

The background of the slide features a close-up, slightly blurred view of a Torah scroll. The scroll is unrolled, showing several lines of Hebrew text in black ink on a light-colored parchment. The text is partially obscured by the folds of the scroll and the overlay of the title text. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the parchment and the depth of the shadows in the folds.

Shabbat Chol HaMoed

**The Feast of Firstfruits & the
Resurrection of the Messiah**

Chol HaMo'ed

- The Torah designates the first day and the seventh day as days of holy convocation on which work is prohibited.
- The intervening five days are *chol HaMo'ed*, intermediate days, so called “non-sacred days of the appointed time.”
- Since today is a Sabbath as well, it is called *Shabbat Chol HaMo'ed*.

Readings for Shabbat Chol HaMoed

- **Torah portion of Exodus 33:12-34:26,**
- **haftarah is Ezekiel's vision of the dry bones (Mishna - *Megillah* 31a)**

Yom Habikkurim – Firstfruits

- **Leviticus 23:9–14 (TLV)**
- **⁹ ADONAI spoke to Moses saying: ¹⁰ “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael* and tell them: When you have come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you are to bring the omer of the firstfruits of your harvest to the *kohen*. ¹¹ He is to wave the omer before ADONAI, to be accepted for you. On the morrow after the *Shabbat*, the *kohen* is to wave it. ¹² On the day when you wave the omer you are to offer a male lamb without blemish, one year old, as a burnt offering to ADONAI. ¹³ The grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil—an offering made by fire to ADONAI for a soothing aroma. Its drink offering with it shall be a quarter of a gallon of wine. ¹⁴ You are not to eat bread, roasted grain, or fresh grain until this same day—until you have brought the offering of your God. It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.**

1 Corinthians 15:20–23 (TLV)

- **²⁰ But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also has come through a Man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah will all be made alive. ²³ But each in its own order: Messiah the firstfruits; then, at His coming, those who belong to Messiah;**

Resurrection

- ***“For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.”*** (Psalm 16:10, ESV)
- ***“Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.”*** (Isaiah 53:11, ESV)

Romans 5:12 (TLV)

- **12** So then, just as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, in the same way death spread to all men because all sinned.

Romans 5:15–16 (TLV)

- **¹⁵ But the gracious gift is not like the transgression. For if many died because of the transgression of one man, how much more did the grace of God overflow to many through the gift of one Man—*Yeshua* the Messiah. ¹⁶ Moreover, the gift is not like what happened through the one who sinned. For on the one hand, the judgment from one violation resulted in condemnation; but on the other hand, the gracious gift following many transgressions resulted in justification.**

Romans 5:17 (TLV)

- **17** For if by the one man's transgression, death reigned through the one, how much more shall those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the One, Messiah *Yeshua*.

Romans 5:19 (TLV)

- **19 For just as through the disobedience of one man, many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of one man, many will be set right forever.**