

+ Yeshua's Ascension +

(the anniversary - 40 days after Firstfruits)



+ Special Observance

All say:

Forty days have now been counted from Firstfruits, the time when our Yeshua Himself became a Firstfruit.

For forty days He showed Himself alive to all, teaching, preparing, strengthening for 40 days as did Johna.

We rejoice in this day and look forward to that time when we too will see our Beloved Kinsman Redeemer face-to-face!

+ During the 40 Days

Father says:

After Yeshua shared His last meal with His disciples, He told them that He would go ahead of them to Galilee after He had risen. (Matthew 26:32)

Matthew tells us that is what happened.

"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, the mountain where Yeshua had told them to go. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. Then Yeshua came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of The Father and of The Son and of Ruach HaKodesh, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)

Then, during the 40 days from Yeshua's resurrection at Firstfruits to His Ascension, Yeshua had much to say to His disciples. We are told by Luke what occurred on that 40th day.

"When He (Yeshua) had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His Hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into Heaven. Then they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising YHVH." (Luke 24:50)

"In my former book, Theophilus ("*one-who-loves-YHVH*"), I wrote about all that Yeshua began to do and to teach, until the day He was taken up to Heaven, after giving instructions through Ruach HaKodesh to the apostles He had chosen. After His suffering,

He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of YHVH. On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command:

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with Ruach HaKodesh."

"So when they met together, they asked Him, 'LORD, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His Own authority. But you will receive power when Ruach HaKodesh comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

"After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Yeshua, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.'"

+ An Ascension Blessing

Father says:

Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,
King of the universe and eternity,
Who has given us Yeshua, our Righteousness!
He is our Beloved Kinsman Redeemer!

All say:

We rejoice that Yeshua will return to us!
And in the days that follow
we will remember that Yeshua is alive again
and that He will come back for us!
+ In Yeshua's Name, Amen +

+ The Meal Blessing

All say:

Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,
King of the universe and eternity,
Who brings forth food from the earth
for our use and enjoyment.
+ In Yeshua's Name, Amen +

+ The Meal (picnic)

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

All pray:

O Give thanks unto You O YHVH,
for You are Good and Your Mercy
endures forever.
+ In Yeshua's Name, Amen +