



Understanding God's Appointed Times

...a 7-part study...part 2

Rosh HaShana – Yom Teruah



Sept 8, 2024
Module 5, Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Aug 25, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 13 & wrap*
- ✓ *Sept 1, 2024 - Appointed Times – What and Why*
 - ✓ *Sept 3, 2024. - Manor Lake (starting again...)*
- ✓ *Sept 8, 2024. - Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah/Rosh Hashana)*
- *Sept 15, 2024 – Barry Hoover Teaching*
- *Sept 22, 2024 – Carroll Springer teaching (we are back)*
- *Sept 29, 2024 – Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *No progress on Hostage negotiations. 6 Hostages were murdered by Hamas just before they were rescued*
- *Israel has committed to stay in Rafah and the Philadelphia corridor to protect itself from arms coming in from Egypt. **Egypt is complaining.** US still pushing Israel to comply, not Hamas*
- *Israel continues to destroy terrorists in Gaza, Lebanon, and Israel (Samaria/Judea) **Targeted***
- *Hezbollah continues relentless attack on Northern Israel – Fires and evacuations. There are no repercussions yet from the blistering preemptive action Israel took against Hezbollah*
- *Israel has target packages against Iran complete and ready. US forces are now there and active*
- *Iran has not retaliated against Israel so far, but imminent warnings are still present by US military and State Dept.*

US/World

- *Russia and Ukraine are trading blows with civilians getting killed. Perhaps an opening for negotiations*
- *Meddling in US elections by Russia, Iran, and others is very active. (Cyber, disinformation, terrorist activities)*
- *China is continuing, along with Russia to try and sow chaos in America...streets... Elections... and stretch military so Taiwan is more vulnerable. China stirring pot in China Sea.*
- *Let not your hearts be troubled. God is still on His throne and in control of it all*

Thoughts about our current study...

- *All of these Sacred Assemblies have other verses that further explain the procedures to follow. We will discuss this more when we do each of the Festival discussions, but we will not focus on process but on meaning.*
- *These sacred assemblies were meant to be a “**Divine drama**” or **recreate the past blessings of the Lord to make sure the generations to come knew what the Lord had done for them.** It is no different than the “ordinance” of the Lord’s Supper which is a part of the Passover Feast that Jesus celebrated in the final days of His life before the cross*
- *These Sacred Assemblies were serious business to the Jews. Some are viewed as “holidays” today, but their purpose and intent were for solemn reflection and understanding.*
- *My prayer is that each of us will see these Jewish Feasts as an opportunity to better understand the deeper meaning and the projected fulfillment, and perhaps be a way to encourage our Jewish friends to come to the Lord while they can.*

Overview: The Feasts and Focuses		
The Promise of Each Season		
Shabbat	Sabbath	Rest, Remembrance, and Restoration
Pesach	Passover	Redemption
Chag HaMotzi	Unleavened Bread	Holy Walk with God
Reshit Katzir	First Fruits	Resurrection
Shavu'ot / Weeks	Pentecost	Revelation, and the Gift of the Torah and the Spirit
Rosh Hashanah / Yom Teruah	New Year/ Trumpets	Repentance, Restoration, and returning and regathering to God
Yom Kippur	Day of Atonement	Reparation and Redemption/ forgiveness from Sin - the Fullness of Redemption
Sukkot	Tabernacles	Shelter in the Wilderness and Provision
Chanukah	Hannukah	Festival of Light - Rededication ourselves to God
Purim	Purim	Rejoicing and realizing that God is in control even though his hand is hidden

- Green area are the Spring Feasts

Salmon area are Fall Feasts
- When do they happen?*** God's calendar is based on the phases of the moon.
 - Each month in a lunar calendar begins with a new moon.
 - Pesach** falls on the first full moon of Spring.
 - The first three feasts, **Pesach**, **Unleavened Bread** and **First Fruits** fall in March and April.
 - The fourth one, **Shavu'ot** (Pentecost) marked the summer harvest and occurs in **late May or early June**. – 50 days after **Passover**
 - The last three (FALL)feasts, **Trumpets**, **Yom Kippur**, and **Sukkot** happen in September and October.

Prophecy – Spring Feasts - Fulfillment

- **Passover** – Redemption – The Blood of the Lamb of God redeemed all who would follow Him. *This was accomplished at the Cross*
- **Unleavened Bread** – Obedience – The Lord followed His Father, even unto His death, He traveled to Hades on the Saturday in the Grave- *This was fulfilled at the Cross as He willingly laid down His Life, Died, and was buried in accordance with the Plan of God for Him.*
- **First Fruits** – Celebration of New Life, Resurrection of Harvest. *This was fulfilled when Christ rose from the dead on Sunday morning, the Firstfruits of the Dead*
- **Pentecost** – 50 days after Passover – celebrated the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai and the Revelation of God to His People. As Christians, this adds the coming of the Holy Spirit, who reveals God's plan, Word, and Direction to His People. *Fulfilled when the HS came, and the Church began.*

Still to Come – Fall Feasts - Fulfillment

- **Rosh HaShana / Feast of Trumpets** – New Beginnings with Repentance and Regathering to the Lord. Begins with a Shofar blast. *Many people see this fulfillment in the Rapture of the Church to the Lord.*
- **Yom Kippur / Day of Atonement** – Day of Repentance of Sin and Atonement claimed. In Jewish thought... this is the last atonement. *Fulfillment will arrive for the Jew, when Jesus returns, and all recognize He is the Messiah who can and will absolve them of all their sin forever.*
- **Sukkot / Tabernacles** – A time of Rejoicing in the Shelter and Provision of the Lord. The Lord's presence is celebrated. *Fulfillment will happen when the Millennial Kingdom is established, and the Messiah rules from His Throne in Jerusalem*

We will begin our Study with the Fall Feasts because they are still to come this year, and still to come prophetically.

DAY	DATE	HOLIDAY
Sunday	Mar 24, 2024	<u>Purim</u>
Monday	Mar 25, 2024	<u>Shushan Purim</u>
Monday	Apr 22, 2024	<u>Passover - First Day</u>
Tuesday	Apr 30, 2024	<u>Passover - Final Day</u>
Tuesday	Jun 11, 2024	<u>Shavuot (1st day)</u>
Thursday	Jun 13, 2024	<u>Shavuot</u>
Wednesday	Oct 02, 2024	<u>Rosh HaShana Starts</u>
Friday	Oct 04, 2024	<u>Rosh HaShana Ends</u>
Saturday	Oct 12, 2024	<u>Yom Kippur</u>
Wednesday	Oct 16, 2024	<u>Sukkot Starts</u>
Wednesday	Oct 23, 2024	<u>Sukkot Ends</u>
Wednesday	Dec 25, 2024	<u>Hanukkah Starts</u>

Holidays - Jewish in 2024

We will begin the study with the Fall Feasts

- Rosh HaShana or Yom Teruah
Feast of Trumpets Oct 2, 2024
- Yom Kippur – Day of Atonement
- Sukkot - Booths



Why do we care about these Special Times?

Rabbi Jason Sobel gives these reasons:

- 1. The holidays are God's permanently penned appointments with us.*
- 2. Jesus Himself embraced and celebrated these special times, and He gives us insight into Himself and the rich meanings inherent in these festivals when we understand them, as He understood them.*
- 3. These Roots of the Faith, connect us (the Shoots) in faith together in a way that gives us a better understanding of God's purposes*
- 4. Understanding these Feast Days helps to promote some unity between Christians and Jews and lessen the real gaps between us. They are a bridge of some common understanding*
- 5. They provide us with a common ground to help us converse with Jewish folks to help them see Jesus as the Messiah who has fulfilled these feasts in his first coming and will fulfill the rest in his second coming.*

We will begin with the next one on the calendar

- **Yom Teruah** – Day of Trumpets (Shofar). At least 30 Shofar blasts commemorate this day, most customarily about 100 each day for 2 days.
- This day is considered the beginning of the new Hebrew year and thus is also called **Rosh HaShana** (rosh= head, HaShana = year). On **Oct 2, 2024**, a 2-day celebration of the **year 5785 will begin**. It begins at sundown on Oct 2
- This day represents when God created everything on Day 1, and this idea sets the tone for how it is celebrated.
- It also is the day that Isaac was born to Abraham and Sarah, and the day when Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac on the altar but was stopped by God who provided a Ram as a substitute...This is why the Shofar is blown on this day.
- Let's read the verses and see what else we see.

Leviticus 23 – Trumpets and Yom Kippur

The Festival of Trumpets

²³ The Lord said to Moses, ²⁴ “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the **first day of the seventh month** you are to have a day of sabbath rest, **a sacred convocation/assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts.**’²⁵ Do no regular work, but present a food offering (special gift by fire) to the Lord.’”

The Day of Atonement

²⁶ The Lord said to Moses, ²⁷ “The **tenth day of this seventh month** is the **Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves,**^[d] and present a food offering to the Lord.²⁸ Do not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the Lord your God. ²⁹ Those who do not deny themselves on that day must be cut off from their people. ³⁰ I will destroy from among their people anyone who does any work on that day. ³¹ You shall do no work at all. **This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.**

Holy Convocations and Shofars

- Between Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur is 10 days
- They are called the 10 Days of Awe (explain later)
- **Holy Convocation:** *Convocation: calling of an assembly of people to a meeting, especially in theological or educational settings. This is a **HOLY convocation** meaning it is called to be set apart as a religious meeting specially called. These are the special times by God for the Children of Israel to meet with Him for special purposes or remembrances.*
- **Shofar** – Ram's Horn. Several different styles of horn are used, both long ones (Yemenite) and shorter ones, each with a different sound



Yemenite Kudu Horn -



Sounds and Meanings...

This trumpet call has multiple Biblical reasons for being blown and multiple patterns of sound. Each of these is special and means something different.

- You'll hear four different shofar "calls," each with a unique name, during the High Holidays:*
- **t'kiah** (one long blast) - Brings everyone to attention, call to Battle, sound of victory...something important happening*
- **sh'varim** (three short blasts) - Indicates both sadness and joy at another year passing*
- **t'ruah** (nine quick blasts) – Wake up call to a New Year*
- **t'kiah g'dolah** (one very long blast) – The last sound at the end of the celebration*

*During Yom Teruah (Rosh HaShana) the Shofar is blown a minimum of 30 times but usually about 100 times each of the 2 days of Rosh Hashana using all of these sounds. **Play Audio***

At the end of the last session, I asked you to think about our New Year Celebration, and what it means for us

- *We think of new resolutions, new plans, the new us, and we just celebrate the rolling over of the old year to one where we hope for better things.*
- *Rosh HaShana is much more than that. In fact, it is a much more spiritual and prophetic*
 - *It is a Spiritual Alarm clock that calls us back to the Lord, the creator of the world and our creator and King. Shofars were used in the Coronation of a King*
 - *It is the sound of the Lord's voice (Rev 1:10)*
 - *It starts the 10 days of Awe where the Jews repent for their sin, correct their bad actions, ask forgiveness, and recommit themselves to following God. This is all necessary for the Highest Holy Feast, the Feast of **Yom Kippur...the day of Atonement***
 - *It is a reminder that the Lord is with us, and for Christians...in us.*
 - *It is a reminder of the Law, the delivered Torah, and the New Covenant*

An endearing picture of Rosh HaShana

- Based on Micah 7:19 ***He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.***
- *Traditionally on the first day of Rosh HaShana, all the Jewish families in a Synagogue will gather together at a river or a pond that has fish in it,*
 - *Read in unison a prayer usually written for them that asks God to have mercy on them, take them back, and cast their sin into the sea.*
- *This ceremony is called Tashlich which means “casting off”.*
 - *Each family before the ceremony, takes bread, and breaks it up in small pieces, and talks about the bread representing their individual sin against God and others. They gather them together along with a prayer book and take them as a group to the pond. The children are usually in front with the family bread, and at the appropriate time after the prayer, they and their parents cast the bread into the water, symbolizing the casting off of sin.*
 - *The Fish appear and eat the bread, and the sin is no more, disappearing forever.*

Tashlich – Casting off our Sin



- *Worldwide – Jews of every nation and affiliation at the same time ask God for Mercy and forgiveness, and to cast their sin away into the depths of the Sea.*
- *Adults, Kids, Young /Old, Rabbi's/ laymen, Rich/Poor*
- *Prepares each for the 10 Days of Awe before Yom Kippur where God forgives them for another year.*
- *Another name for Rosh HaShana is Yom HaDim. Day of Judgment. This ceremony is a clear preparation for the Day of Atonement to come.*
- *Wonderful picture of how our sin is no more when God takes it away*

As Christians, How do we think about this?

- *For Christians, Rosh Hashana is a celebration quite unlike our New Year celebration where we make resolutions that last about a week and set new goals for ourselves but not in a Spiritual sense.*
- *Rosh HaShana is a reminder when we hear the trumpet sounds that God is calling us back to renewal, recommitment, and preparation for the final trumpet blast that will call us home.*

1 Thess 4:13-18

*¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴ **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive ^[l]and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and **with the trumpet of God**, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive ^[n]and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.***

What about the fulfillment of Prophecy on Feast of Trumpets?

- Many people believe that the Rapture will occur on the FoT
 - The prophetic history of Christ's fulfillment of Spring Feasts at His first coming is a strong indicator
 - The purposes and trumpet blowing are supportive. God calling His people to come back to Him in both the spiritual and physical sense
 - Other Fall feasts look like candidates for His 2nd Coming (Yom Kippur) and the Millennial Kingdom (Tabernacles) too
- It is an interesting thought, but I am not dogmatic about it for these reasons
 - The Rapture is a **signless and Imminent Event**. Nothing has to be accomplished for it to occur. It awaits only the signal from the Lord
 - If we could pin it down to FoT, then it would not be imminent and since it is signless we do not have to wait for a specific feast day.

So, What should we think and do?

- *We should understand that God not only calls the Jews to come back to Him and remember what He has done... He also calls us to a deeper relationship with Him. The Shofar is a good reminder for us as well.*
- *We should try and use our understanding of this Holy Convocation to open a discussion with our Jewish Friends, or our other unsaved friends.*
- *By understanding the deep pools of meaning to the Jewish Community of these Fall Feast Days, we can use them to pray again for our sins to be forgiven, our ways to be aligned with His purpose, and for our Love of Him and the Jewish People to strengthen.*

After all, the Rapture could be coming soon, very soon and are we keeping our wicks trimmed and our lights filled with oil?

Next Week

Our next study will be Yom – Kippur – Day of Atonement

Pray for God to move in the US, protect Israel, and the leaders

- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and friends inside and outside the church.*
Pray for healing for those in grief and recovery, Be thankful for answered prayer
- *Be thankful that God has placed you ***in this day and time*** and commit your will ...to doing His Will.*
- *Praise Him for the blessings He continually bestows on us.*
- *Pray for each of us to take our role seriously in the coming storm*
- *Pray for those who don't know the Lord to come to Him*