

April 27, 2024
Resurrection Earthquake
Matthew 27.51-54

The other day she tried to make a chemistry joke,
but got no reaction.

The UK has no kidney bank ...
But it has a Liverpool.

And remember,
If you are being chased by a pack of taxidermists,
do not play dead.

[from Richard & Luann Ridgeway]

Or HaOlam community Seder, Wednesday, April 24, 2024



Sheila, our very menschy Balabuster
(a Yiddish expression describing a good homemaker)





**Best cleaned carpet since we bought the place in 2016
by Jonathan Beckman**

Friday evening Children's Seder



Plague spots



What is the MOST important of the Jewish holidays?

Lev 23.9-10 Adonai said to Moshe, "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the cohen.

[This is the most important holiday.]

Lev 23.11-12 He is to wave the sheaf before Adoni, so that you will be accepted; the cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat. On the day that you wave the sheaf, you are to offer a male lamb without defect, in its first year, as a burnt offering for Adoni.

[And this is the ceremonial, Temple-era object lesson worship

- *Wave the sheaf*
- *On the day after the Shabbat*
 - *Controversy if Pesakh is considered the Shabbat,*
 - *Shabbat after Pesakh]*

^{1 Cor. 15.20-24} But the fact is that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man. For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive. But each in his own order: the Messiah is the firstfruits.

^{1 Cor 15.14,17} If Messiah has not been raised, then our proclaiming is meaningless and your faith also is meaningless ... And if Messiah has not been raised, your faith is futile—you are still in your sins.

^{1 Cor 15.20} Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died.

Firstfruits = Resurrection Day

Scriptural symbol of Resurrection is not lilies, bunnies, eggs [chocolate always good], ham
BARLEY is the first of the firstfruits

In Temple times, Yeshua's time, the barley waving was done shortly after Pesakh.
"The cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat."

Two possible interpretations:

Date of Firstfruits possibilities						
#2			#1			
21 13th of Nisan	22 14th of Nisan Ta'anit Bechorot Erev Pesach	23 15th of Nisan Pesach I	24 16th of Nisan Pesach II	25 17th of Nisan Pesach III (CH'M)	26 18th of Nisan Pesach IV (CH'M)	27 19th of Nisan Pesach V (CH'M)
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#1 is Prushim Pharisees and rabbinic Judaism

#2 is Zdukhim Saducees

Further complication is Easter, Church's resurrection day.

It was decided to separate the dating of Easter from the Hebrew calendar, by identifying the first Sunday after the first full moon following the March equinox. Hebrew calendar Passover is Nisan 15, always a full moon.

We are doing firstfruits between the two alternative possibilities.



Called Ashes Valley. *Feasts of the Lord*,
Kevin Howard, Marv Rosenthal

Barley is the grain ripening around Passover time in the Middle East.

Barley is the first of the firstfruits.

[Wheat comes later, in time for Shavuot/Pentecost

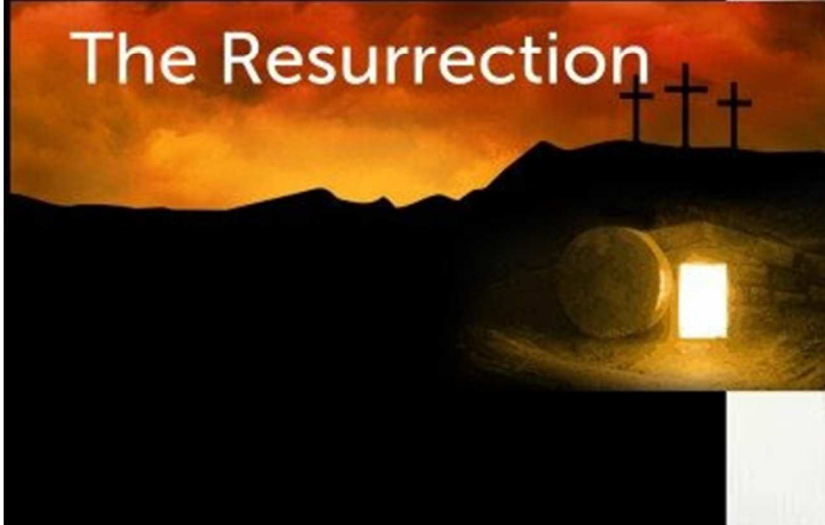
Torah has a firstfruits liturgy ...]

Dvarim Dt 26.1-4 “When you have come to the land Adonai your God is giving you as your inheritance, taken possession of it and settled there; you are to take the firstfruits of all the crops the ground yields, which you will harvest from your land that Adonai your God is giving you, put them in a basket and go to the place where Adonai your God will choose to have his name live. You will approach the cohen holding office at the time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to Adonai your God that I have come to the land Adonai swore to our ancestors that he would give us.’ The cohen will take the basket from your hand and put it down in front of the altar of Adonai your God.

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THE FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS

The Resurrection



[Actually two festivals called First Fruits.]

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Not an eclipse. Passover full moon. Only lunar eclipse possible. Plus lasted toooooo long.

Mtt 27.45-50 From noon until three o'clock in the afternoon, all the Land was covered with darkness. At about three, Yeshua uttered a loud cry, "Eli! Eli! L'mah sh'vaktani? (My God! My God! Why have you deserted me?)" [Ps 22.1] On hearing this, some of the bystanders said, "He's calling for Eliyahu." Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, soaked it in vinegar, put it on a stick and gave it to

him to drink. [Ps 69.22] The rest said, "Wait! Let's see if Eliyahu comes and rescues him." But Yeshua, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

Mtt 27.51-54 At that moment the parokhet in the Temple was ripped in two from top to bottom; **and there was an earthquake, with rocks splitting apart. Also the graves were opened**, and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life; and after Yeshua rose, *[Selective and strange and safe earthquake. Amy Jill Levine points out no outside historical verification, but no contradiction either.]*

Mtt 27.51-53 they came out of the graves and went into the holy city, where many people saw them.

Mtt 27.54 Now the centurion, and those with him keeping guard over Yeshua, **when they saw the earthquake** and what was happening, they became terribly frightened and said, "This really was the Son of God!" *[Centurions are officers not easily terrified.]*

Three days [parts of a day count as a whole]

Mtt 28.1-6 Now after Shabbat, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Miriam of Magdala and the other Miriam came to look at the tomb. And suddenly **there was a great earthquake**, for an angel of Adonai descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. *[Selective, strange, safe earthquake.]*

Mtt 28.1-6 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And those keeping watch were shaken for fear of him and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Yeshua who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

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Sinai revelation

Shmot/Ex 19:16-18 On the morning of the third day, there was thunder, lightning and a thick cloud on the mountain. Then a shofar blast sounded so loudly that all the people in the camp trembled. Moshe brought the people out of the camp to meet God; they stood near the base of the mountain. Mount

Sinai was enveloped in smoke, because Adonai descended onto it in fire — its smoke went up like the smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain shook violently.

Shlikhim/Apostles incarceration

Acts 16.22-28 Upon receiving such an order, he threw them into the inner cell and clamped their feet securely between heavy blocks of wood.

[Great response to a ministry service.

How would you or I respond? Depression, anger at G-d? Anger at authorities?

Plotting to escape?]

Acts 16.22-28 Around midnight, Sha'ul and Sila were praying and singing hymns to God, while the other prisoners listened attentively. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake which shook the prison to its foundations.

[Two earthquakes.

- 1. Praying and singing after being flogged and jailed in stocks! Spiritual earthquake. Therefore others listening, maybe in astonishment.*
- 2. Controlled geological earthquake, but selectively engineered, that killed no one, but broke all the locks. Miraculous?]*

Acts 16.22-28 All the doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer awoke, and when he saw the doors open he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, for he assumed that the prisoners had escaped. But Sha'ul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We're all here!"

[Jailer saw the spirit of judgement in the earthquake, apparently.

Judgment: heaven and hell. (Also failure before magistrates.)

We are under the threat of eternal judgement like that. May have to give account at any time to the GREAT Judge of all.]

Acts 16.29-32 Calling for lights, the jailer ran in, began to tremble and fell down in front of Sha'ul and Sila. Then, leading them outside, he said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Trust in the Lord Yeshua, and you will be saved — you and your household!" Whereupon they told him and everyone in his household the message about the Lord.

Victory of Barak and Devorah

Shoftim/ Ju 5.1-5 On that day D'vorah and Barak the son of Avino'am sang this song: "When leaders in Isra'el dedicate themselves, and the people volunteer, you should all bless Adonai. Hear, kings; listen, princes; I will sing to Adonai! I will sing praise to Adonai the God of Isra'el. "Adonai, when you went out from Se'ir, when you marched out from the field of Edom; the earth quaked, and the sky shook; yes, the clouds poured down torrents. The mountains melted at the presence of Adonai, at Sinai, before Adonai the God of Isra'el.

End of Days apocalypse

Yeshayahu/Is 24.19-22 The earth cracks and breaks open, the earth crumbles to pieces, the earth trembles and totters. The earth staggers to and fro like a drunk, sways back and forth like a watchman's shelter; its transgression weighs heavy upon it; it will fall and not rise again. When that day comes, Adonai will punish the armies of the high heaven on high, and the kings of the earth here on earth.

Yeshayahu/Is 29.6 **Woe to Ari'el [lion of God] — Ari'el, the city where David encamped! Celebrate the feasts for a few more years, but then I will bring trouble to Ari'el ... You will be visited by Adonai-Tzva'ot with thunder, earthquakes and loud noises, whirlwinds, tempests, flaming firestorms.**

Every answered prayer, in the spirit

Thillim Ps 18.7-8 **In my distress I called on Adonai, and cried to my God for help. From His Temple He heard my voice, my cry before Him came into His ears. Then the earth rocked and quaked. The foundations of mountains trembled.**

End of days

Rev 6.12 **I saw when the Lamb opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as black as sackcloth made of goat's hair, and the full moon became like blood.**

[Every lunar eclipse people get excited about the Blood Moon. Nonsense.]

Rev 6.12 **The stars of heaven fell to the earth like a fig tree drops unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. The heaven ripped apart like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from their places.**

Rev 8.1-5 **Now when the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden incense burner. He was given much incense to offer up along with the prayers of all the kedoshim upon the golden altar before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the kedoshim, rose before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the incense burner and filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there were clashes of thunder and rumblings and flashes of lightning and earthquakes.**

Rev 11.13-14 **At that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past. The third woe is coming soon.**

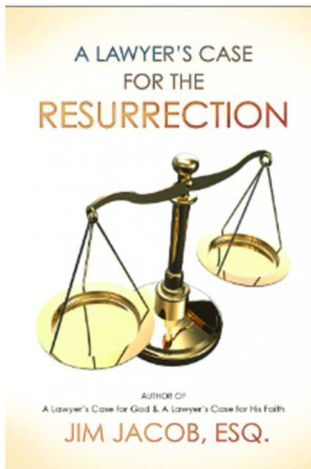
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<https://www.jimjacobbooks.com/>

Jacob has condensed the evidence regarding the resurrection of Yeshua into one easy-to-read booklet

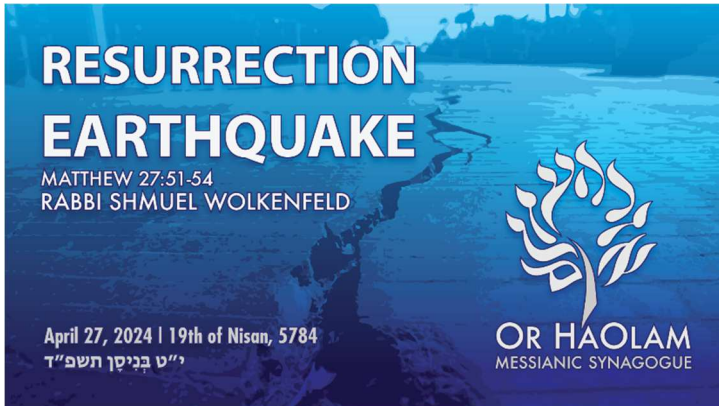
Exhibit A: the Empty tomb

Exhibit B: Witnesses to the Resurrection

- Adversarial witnesses—Paul/Saul
- 500 at once

Exhibit C: Joyful commitment of follower in adversity.

Exhibit D: Silence from the opposition



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4. Too many have not lived up to this
Has there been an earthquake in YOUR life??

- Substance Addicts liberated
- Profanity addicts transformed
- Sexual addictions released, but sometimes accountability needed
- Materialistic mania mollified
- Social skills reconstituted

So, all who really experience resurrection power, forgiveness from a relationship to Messiah Yeshua, have no problems? Easy life?

NO, but we have the amazing beginnings of it, if we walk it out:

- disciplines of personal, family, and community worship
- choosing to walk in the joy of His Presence
- accountability and transparency
- growth

Rev 1.17-18 He placed his right hand upon me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, the Living One. I was dead, but look! — I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Sh'ol.

April ≈ Nisan
Calendar considerations

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How do we dare to have it on the 3rd night?

Jews all over the world have a 2nd night Seder. Where do they get that authority?

Vayikra / Lev 23.8 On the seventh day is a holy convocation, when you are to do no laborious work.”

[Monday April 29, but starting Sunday evening April 28 8:09 pm]. That will be the 7 pm to 9pm Teerosh for the week.

- April 23 = Nisan 15 **Passover**
- April 24 = Nisan 16 **Firstfruits**
- April 29 = Nisan 21 **Reed Sea crossing: OH service Sunday April 28**



Sunday evening, April 28, 7 pm



[https://w2.chabad.org/media/images/1273/reDG12734359.jpg?_i=_nF2BB495DED96754E4660F69A3A9F4712]



ORDER FOR the Community Prayer

WELCOME & OPEN – Patricia Brown, Pastor-Hope Alive Church

WORSHIP – Jonathan Brown

PRAYER ORDER:

CHURCH in USA & For ISRAEL	Rabbi Shmuel Wolkenfeld-Or HaOlam Messianic Synagogue
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY & TECHNOLOGY	Gary Ascanio-Financial Services (retired)
MILITARY & POLICE DEPT.	Chaplain Ward Jenkins-Overland Park Police Department
MEDIA/NEWS	Pastor Fred Daniels-Knox Presbyterian Church
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT	Rev. Ken Shoemaker-member, Christ Community Church
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT & LEGISLATORS	Pastor Joel Stark-Westbrooke Church of Overland Park
CITY OF OVERLAND PARK	Pastor Kip Nelson-Legacy Church of Overland Park
SCHOOLS & EDUCATION SYSTEM	Linda Hall- Caring for Kids Ministry in KC public schools
FAMILY	Pastor Danny Brown – Pastor-Hope Alive Church

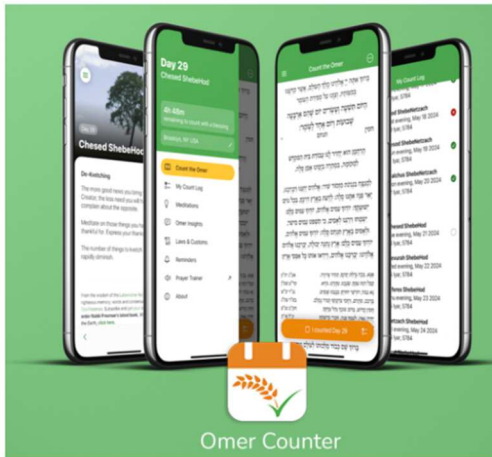
SONG

CLOSE & THANK YOU – Clint Hall

Thursday May 2nd, 12-1 pm
Thompson Park
8045 Santa Fe Dr., Overland Park
66204

Omer Counter

Get reminders to count the omer, daily meditations and more




Vayikra/Lev 23.11-16 **This is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live. “From the day after the day of rest — that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving — you are to count seven full weeks, until the day after the seventh week; you are to count fifty days; and then you are to present a new grain offering to Adoni.**

[So, the real emblem of resurrection is not lilies, eggs, bunnies, ham. It's barley.]

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PS. Would an earthquake be great to have in the Iranian nuclear facilities?



[https://www.danielpipes.org/22237/will-israel-respond-to-iran-attack?goal=0_086cfd423c-51755d0886-33765913&mc_cid=51755d0886&mc_eid=2515d15785]

Daniel Pipes: "The Israelis should take advantage of this opportunity and strike at the Iranian nuclear infrastructure."