

Part 1 Mrs. Noah's Front Porch

Continued from last week: Max and Hannah were watching as a man, who had cursed YHWH, was approached by a group of men. When Max saw them, he decided he was ready to go back and see Mrs. Noah!

So, a few minutes later, sitting on the porch, they were ready to eat the sandwiches Mrs. Noah brought out to all of the gang. Hannah smiled. Max didn't want to be there in the wilderness anymore. He didn't want to see – he didn't want to know – what was going to happen to the man who had used YHWH's name in a wrong way!

That man was in BIG trouble! Max just wanted to get

back to Mrs. Noah's - FAST!

Mrs. Noah was just beginning to talk about the Mo'edim – Appointed Times or Holy Days – given to the children of Avraham, Yitz'chak, and Ya'acov and any others who wanted to follow His ways. "Let's make a chart of the Mo'edim. We can look at all of the special meanings hidden in each one!" she suggested.

Max jumped up and ran into the house. Hannah shouted as she looked back into the kitchen and saw him getting into the craft closet. "MAX! What are you doing NOW?"

She went to check on him and there she could see Max teetering on a stool, trying to pull a box off a shelf in the closet. Just then, the box slipped out of his hands! Paper, bottles, brushes, and glue splattered all over the floor.

"Max! What are you doing?" Mrs. Noah cried, as she ran to help him down.

"You said we could make a chart. I was jus' tryin' to get the stuff we used last time," he said sheepishly. "We gotta remember His name – and all the things He

told us to do!"

Mrs. Noah just shook her head in disbelief. "How can one little puppet get into SO MUCH trouble!"

Hannah, Moogy, Miss B, Louise, Cecil, and even Max started picking up the bottles, brushes and scattered paper. When it was all cleaned up, Mrs. Noah went to another room and brought out a long roll of paper and spread it out on the kitchen table. Then, she took a pair of scissors and cut off a long piece and taped it up on the door to the pantry.

"Let's see if we can make a chart of all the days listed in Vayikra, or Leviticus, 23. Then we'll see what we know about each one." she told them.

"Like a game?" Max asked.

Mrs. Noah smiled. "A very important game."

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Holy Day	Clue to the day
1. Şabbath	Yeast grows like sin
2. Pesach -	Sound an alarm
Passover	Remember 2 th Day rest
3. Days of	12 .
Unleavened Bread	Lambs blood saved 1 st born from death
4. First Fruits	
(In the land)	Day Yahu'wah wrote Commandments –
5. Shavuot –	(1 st on stone, then on
Pentecost	hearts)
(Count 50)	`
	Give offering then
6. Yom Teruah -	start counting 50
Blowing of	
Trumpets)	Remember 40 years in
	wilderness - rejoice
7. Yom Kippur	
(Atonement)	Holy day after 7 days
	of rejoicing and
8. Sukkot	offerings
(Tabernacles)	
	Fast - no food, no
9. Sukkot 8 th day	water
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Looking at the chart, Hannah asked, "Is it like connect-the-dots?"

"Sort of. Let's see if you can connect each Mo'ed with a line to the clue of WHAT they did – WHY Abba YHWH told them to remember it! Or, you can just write the number of the day NEXT TO the clue. Would you like to make 2 teams, so you can help each other?" she asked.

So, Hannah, Louise and Miss B were on one team. Max, Moogy and Cecil were on the other. Mrs. Noah brought lemonade and more sandwiches as they read the verses – and found a few more – to tell them about each of the Holy Days.

"FINISHED!" Hannah called out, beaming from ear to ear.

"You cheated. You know Cecil can't read," Max accused.

Moogy was on to the next project. "Hey, look. Here in verse 2 of Vayikra, Yah says to Moshe, 'Speak to the sons of Isra'el and say to them, "When you come into the land which I shall give you, then the land shall have a Sabbath to the LORD,"" he read.

"The land is supposed to rest, too?" Hannah asked.

"Yep. Read it. The land will still grow food, and people and animals can eat it, but they can't plant or harvest new crops. Oh, now Yah says there is

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you shall buy from your friend; he is to sell to you according to the number of years of crops.

16 "In proportion to the extent of the years you shall increase its price, and in proportion to the fewness of the years, you shall diminish its price; for it is a number of crops he is selling to you. 17 'So "you shall not wrong 17 "Lev one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God. 18 11 the Lord your God.

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18 You shall thus observe My statutes, and keep My judgments, 25,0 md so as to carry them out, that you 236 may live securely on the land.

19 Then the land will yield its

19 Then the land will yield its produce, so that you can eat your fill and live securely on it.
20 'But if you say, "a'What are we going to eat on the seventh year if we do not sow or gather in our crops?"
21 then a'l will so order My blessing for you in the sixth year that it will bring forth the crop for three years.

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22 'When you are sowing the eighth year, you can still eat *old things from the crop, eating the old until the ninth year when its

old until the ninn year crop comes in 23 The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for *the land is Mine; for *you are but land is Mine; for *you not be sold permanently, for athe land is Mine; for ayou are but aliens and sojourners with Me. 24 Thus for every piece of

your property, you are to provide for the redemption of the land. 25 'alf a fellow countryman of 220,44.5

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sixth year would be sufficient to sustain the people during the sabbatical year which followed and the year of jubilee.

25:25-28 An Israelite who was forced to sell his land could have it redeemed by a near relative, or buy it back himself (with due regard for the umber of crops remaining until the year of jubilee), or wait until jubilee when it would be restored to him.

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redemption,
27 athen he shall calculate the
28 years since its sale and refund the
balance to the man to whom he sold it, and so return to his prop-

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however, which have no sur-rounding wall shall be considered as open fields; they have redemption rights and revert in the jubi-

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houses of the cities which are their possession.

33 'What, therefore, belongs

to the Levites may be redeemed and a house sale in the city of this possession reverts in the jubilee, for the houses of the Levites are

25:29-33 A house within a city, if sold and not repurchased within a year, became the permanent possession of the buyer (with the exception stated in v. 33).

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another kind of Sabbath: the Year of Jubilee," Moogy declared. [Levit 25:1-7] (Do you know WHEN the next Jubilee Year is? Hint: Coming SOON!)

"That's a time some people think has clues hidden in it. Clues to the plans Abba YHWH has for all of mankind," Mrs. Noah told them. "So, what He said was every 7 years there would be a land Sabbath, and they should count 7 of the land Sabbaths; that would be 49 YEARS. Then the 50th year would be another Sabbath year," she told them. "The people got a rest, too. That 50th year of rest is made to give everyone rest from their debt." [Levit 25:8-10]

"Yeah. It says here that people went back to their land and even slaves were freed. It was a great year of rest for the land AND the people," Moogy told them. [Levit 25:11-12]

"Cecil and Louise might not get this, but – IF Abba YHWH also has a Jubilee year that HE remembers – look at this," Mrs. Noah said, as she took another piece of paper and wrote on it. "YHWH said He gave man 120 years to live on the earth. However, most people don't live to be 120 years old. But, if you add 120 JUBILEE YEARS together – that's 50 X 120 – it comes up to be 6,000 years! That's the time many believe YHWH gave for man

to live on the earth. Six Thousand years" [Gen 6:3]

"OK. Since there are 6 work days in a week, and the 7th is a Sabbath rest day, do you think maybe there will be 6,000 years for people to be in charge of the world, then a WHOOOLE nuther 1,000 years for them

to rest?" Hannah exclaimed.

"How-da-ya west for a towe-san years?" Cecil scoffed.

"Well, people could rest from war, sickness and bad stuff. They could be happy and listen to what Yah has told them to do," Miss B suggested.

"That's pretty dumb. Peace for the whole world – for 1,000 years?" Max snapped at her.

Mrs. Noah smiled. "Not so fast, Max. The Scriptures DO tell us of a 1,000-year time of peace when The Messiah will be King over the whole world."

"Wow!" Louise gasped. [Rev 23:3-4]

"You mean even with all the bad stuff that people do, all the times no one listens to Him – or keeps His commandments – He is STILL going to come here and dwell with people?" Hannah asked.

"Yes. But, He can't give all of His blessings to everyone," Mrs. Noah reminded them, "till they learn to listen."

"But, He said that if they did all of His teachings, they would live safely in their land," Miss B said. [Rev 20:5]

"But they didn't," Moogy said sadly.

"Will The God keep us safe, Mrs. Noah – if we do all His teachings?" Louise asked.

Mrs. Noah looked down at the little teddy bear. "The God, as you call Him, Louise, is GOOD. He keeps ALL His promises, even though He knows people won't listen – they won't remember His teachings. He knows they will get into a lot of trouble."

"But, remember when we learned about the secret message in Gen. 5? YHWH hid a message in the meanings of the Hebrew names – of all the men



listed – from Adam to Noach," Moogy recalled. "All those Hebrew meanings put together say, 'Man is appointed mortal sorrow. The blessed God shall come down teaching. His death shall bring the despairing comfort and rest.'"

"I remember that! He has a plan – right from the beginning. He is listening. Someday, He will come back to fix everything," Hannah added.

"So," Max chuckled, "it doesn't matter what we do. He's going to fix it all anyway."

Mrs. Noah frowned as she looked at Max. "Max, if your heart is not listening, bad things will happen all your life. Then, you might even flunk the tests He has for you to pass," Mrs. Noah told him.

"I remember! Yah said He was going to test people – to see if they would listen and obey HIS voice!" Hannah exclaimed.

"Yes. It's kind of like being in school. School children are learning how to do things," Mrs. Noah explained. "They learn they can be firemen, painters, teachers – there are lots of things to do. Abba YHWH has a school, too. He has lots of jobs in His Kingdom for all of us. What do you want to be: A king? Or a door keeper? How we listen to Him NOW is going to help Him decide where we will fit best in His Kingdom."

"I know what I want to be," Max announced as he pointed to a picture of Buzz Lightyear – from the movie <u>Toy Story</u>. Mrs. Noah laughed. "Well, Max, I'm not sure what all you would have to learn, but look up into the sky. YHWH has made everything – for as far as you can see. Maybe you could

explore, like an astronaut – or maybe build new worlds."

Hannah started giggling. "Max? Max an astronaut? Traveling to the stars? RIGHT!"

"Read this, Hannah." Max stuck his tongue out then began reading. "'You shall not make for yourselves any idols, erect a carved statue or a standing stone, or place a carved stone anywhere in your land in order to bow down to it. I am YHWH your Elohim. Keep my Shabbats and revere my sanctuary: I am YHWH.'" He took a deep breath. "So, even though I get'n trouble — I'm kinda, sorta, learnin'. And, I haven't got no carved stones or done any of THOSE things." [Levit 26:1]

"So, maybe there IS a place for you in this new world He's gonna make here," Hannah conceded.

Max grabbed a dish towel and tied it around his neck and began running around the house, before anyone could say a word!

Hannah was trying to ignore his funny noises as he ran around, pretending the dish towel was a special cape to help him fly. She was drawing pictures for her new story.

Moogy was reading a book on the floor of the living room. "Hey, Mrs. Noah! We are at the end of Vayikra!" he announced.

Mrs. Noah came in and sat on a chair with her clipboard. "That's right. We have learned a lot, Moogy. What do these last chapters have to tell us?"

"The promises are here again - the ones that say Yah will bless His people IF they keep His Shabbats and follow His instructions," he told her.

"Yeah. It says that Yah promises rain; lots of good crops growing; safety from mean animals and all their other enemies," Miss B added. [Levit 26:3-10]



"AND, He will come and dwell with them," Moogy read. [Levit 26:11-12]

Cecil ran quickly across the pages. "Yeah, but wawt if dey dun't?" he cracked.

"He says that if they don't listen, if they reject His Torah and break His covenant, He will let a whole bunch of bad stuff happen – to teach them! Worse than your mom does when you don't listen to her!" Hannah added.

"Oh, no!" Moogy exclaimed. "It says here, in chapter 26, verse 16, that if they will not listen, He will bring sudden terror on them!"

"What's sutton-hair?" Louise asked.

"Sudden terror," Miss B repeated, "would be ... be like an earthquake, a heart attack, fires, sickness – something really bad. Right, Mrs. Noah?"

Mrs. Noah put her sewing down. "I think so, but there is more, isn't there, Moogy?"

"Uh, huh. It says, 'Diseases and fever will destroy your sight and drain away your life. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemy will eat it.' WOW!

He says that He won't be protecting them from their enemies. Then, if they STILL will not listen, He will break down their stubborn pride. Looks like no rain, so food won't grow. If they STILL won't listen, animals wil attack them!" Moogy said.

"And I think I read about earthquakes and fires, too," Miss B told them, as she turned several pages.

Moogy shook his head. "If they won't listen, this says He's not going to give up until they do!" [Levit 26:19-22]

"Who is the 'THEY' He won't give up on? The Jews?" Hannah wondered.

"No," Mrs. Noah answered. "He has ALWAYS wanted to dwell with all of the children of Avraham – and ANYONE who wants to follow His ways and keep His commandments."

"Mrs. Noah, if 120 Jubilee years is 6,000 years and that's the time people have to live and rule on the earth without listening to Yah, where are we now in the 6,000 years He gave to us? How many years ago did He start counting?" Hannah asked.

Mrs. Noah took one of Hannah's markers and drew a circle . "OK – let's say this circle is a clock. If there are 7,000 years for people on the Earth – it would look like this. Here are the last 1,000 years that are supposed to be peaceful and happy," she told them. "So, if man's RULE is 6,000 years on the earth – it would be here – from Adam to the place here where the 6,000 mark is. It's all here on this clock," she said, as she

marked each 1,000 years. "Here is where it started – with Adam. Then this is the 2,000-year mark ..." She continued going all around the clock. "About 1,000 people lived a LONG time. One man lived to be almost 1,000 years old. Noach's flood was a little before the 2,000 mark. Then the tower at Bavel, then Avraham, then here ..."

Just then Max swooped in. "I wanna go!"

Hannah looked up and tried not to laugh at how silly Max looked. "Go where?"

"To see people - here?" he pushed his finger onto he clock - at year 2,000.

"Tell you what." Mrs. Noah pondered the request. "Max, you get your back- pack and let's go back – like turning back the pages of a history book. We'll look at different places and see how people were doing as they lived – their own way – here on the earth. Then we'll check to see where WE are on the 'clock'."

Max pulled the dish towel off his neck and ran to get his tattered backpack. Then, Hannah, Moogy, Miss B, Cecil, and Louise climbed into the backpack. Max climbed in last. Everyone was excited. As they snuggled down, Mrs. Noah put the pack over her shoulder and told them to close their eyes as she began to



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"Is that a dinosaur?" Max cried, as he poked his head out of the pack first.

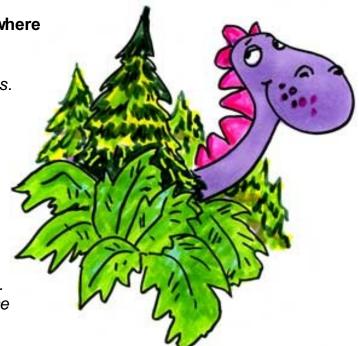
Hannah was amazed. There she saw a vast, rugged forest. "Where are we?".

Moogy peeked over her shoulder. "Nowhere close to our house," he said slowly.

Mrs. Noah pointed to a path into the trees. "Look over there."

Coming toward them were several GIANTS. "Hide!" Max shouted.

They all slipped behind some bushes and watched the weird giants lumber by. They were not just giants. They seemed not quite human. They were hitting each other and looked really dirty. They looked like creatures that had come right out of a scary comic book.



"Come on ... let's follow them," Max suggested.

Mrs. Noah smiled, picked up the pack and off they went.

Soon they found they were coming into a weird city. The buildings were tall and shiny. There were people everywhere. BUT, it didn't feel right. It was VERY scary. Fighting and yelling; people breaking windows, starting fires, throwing rocks and bottles. They were amazed at the paved streets and tall buildings.

"We always imagine that the time before Noach was very primitive. BUT, there are many who believe they had more understanding and knowledge than we realize. They have found batteries from before the flood and a whole castle with a system that air conditioned it," Mrs. Noah told them.

"You mean they could have had cars or airplanes and telephones?" *Max* exclaimed.

"Well," *Moogy said,* "there are the pyramids in Egypt. They are so awesome! No one can figure out how they built them. Many think they were built before the Flood. We really don't know how much they had developed in the 1,000-plus years Yah had given them up to that point."

"They're even treating the animals badly," Miss B noticed, as they walked through the streets, watching and listening.

"Miz Noah. I don't see no fam-wiees," Cecil noticed.

"Remember? We read about the Flood," Mrs. Noah reminded them. "The world had gotten so bad – they didn't listen to any of YHWH's instructions at all. By the time Noach was born, YHWH was so angry – He was ready to destroy the whole world. But ..."

"The God was going to dee-story the whole world? What's that?" Louise interrupted.

"Destroy? It's like, if you took a ball and painted it with water colors, Then, a dog comes along and knocks it out of your hand. It falls in the dirt. It's a mess. SOOO, you take it to the sink and wash

it all off! Then you start over," Hannah explained.

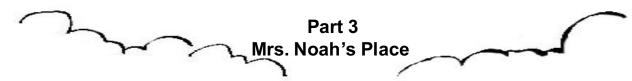
"So The God washed away the animals and peoples and everything?" Louise gasped.

Mrs. Noah reached for Louise's hand and said gently, "He couldn't let the people keep living like that."

"This is kinda scary, Mrs. Noah. Can we go home and READ about it?" Miss B asked. "A bookworm could get squished pretty easily."

"Sure," Mrs. Noah smiled.
"Then we can get ready to look at each 1,000 years that brought many, many changes."





Max jumped out of the backpack first. He grabbed his "cape," tied it around his neck, and began "flying" around the room. Mrs. Noah went to feed the goats. Hannah got her sketch pad and drew a picture of Max "flying" for her new story, while Moogy started reading a book on the floor of the living room. Suddenly, Max jumped up on a stool and began waving his arms in the air then he jumped!

"NO!" Hannah yelled. "Watch out for Moo..." but it was too late – he was in the air!

"Yikes!" Moogy cried, as he rolled quickly under a book.

Max landed – right where Moogy had been! Everyone was looking at him – in shock.

"Max!" Mrs. Noah said sternly. "You could have REALLY hurt Moogy! You must be more careful around our little friends."

Max hung his head. He didn't even want to look at Moogy. He knew that if he had stepped on Moogy – it would have been very bad! He took the dish towel (his "cape") off and folded it up. Then, he muttered, "I'm sorry, Moogy. I don't EVER want to hurt you."

A muffled sound came from inside the book and then Moogy appeared from between some of the pages. "I would appreciate it if you would be more aware of my presence, Max, and make a greater effort to control your outbursts – your enthusiastic boyish impulses to jump, hop and fly – when a small creature such as myself is moving about the premises!"

Everyone laughed as Max tried to figure out what Moogy said. Miss B interrupted. "Did you see this portion of the Scriptures? YHWH is talking about SLAVES!"

Moogy flipped the pages of the book he was reading till he found it. "Yes, here it is. If people became indebted to you, they could sell themselves to pay off the debt." [Levit 27:1-7]

"However," Miss B added, "they were not supposed to be treated as slaves -

but as hired servants. When the Year of Jubilee came, they would be freed, and could go back to their families."

"Hmm. I guess that is all they could do. Since they didn't have cars, they couldn't travel everyday to go to work. They would have to live with the person they owed money to," Max suggested, as he sat down – carefully – next to Moogy.

While Mrs. Noah was stirring up some molasses and oatmeal for the goats, Cecil quietly waited. When she was, done, he slipped over and began licking the spoon she had used.

"Da jear ob ju-bully?"

"Yeah, Ceese. Remember?"

Hannah said. "That was the time, every 50 years, when they were all forgiven their bills and even got their land back – if they wanted."

Miss B was still reading. "They were not to make any of the Isra'elites slaves."

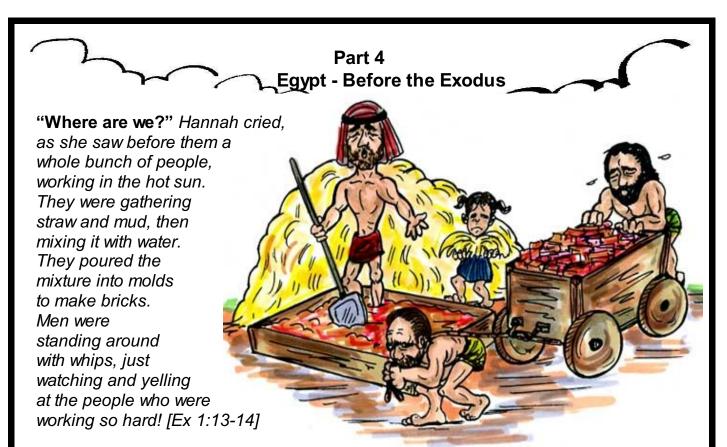
"However, they could take slaves from among the pagans. How come, Mrs. Noah?" *Hannah asked.*

"That's hard for me to answer, Hannah," Mrs. Noah exclaimed. "I'm sure there are many reasons, but one may be that Abba YHWH was pointing out the difference – the separation He was creating between HIS people – the children of Avraham, Yitz-chak and Ya'acov – and the rest of the world that rejects Him," Mrs. Noah explained. [Levit 25:45-46]

"It says here that a family member could get him out – redeem him – anytime," *Moogy told them.* [Levit 25:47-48]

"I wonder what it would be like to be a slave," Max mused. "Wanta go see, Hannah?"

Hannah scrunched up her face. "Uhhhh. OK, but ..."



"Look! Even little kids are working!" Max noticed.

"The Egyptians made all of the Hebrews slaves – even the children!" she exclaimed, as she watched many toting buckets of sand and water, while others brought hay from a big wagon.

"Oh! I think I understand now. Yah brought them OUT of slavery! That's why He said the Hebrew people were not ever supposed to make SLAVES of – own – another Hebrew person. Yah wants people to be HIS servants! " Max determined. "But, He set it up so that if a man HAD to sell himself – be a servant – to a Hebrew to pay his debt, he could pay off the debt – if he could make or borrow money – anytime. So YHWH didn't want His people to be slaves – to anyone else!"

Suddenly, one of the guards looked over at Hannah and Max. Hannah grabbed Max by the arm and began to run. "Hurry, Max, I think he can see us!"

They ran quickly and hid behind a wagon, but the guard was walking right toward them! "Let's hide in that hay stack!" Max suggested.

So, they snuck over to the large pile of hay and burrowed deep inside. Just then,

Hannah felt something move in front of her.

"Ahhhhh," she gasped (and almost choked on some hay).

Then a face poked through the straw – right into Max's face. "Zak!" he sputtered. "What are YOU doing here?"

"Mrs. Noah said you wanted to check out what it was like to be a slave. I figured this would be the place you would be," Zak uttered,

"Let's get out of here. It's hard to breathe all the dust in this hay," Hannah instructed.

spitting straw out of his mouth.

Zak followed, as they dug through the straw to fresh air. When they finally got out to fresh air, they couldn't believe what they saw!

"Are ... are we gonna be slaves now - until the jubilee year?" Max stammered.

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Max is pretending he can fly. Can you help him?



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Wow! We're getting closer! Are you counting the OMER? There are ____ days from First Fruits (a SPECIAL day during the Days of Unleavened Bread) to the time YHWH gave the 10 Commandments to Isra'el at the Mountain of the Lord – Mt. Sinai (NOT in the Sinai peninsula, but in the land of Midyan).

Can you tell me:

1.	What is an OMER?
2.	It is given as an
3.	How can we give an offering to YHWH?

4. Did you know there are many kinds of offerings? One is called a EPIRAS offering. Would you like to give an offering? Let's give YHWH a epiras / thank offering! We can to this each day.

For the next 15 days, find something YOU are thankful for. Write it on your counting calendar.

OR, get some M&M's, candy kisses (or something you really like). Have one for each day till Shavuot – Pentecost. Get a jar or container. You could decorate it with the words – things you grateful for. Add one piece of "sweetness" each day, as you tell YHWH what you are thankful for. On the 50th day – eat them all! OK. It would be best if you SHARE them! OR, put the "sweetness" in a jar. Each day when you add the things you are grateful for to the jar, TAKE OUT one piece of "sweetness".

Keep counting! Don't forget – He put them on stone first – then on hearts!



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