missing, and the richness  that they hold for us. And the curriculum that God

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built into them to teach our families, so that  our children can grow up in the way that they

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should go and not depart when they get older. All right, so Passover is the very first one in

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the spring. Passover technically is not a day but  an evening. It's actually a meal. This is the Last

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Supper in the Gospels, where Jesus Christ, He  sat down with His disciples, He had a Passover

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Seder meal. That is the moment: the night before  he passes away, He has a Passover Seder meal,

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and then the next day, He becomes the Passover  sacrifice on the day of preparation, as the Judean

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side of Israel was going to keep Passover on that  night, and Christ was slaughtered at exactly the

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same time that they slaughtered the Passover lamb,  3pm In the afternoon. They had to get Him off the

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cross and put Him into the tomb before the High  Sabbath began that night. It wasn't a Friday;

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the High Sabbath was the first day of Unleavened  Bread. And there was another Sabbath at the end of

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unleavened bread, on the seventh day of Unleavened  Bread. And so, Christ dies on Passover and becomes

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the Passover lamb. He's put into the grave.  And then, that began, when the sun went down,

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that began the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Where  he prophetically fulfills the Feast of Unleavened

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Bread because during the Feast of Unleavened  Bread, every single person was taking out all of

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the leaven out of their houses, which represented  sin. And every single year, their children would

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do this. And the father would help them find all  the bread in representation of getting the sin

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out of your life, getting it out of your house. What a beautiful symbol that Yeshua, Jesus, when

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He was put into the grave, was destroying sin and  through belief in Him, we were getting sin out of

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the house; that's what He did, that was His entire  life's goal—get the sin out of my Father's house,

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right? And then, on the third day when He rose  from the dead, that Sunday morning, right before

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dawn, just so happened to be the feast of First  Fruits, a real biblical Feast Day that's on God's

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calendar, where the high priest was set to  cut the barley sheaf and a representative of

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the first fruits of the barley and he would, at  sunrise, wave it before the Lord, as an offering

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of First Fruits, asking the Lord for a great  harvest in the fall. Look at the symbolism.

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It's absolutely astounding and incredible, and  it's rich. Jesus is raising from the dead. He is

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cut from the grave as the first fruits, He says,  of the resurrection. And then He's presenting

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Himself before the Father asking God for a great  harvest in the fall. He's fulfilling Passover as

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the Passover lamb. He literally removed sin from  the house during the Feast of Unleavened Bread,

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and He became the First Fruits offering  of the great harvest in the fall.

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But that's not the last one; 50 days later, we  come to the feast of Shavuot, which, by the way,

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in Greek is called Pentecost; you might be more  familiar with the Greek term Pentecost. This is

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when it was the wheat harvest, and they would  bring two loaves of bread and they would bring

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it before God, they're fully leavened, fully  mature, and they would waive it before the Lord,

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thanking the Lord for the great wheat harvest.  And giving Him the first fruit of maturity,

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representing the believer in Christ in the first  coming, starting off as just unleavened bread,

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very immature and very brand new, and then  growing throughout time into the maturity

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of the two loaves, which represent the two  houses of Israel, and the two witnesses in

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Revelation. And it represents the body of Christ.  And it represents the body of the church itself

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coming together before the Father. And so, it's a  beautiful symbolism, because in the book of Acts,

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on this very day, this was the day that Jesus,  Yeshua, told the disciples: tarry and wait for me.

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And it was on this day that the Holy Spirit was  given. And it was on this day that the fruit of

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the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit were given,  and power infused the ecclesia, the congregation

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of God, and this is when not only did the power  enter, but the divine assistance was given for

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them to fulfill and walk out their calling. That's  the spring feast days of the Lord, my friends;

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those are all about the first coming of Christ. If you move towards the last three on God's

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calendar, we learned through that curriculum that  this is all about the second coming of Christ.

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How do we know that? Because the first one in the  fall happens to be Yom Teruah, what today is more

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popularly called Rosh HaShana, but the real  biblical term is Yom Teruah. And what does it

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mean? It means simply the blowing. And what's it  talking about? It's talking about the blowing of

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the shofar, the blowing of the trumpet. This was  the day that kings of Israel were coordinated,

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even if they were, came into their kingdom and  became king earlier in the year. This is when

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they were technically and legally crowned as king  of Israel. Are you kidding me? At the sound of the

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trumpet on Yom Teruah, that trumpet signified  everybody bowed and that king of Israel was

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honoured as king. In the same way, the scriptures  say that at the trumpet of God, the dead in Christ

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will rise first and those that are still alive  remain will be caught up together with Him in

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the clouds, and every knee will bow that Jesus  Christ is Lord. And at that sound of the trumpet,

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our King will be inaugurated as King of kings  and Lord of lords on this earth once again.

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From there, you have 10 days, and then you  have the most holiest feast day of the year.

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It's really a holy day and it's called  Yom Kippur. You might have heard of it,

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it's an English term of the Day of Atonement. This  is Judgement Day. It's connected to the Judgement

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Day in Revelation. But this was the day that,  once a year, the high priest of Israel would go

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into the Holy of Holies, only one time a year,  and he would first sacrifice for his own sin,

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making sure there's no sin in his life and then  he would go in and he would sacrifice he would

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put the blood on the Ark of the Covenant for  ancient Israel to cover their sins. This was

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the day that the sins of Israel corporately were  atoned for. And the symbolism is in unbelievable

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and very deep into our own lives as believers because the high priest Jesus Christ,

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Yeshua, the Messiah, went into the Holy of  Holies with his own blood, and he put it on

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the Ark of the Covenant in the heavenly realm.  And what did he do, but he forgave and atone and

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redeemed us back into his family, amen. And so by  believing in what he did for us as high priest,

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we get to be forgiven because of the Day of  Atonement. It's the ancient Day of Atonement

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that we symbolically just memorially remember each  and every year, that day, we're not sacrificing

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animals, but we're in a wedding rehearsal,  remembering what he did, and looking forward to

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the day of judgement and preparing our mind, will  and emotions, and repenting of our sin leading up

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to that day of atonement each and every year and  asking the Father to forgive us. Five days later

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is the most celebrated time of the year. It's the  Feast of Tabernacles. This is the time period,

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it's a seven day feast, where Jesus was actually  born. This was the time when he was most likely

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born during the Feast of Tabernacles.  In a sukkah, a temporary dwelling place.

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This is connected to the revelation, marriage  supper of the Lamb. So for seven, eight days,

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lots of people, millions of people, in fact, all  across the globe go out in tents, or RVs, campers,

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in their temporary dwelling places, and they  honour the festival of Sukkot, by celebrating and

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worship and doing everything from having worship  services, to messages to sitting around bonfires,

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to reading their Bibles, reconnecting with their  family, and living life in abundance during that

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week, recognising that there will be a day in the  future where the Father will come get us and he

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will not only retrieve his bride, but there'll be  a great wedding feast in the heavenly realms. So

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it's not about the legalism of celebrating these.  It's the fact we get to, we get to teach our kids

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and we don't have to say, Oh, this is not this.  And that's not really real, and Santa Claus isn't

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real, this isn't real...Everything is real in the  biblical Feast days, they're all anniversaries,

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all connecting to the first coming of Christ,  and the second coming of Christ, integrating

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those into our family, teaching the depth and the  richness of where they came from, and remembering

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that we, according to the New Testament  scriptures, we are part of the commonwealth

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of Israel, we're not separate from Israel, we are  part of Israel. That's why Jeremiah 31:31 says,

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'I come to give you a new covenant, not like the  ones that your father, your forefathers broke,

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but a new covenant,' with who? The house of  Israel in the house of Judah, my friends,

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there's no house of Gentiles, if you're considered  in the New Covenant, you are part of Israel. And

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that's what Paul says when he says that 'you were  once far off and alienated against Israel. But now

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through the blood of Christ, you've been brought  near and made part of the commonwealth of Israel,

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and you're part of the covenants of promise,'  we get to do these things. And if we would have

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been doing these things all along, if our  roman forefathers had not put aside God's

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calendar and given us a new calendar, we would  not only be keeping the calendar of God today,

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but I believe prophetically, our Christian lives  would be so much more richer, our divorce rates

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would be lower, our intimacy would be greater.  Why? Because we would be doing Bible things in

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Bible ways. And the more that you seek to do the  art of the Father, like First John, chapter five,

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says, "Here is the love of God. Those who love  God, keep his commandments and his commandments

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are not burdensome." Not burdensome, because  they're so rich with prophetic symbolism and

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they connect us like an anniversary. It is not a  burden for me to celebrate my wedding anniversary.

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It is a joy. It's also a commandment in my house,  and probably your house too. But it is a joy and a

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great reward, indeed. My friends going all the way  back, I want to leave you with one other thought.

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Genesis chapter one, verse 14, in that it talks  about how God separated the sun, moon and the

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stars and He put them in the sky for signs and for  seasons. Well, that word seasons is not summer,

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spring, winter or fall like it's suggested  in English. Quite frankly, it's the complete

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opposite. It's the season of the Lord. It is the  feast days of the Lord. That word in Hebrew is not

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like it is in English. It is 'moedim' and the word  'moedim' means 'appointed time'. It's a feast day

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or a festival, look it up in the Strong's. It's  completely connected to the holy convocations of

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the Lord from Leviticus chapter 23. From the very  beginning, the reason why He put all those stars

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and the moon in the sun in the sky, was partly  so that we would know when to meet with Him.

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These are the festival, these are the feast  days, these are the anniversaries and the

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set-apart times that God gave us to connect with  us in a deeper way. This was the beginning of

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His curriculum to teach our children so that we  would recognise that Christ would come, and that

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we would have the richness of seven feast days a  year that we could connect on an intimate level.

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My friends, if you're a Christian, if  you claim Christ, these are for you,

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God set them aside from the very beginning of  time, before man sinned and after man sinned,

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He just wants to meet with us on these special  days. God has set aside this richness for you and

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your family and I believe it'll change your life  exactly like a changed mine. Thank you for taking

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the time to watch this short video on why we as  believers should be celebrating the feast days

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