

THE GLORY OF GOD

Week 7 – The Fall Feasts/End Times

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The feasts of the LORD provide us with a timetable. The fall feasts are the timetable re: end times for the nation of Israel. Why specifically re: the nation of Israel?

What is the next event on God's calendar for Israel? Dan. 9:27 – the antichrist will reveal himself and broker a peace treaty with Israel – that the antichrist will then break. That peace treaty is what will launch the 7-year Tribulation.

The FALL FEASTS are a picture of END TIMES!!! The Feast of Trumpets, Yom Kippur, and the Feast of Tabernacles will all find their fulfillment in the Tribulation, the physical Second Coming of Jesus, and in the Millennial Kingdom. (Please reread the Fall Feasts portion of the Week 6 handout)

Feast of Trumpets (Lev. 23:23-25)

History: - the Lev. 23 passage emphasizes the blowing of trumpets. Trumpets were blasted often and for many reasons in Israel's history one of which is to assemble the children of Israel together for a time of repentance and judgment. And this is what we see at the Feast of Trumpets.

Fulfillment: I'm suggesting that the 7-year Tribulation is the fulfillment of this feast.

Jeremiah 30:7 calls the Tribulation "the time of Jacob's Trouble" – Jacob who is the Father of the 12 tribes of Israel – his name was changed to Israel.

Jer. 30:7 - *For that day is great (Day of the Lord – time of Judgment – written about throughout the OT), so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.*

Application for the nation of Israel: purging; judgment. During the 7-year Tribulation, God will purge and cleanse Israel (Mal. 3:2-3) God is. . .*like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

At the Feast of Trumpets today – which Jewish people call "Rosh Hashanah" (Jewish New Year) – Jewish people are called to assemble – to gather for a time of purging, judgment, and REPENTANCE. The Jewish community makes amends with their fellowman during Rosh Hashanah because Yom Kippur is directly ahead. At Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the Jewish community gathers and asks for forgiveness – asking God for RESTORATION.

At Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish community believes that when the shofar is blasted – calling them to assemble – to reflect, to be judged – that three books in the heavenlies are opened....

- The book of the completely righteous
- The book of the completely wicked

- The book of the intermediates

When the shofar is blasted at the end of Yom Kippur – at the end of what Jewish people call their High Holy Day, if their good deeds outweigh their bad deeds, perhaps they'll be written in the book of the completely righteous. Being written in the book of the completely righteous means that you may live physically on earth for another year – another year of life on this earth. There's no looking forward to eternal life.

Why am I suggesting that Jewish non-believers will go through the Tribulation? Firstly, ALL non-believers who are alive following the rapture will go through the Tribulation. In the OT God speaks of purging the Jewish non-believers...

Dan. 12:1 - *And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time.*

Eze. 20:33-38 - *As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you. ³⁴ I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. ... ³⁷ "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; ³⁸ I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.*

Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement (Lev. 23:26-32)

History: - Lev. 16 tells us what God instructed the Jewish people to do EACH YEAR at this most solemn holy day. It's interesting to note that the beginning of Lev. 16 recounts the death of two sons of Aaron which we read about in Lev. 10:1-5. Aaron's two sons were killed for offering strange fire before the Lord. It's a graphic reminder that God's instructions must be followed! Please remember that truth – God's instructions must be obeyed! Lev. 16 tells us that each year Israel offered a BLOOD SACRIFICE on that day. Aaron, the High Priest, sacrificed a bull for his sins and his family's sins. Aaron then took two goats. The Lord's goat was killed and its blood sprinkled on the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies making atonement for the sanctuary. Aaron then placed his hands on the scapegoat and confessed over it the sins of Israel. The sins of the people were placed on this scapegoat. The scapegoat at Yom Kippur was then led into the desert/into the wilderness by "a suitable man" who would escort the scapegoat. Tradition teaches that this man would bring the scapegoat to a precipice over which the scapegoat was thrown to its death. The scapegoat not returning to the camp typified that the sins of Israel had been removed.

What is occurring within the Jewish community during Yom Kippur today? The way of atonement through the blood is not followed. Therefore, there is no atonement, no covering for sin, during Yom Kippur since 30 AD!

Fulfillment: The Second Coming of JESUS – the ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. God will mercifully pour His Spirit upon the one third of the Jewish people who are alive at the end of the Tribulation. Two thirds of the Jewish population will die during the Tribulation (Zech. 13:8-9). When God pours out His Spirit on the Jewish people still alive, they will mourn for Jesus (Zech. 12:10) and He will return:

Zech. 13:8-9 - *That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it: ⁹ I will bring the one-third through the fire, I will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; and each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'*

Zech. 14:3-4 - *Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. ⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley.*

Zech. 14:8-9 - *And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem,...⁹ And the LORD shall be King over all the earth...And no longer shall there be utter destruction, But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.*

These verses are speaking of Jesus' physical Second Coming.

Jesus told His people, the Jewish people...

Hosea 5:15 - *I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; in their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.*

Matt. 23:39 - *...you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'*

Application for the nation of Israel: restoration.

The Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:33-43)

History: This feast is also called the feast of booths, the feast of ingathering, the feast, and the season of our rejoicing. In Ex. 25:8 God told the Jewish people He desired to dwell with them. God instructed the children of Israel in the wilderness, on their way to the Promised Land, to dwell in booths called sukkahs (woven) for 7 days. Sukkahs were temporary dwellings w/ leafy roofs. The rooves with palm branches allowed the Israelites to look up, see the sky/the heavens, and acknowledge GOD – and THANK HIM for His provisions, protection, His shelter. Psalms 90 – Moses wrote, *Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.* These flimsy booths symbolized man's need to depend upon God for EVERYTHING! These booths were a reminder that God would shelter His people as they obeyed Him. The glory (localized manifested presence of God) of God filled the tabernacle after it was constructed in the wilderness. God dwelled in the Holy of Holies above the mercy seat between the cherubim on top of the ark of the covenant (1 Sam. 4:4 - LORD of hosts, who dwells *between* the cherubim) in the tabernacle in the wilderness...and in the Temple in Jerusalem. And then the glory of God departed from the Holy of Holies before the Kingdom of Judah was taken into exile (Eze. 8 through 11) due to all the abominations carried out by the children of Israel! Jesus came to earth as Emmanuel, "God with us." John 1:14 – The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us... Matt. 23:38-29 – *Your house is left to you desolate. You will not see Me again until you say, 'Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD'*

Fulfillment: the Millennial Kingdom - the Messianic Kingdom - when God delivers the Kingdom to Israel...when He dwells with man. When Jesus will establish His Kingdom and will rule and reign from King David's throne for 1,000 years in Jerusalem (Rev. 20; Luke 1:32-33).

Application for the nation of Israel: rejoicing

The Feast of Trumpets looks forward to a gathering and judgment during the Tribulation and ultimately repentance. Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement looks forward to restoration at Jesus' Second Coming. Because of Israel's restoration, in the Millennial Kingdom, Israel will rejoice!

QUESTIONS

Has the study on the feasts given you a big picture view of Scripture? If so, in what way?

What was most helpful in the feasts study?

Do you grasp the end times events in the three fall feasts?

How do the feasts enhance your perspective of the glory of God?

SUGGESTED HOMEWORK

Reread the handout with the references.

Write down questions that you have re: the feasts.

Continue writing in your journal.

Share the feasts with someone.

Read the handout for Week 8 when you receive it.