

FALL FEASTS

an introduction

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE 2025 FALL FEAST SEASON.
BELOW IS A 10-DAY DEVOTIONAL, WHICH BEGINS ON ROSH
HASHANAH AND CONCLUDES ON YOM KIPPUR.
BUT FIRST, AN INTRODUCTION...

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GOD GAVE HIS SPIRITUAL FAMILY 7 ANNUAL FEASTS TO
OBSERVE. 4 OF THE FEASTS TAKE PLACE IN THE SPRING AND
3 TAKE PLACE IN THE FALL. TAKE NOTE THAT THEY ARE A
MYSTERIOUS MIX OF SPIRITUAL AND AGRARIAN
OBSERVANCES. SOLVE THE MYSTERY AND WE END UP WITH
A ROADMAP OF GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN FOR THE WORLD!





Fulfillment and **FORESHADOWS**

THE BEAUTY OF THESE 7 FEASTS IS THAT THEY ARE NOT ONLY ANNUAL OBSERVANCES OF A PHYSICAL GRAIN HARVEST, BUT ALSO FORESHADOWS OF A SPIRITUAL SOUL HARVEST. THESE FORESHADOWS FIND FULFILLMENT DURING THE MESSIANIC ERA WHICH BEGAN WHEN JESUS GAVE UP HIS LIFE ON CROSS, MAKING ATONEMENT FOR SIN ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD. THEY WILL CONCLUDE WITH AN ETERNAL SPIRITUAL SOUL HARVEST CELEBRATION, AND AGAIN NOT BEFORE ENTERING THE MOST SOLEMN DAYS IN EARTH'S HISTORY.

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ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE ARE THE 7 FEASTS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER INCLUDING THEIR ANNUAL PHYSICAL PURPOSES AND ETERNAL SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENTS. AGAIN, NOTE THE MYSTERIOUS MIX OF SPIRITUAL AND AGRARIAN OBSERVANCES.

YOM TERUAH

Feast of trumpets

YOM TERUAH, THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS, IS THE 5TH FEAST, BUT THE 1ST OF THE FALL FEASTS. TERUAH LITERALLY MEANS “BLOWING” OR “BLASTS”, AS IN THE SOUND OF A TRUMPET OR SHOFAR.

LEVITICUS 23:23-25 SAYS,
“THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, “SAY TO THE ISRAELITES: ‘ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH YOU ARE TO HAVE A DAY OF SABBATH REST, A SACRED ASSEMBLY **COMMEMORATED WITH TRUMPET BLASTS**. DO NO REGULAR WORK BUT PRESENT A FOOD OFFERING TO THE LORD.”



MOST OF THE JEWISH WORLD TODAY CALLS THIS DAY ROSH HASHANAH TO CELEBRATE THE CREATION BIRTHDATE OF THE UNIVERSE, HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT ORIGINATE FROM THE BIBLICAL TEXTS. IN THE BIBLE, THIS DAY IS THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS TO MARK THE END OF THE PHYSICAL GRAIN HARVEST SEASON, BUT IT IS ALSO A FORESHADOW THAT WILL EVENTUALLY MARK THE END OF THE SPIRITUAL SOUL HARVEST.

WHEN MESSIAH JESUS RETURNS FOR THE SPIRITUAL SOUL HARVEST, HE WILL BE PROCEEDED BY THE BLASTS OF TRUMPETS OR SHOFARS, AND HE WILL GATHER THE SPIRITUAL HARVEST... THE SOULS OF THE SAINTS.

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1 THESSALONIANS 4:16

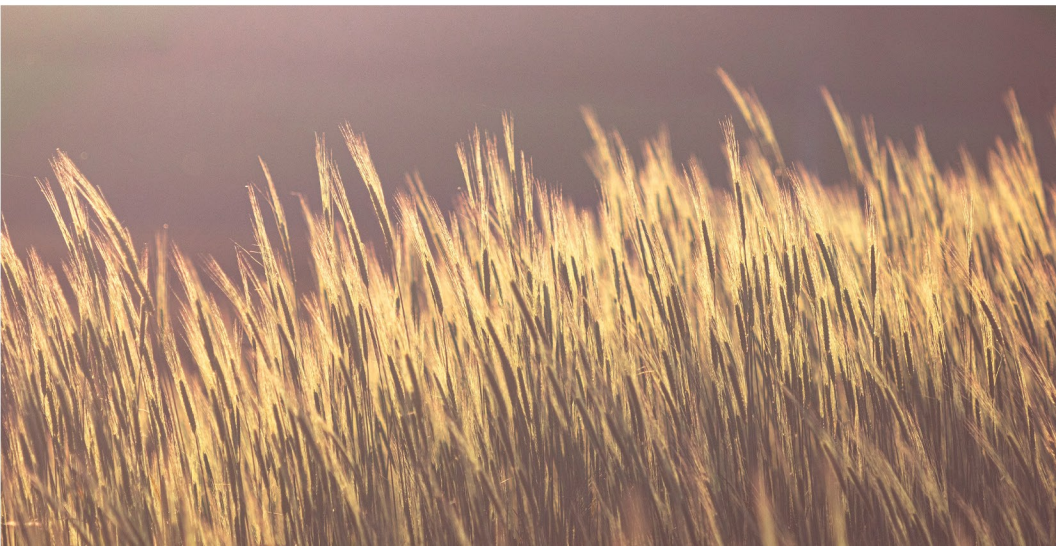
FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, WITH A LOUD COMMAND, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL AND WITH THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD, AND THE DEAD IN MESSIAH WILL RISE FIRST.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-52

LISTEN, I TELL YOU A MYSTERY: WE WILL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE WILL ALL BE CHANGED-- IN A FLASH, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMPET. FOR THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED IMPERISHABLE, AND WE WILL BE CHANGED.

REVELATION 14:15-16

THEN ANOTHER ANGEL CAME OUT OF THE TEMPLE AND CALLED IN A LOUD VOICE TO HIM WHO WAS SITTING ON THE CLOUD, "TAKE YOUR SICKLE AND REAP, BECAUSE THE TIME TO REAP HAS COME, FOR THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH IS RIPE." SO HE WHO WAS SEATED ON THE CLOUD SWUNG HIS SICKLE OVER THE EARTH, AND THE EARTH WAS HARVESTED.





TESHUVAH

repent and return

BEGINNING ON THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS AND ENDING 10 DAYS LATER ON THE DAY OF ATONEMENT IS A PERIOD CALLED **THE DAYS OF AWE**. THESE 10 DAYS ARE DESIGNED TO BE MOMENTS OF DEEP REFLECTION AND PRAYER, BECAUSE THE ANCIENT RABBIS TEACH THAT GOD OPENS THE BOOK OF LIFE ON THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS AND DECIDES WHOSE NAME WILL BE WRITTEN IN IT FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR ON THE DAY OF ATONEMENT.

REFLECTION AND PRAYER DURING THIS TIME REVOLVE AROUND THE HEBREW WORD TESHUVAH. THIS WORD MEANS TO REPENT IN THE SENSE OF RETURNING TO WAYS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR THAT WERE CONTRARY TO GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

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THE DAILY DEVOTIONALS YOU WILL RECEIVE FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS WILL FOCUS ON A UNIQUE ASPECT OF THE WORD "RETURN" THAT CAN BE USED FOR PERSONAL, FAMILY OR GROUP DEVOTIONAL TIME.

MAY THIS DEVOTIONAL FILL YOU WITH HOPE AND STRENGTHEN YOUR UNION WITH MESSIAH THIS FALL FEAST SEASON.

-RABBI GENE

the SEVEN FEASTS

FEAST NAME ENGLISH	FEAST NAME HEBREW	ANNUAL PHYSICAL OBSERVANCE	ETERNAL SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT
PASSOVER	PESACH	DELIVERANCE FROM PHYSICAL DEATH	DELIVERANCE FROM SPIRITUAL DEATH
FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD	HAG HA-MOTZI	NO PHYSICAL YEAST	NO SPIRITUAL YEAST (SIN)
EARLY FIRST FRUITS	HA-BIKURIM	FIRST PHYSICAL FRUIT (GRAIN) OUT OF THE GROUND	FIRST SPIRITUAL FRUIT (JESUS) OUT OF THE GROUND
FEAST OF WEEKS	SHAVUOT (PENTECOST)	BEGINNING OF THE GRAIN HARVEST	BEGINNING OF THE SPIRITUAL HARVEST
SUMMER HARVEST TIME NO FEAST - THE FOCUS IS BRINGING IN THE HARVEST			
FEAST OF TRUMPETS	YOM TERUAH	BLOWING OF THE SHOFARS SIGNIFYING THE END OF THE PHYSICAL GRAIN HARVEST	BLOWING OF THE SHOFARS SIGNIFYING THE END OF THE SPIRITUAL HARVEST & THE RETURN OF THE MESSIAH
NOTE - THE PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL HARVEST CELEBRATIONS ARE DELAYED FOR A SOMBER TIME OF JUDGMENT			
DAY OF ATONEMENT	YOM KIPPUR	NATIONAL DAY OF ATONEMENT FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE	GLOBAL DAY OF ATONEMENT FOR THE WOLD
FEAST OF BOOTHES	SUKKOT	ANNUAL PHYSICAL HARVEST CELEBRATION	ETERNAL HARVEST CELEBRATION

YOM KIPPUR

fulfilled by jesus

TODAY WE FOCUS ON HOW JESUS FULFILLS THE FEAST OF
YOM KIPPUR

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PEOPLE OFTEN ASK ME HOW JEWISH PEOPLE WERE SAVED
DURING ANCIENT TIMES. THE ANSWER IS JUST LIKE PEOPLE
ARE TODAY- BY GOD'S GRACE THROUGH FAITH.

THIS IS WHAT ROMANS 4:3 SAY ABOUT HOW ABRAHAM WAS
SAVED:
WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND
IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

SALVATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND WILL ALWAYS BE BY GOD
GRACE THROUGH FAITH AND YOM KIPPUR PLAYS A HUGE
ROLE IN THIS FOR ANCIENT JEWS.

YOM KIPPUR WAS ESTABLISHED BY GOD TO BE NATIONAL DAY
OF ATONEMENT FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE- MEANING THAT IS
FOR EVERY JEW. IN ANCIENT DAYS, THE PEOPLE WOULD
GATHER JUST OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE WALLS IN JERUSALEM
ON THIS DAY.

THEN THE HIGH PRIEST WOULD SLAUGHTER A BULL AND
ENTER THE MOST SACRED ROOM IN THE TEMPLE WITH SOME
OF THE BULL'S BLOOD. THIS ROOM IS CALLED THE HOLY OF
HOLIES AND ONLY THE HIGH PRIEST WAS ALLOWED TO
ENTER AND ONLY ONCE-A-YEAR ON THIS VERY SACRED DAY.
HE WOULD THEN SPRINKLE SOME OF THE BLOOD ON THE
COVER OF THE ARK OF THE COVENT CALLED THE MERCY
SEAT OF GOD- MEANING THE PLACE OF GOD'S GRACE.

WHEN THE HIGH PRIEST RETURNED, THERE WOULD BE A COLLECTIVE SIGH OF RELIEF THAT GOD HAS "SAVED" THEM FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND WILL ENTER THEIR NAMES INTO THE BOOK OF LIFE.

THEY WERE NOT SAVED BY ANYTHING THEY DID, BUT ONLY BY GOD'S GRACE THROUGH THEIR FAITH.

HOWEVER, THE WEAKNESS OF THIS ANCIENT SYSTEM WAS TWO-FOLD: 1) THE PEOPLE HAD TO KEEP COMING BACK YEAR AFTER YEAR, AND 2) THE BLOOD OF AN ANIMAL WAS ONLY A TEMPORARY SOLUTION FOR THE REMISSION OF SIN

THE WRITER OF HEBREWS ADDRESSES THESE TWO ISSUES IN THE PASSAGE BELOW:

HEBREWS 9:1-7

NOW THE FIRST COVENANT HAD REGULATIONS FOR WORSHIP AND ALSO AN EARTHLY SANCTUARY. A TABERNACLE WAS SET UP. IN ITS FIRST ROOM WERE THE LAMPSTAND AND THE TABLE WITH ITS CONSECRATED BREAD; THIS WAS CALLED THE HOLY PLACE. BEHIND THE SECOND CURTAIN WAS A ROOM CALLED THE MOST HOLY PLACE, WHICH HAD THE GOLDEN ALTAR OF INCENSE AND THE GOLD-COVERED ARK OF THE COVENANT. THIS ARK CONTAINED THE GOLD JAR OF MANNA, AARON'S STAFF THAT HAD BUDDED, AND THE STONE TABLETS OF THE COVENANT. ABOVE THE ARK WERE THE CHERUBIM OF THE GLORY, OVERSHADOWING THE ATONEMENT COVER. BUT WE CANNOT DISCUSS THESE THINGS IN DETAIL NOW. WHEN EVERYTHING HAD BEEN ARRANGED LIKE THIS, THE PRIESTS ENTERED REGULARLY INTO THE OUTER ROOM TO CARRY ON THEIR MINISTRY. BUT ONLY THE HIGH PRIEST ENTERED THE INNER ROOM, AND THAT ONLY ONCE A YEAR, AND NEVER WITHOUT BLOOD, WHICH HE OFFERED FOR HIMSELF AND FOR THE SINS THE PEOPLE HAD COMMITTED IN IGNORANCE.

IN THE NEXT SECTION THE PASSAGE GOES ON TO EXPLAIN HOW JESUS FULFILLS YOM KIPPUR BY SHEDDING HIS OWN BLOOD; THUS TRANSFORMING SALVATION FROM A ONCE-A-YEAR EVENT FOR ALL JEWS INTO A ONCE-AND-FOR-ALL EVENT. I SUGGEST YOU READ THIS NEXT PASSAGE SLOWLY, ABSORBING IT SENTENCE BY SENTENCE AND WORD BY WORD, BECAUSE THIS IS THE PINNACLE OF GOD'S RESCUE PLAN FOR HUMANITY.

HEBREWS 9:11-15

BUT WHEN MESSIAH [JESUS] CAME AS HIGH PRIEST OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE NOW ALREADY HERE, HE WENT THROUGH THE GREATER AND MORE PERFECT TABERNACLE THAT IS NOT MADE WITH HUMAN HANDS, THAT IS TO SAY, IS NOT A PART OF THIS CREATION. HE DID NOT ENTER BY MEANS OF THE BLOOD OF GOATS AND CALVES; BUT HE ENTERED THE MOST HOLY PLACE ONCE FOR ALL BY HIS OWN BLOOD, THUS OBTAINING ETERNAL REDEMPTION. THE BLOOD OF GOATS AND BULLS AND THE ASHES OF A HEIFER SPRINKLED ON THOSE WHO ARE CEREMONIALLY UNCLEAN SANCTIFY THEM SO THAT THEY ARE OUTWARDLY CLEAN. HOW MUCH MORE, THEN, WILL THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, WHO THROUGH THE ETERNAL SPIRIT OFFERED HIMSELF UNBLEMISHED TO GOD, CLEANSE OUR CONSCIENCES FROM ACTS THAT LEAD TO DEATH, SO THAT WE MAY SERVE THE LIVING GOD! FOR THIS REASON CHRIST IS THE MEDIATOR OF A NEW COVENANT, THAT THOSE WHO ARE CALLED MAY RECEIVE THE PROMISED ETERNAL INHERITANCE--NOW THAT HE HAS DIED AS A RANSOM TO SET THEM FREE FROM THE SINS COMMITTED UNDER THE FIRST COVENANT.

I HOPE YOU CAN SEE THAT THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM THIS ANCIENT SYSTEM [THE OLD COVENANT THROUGH THE BLOOD OF AN ANIMAL] TO THE NEW SYSTEM [THE NEW COVENANT THROUGH THE BLOOD OF MESSIAH] IS:

- 1) THE LOCATION OF THE TEMPLE FROM EARTHLY TO HEAVENLY
- 2) THE SOURCE OF BLOOD FROM ANIMALS TO GOD
- 3) THE DURATION OF SALVATION FROM ONCE-A-YEAR FOR JEWS TO FOREVER FOR ALL OF HUMANITY

GOD WROTE THIS RESCUE PLAN FOR ALL OF HUMANITY INTO HIS STORY BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF TIME. YOM KIPPUR WAS A TEMPORARY SYSTEM UNTIL THE TIME GOD WOULD ENTER OUR WORLD AND BECOME THE TRUE SACRIFICE THAT BRINGS REDEMPTION. HALLELUJAH!

THE ANNUAL FEAST CYCLE IS SO IMPORTANT FOR US COMPREHEND AND ESPECIALLY THIS MOST SACRED DAY CALLED YOM KIPPUR. BE BLESSED BECAUSE ONLY GOD COULD PULL OFF SOMETHING LIKE THIS OVER THE SPAN OF HISTORY.

QUESTIONS

for reflection

HOW DOES SEEING GOD'S PLAN ON A MACRO LEVEL ENCOURAGE YOUR FAITH?

DO YOU FEEL GRATEFUL THAT WE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WORRY EACH YEAR ABOUT WHETHER OUR NAMES WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE BOOK OF LIFE? USE SOME WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOUR GRATITUDE.

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THE FINAL FEAST, SUKKOT, THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES, BEGINS ON OCTOBER 6. THIS IS A 7-DAY FEAST, AND CORNERSTONE WILL BE HOSTING A BIG SUKKOT PARTY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11.

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW THE FORESHADOWING AND FULFILLMENT OF THIS AMAZING FEAST, MAKE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THIS EVENT. IT'S THE BEST PARTY OF THE YEAR AT CORNERSTONE.

