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Feast of Trumpets - Rosh HaShanah (Terri)

Sept 14, 2020

Rosh HaShanah – Literally means “Head of the Year” or start of a new year on the Jewish Calendar. Also known as the Feast of Trumpets – a 2 day festival.

The timing of the ancient Feast of Trumpets coincided with the beginning of Israel’s civil New Year. And it’s also known as the Birthday of the World. Many Jews believe that it was the day that Man and the world was created.

(The memorial of blowing – Lev. 23:24 – All feasts may be found in Leviticus 23:23-44)

This year the Feast of Trumpets actually occurs this coming weekend – Friday Sept 18, at 6:00PM to Sunday, Sept 20.

Rosh HaShanah is the only Jewish Holiday that occurs on the first day of the month at the New Moon...when there is no moon and complete darkness. All other feasts occur in their months when the moon is bright. The New Moon of the 7th month was celebrated by long blasts emphasizing it’s solemnity and uniqueness among the month. There are 12 months in the year and 12 tribes in Israel. Every month has a representative tribe. This month “*Tishri*” is the tribe of Dan. *Tishri is the time of divine judgment and forgiveness.*

What’s also interesting is that The Feast of Trumpets (Rosh HaShanah) occurs in the season of *Teshuvah*, which in Hebrew means “Return or Repent”.

Once Teshuvah begins, 30 days into it comes Rosh HaShanah – the final 10 days (of the 40) are Rosh HaShanah (Feast of Trumpets) and ends with Yom Kippur. These are known as the High Holy Days - *Days of Awe*, or *Awesome days*. The Sabbath that falls within this 10 -day period is called Sabbath Schuvah, *The Sabbath of Return*.

The season of Teshuvah begins on the first day of the month of Elul and continues for 40 days ending with Yom Kippur. Which is the end of August to first part of October – the Day of Atonement. The 40 days are linked or in remembrance of Moses interceding for 40 days when Israel sinned with the golden calf (Exodus 32). These 40 days included 30 days of Elul which is considered a month of special divine grace and mercy going back to the time of Moses.

In 2020 this year, the 30 days of Elul started Aug. 21 and continue to the Feast of Trumpets on Friday Sept. 18 (in 5 days) at 6:00 PM, which finish on Sept. 20. Following Elul (after Sept 20), are *The 10 days of Awe* when it is *believed the gate of Heaven is uniquely open for our petitions and intercession.* Which this year we have Jonathan Cahn who has coordinated *The Return on Sept. 26th, where believers in Jesus Christ from all over the world will be coming before the Lord in deep repentance and intercession.* This season climaxes on The Day of Atonement, Sept 27,2020.

The Return is on Saturday, Sept. 26. Coincidence, I think not!

We have one day to truly return to Him in Repentance and make our petitions known. He says to all believers in 2 Chronicles 7:14, *“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

The season of *Teshuvah* which begins on Elul, the theme during this season is *repentance* for all believers. These 40 days can be a special time of prayer, repentance, fasting, to give special offerings as a memorial before the Lord. (Acts 10:1-4).

As believers in Christ we are called to examine our lives and see where we have departed from God. Also a call to examine the scripture and the evidence that Messiah was who He says He was.

God has always had a heart to warn His people before He proclaims judgment. He warned people before the flood. And, time and time again throughout the Bible. He doesn't want anyone to receive the wrath of His judgment (Ezek. 18:21-23; 30-32; Zeph 2:1-3; 33:1-7; 2 Pet. 3:9).

The whole month of Elul (Aug. 21- Sept 20) is a 30 day process of preparation through personal examination and repentance for the coming High Holy Days.

Rosh HaShanah theme is to “awake” – the Day of the sounding of the Shofar – means Awakening Blast. In other words, this feast day is saying to us, “Get ready! I’m calling the assembly. Get ready for something or Someone!”

In Mark Correll’s teaching, he shares some wonderful insights about the coming Feast of Trumpets, Rosh HaShanah on Sept 18-20th and how significant it is this year.

(Time 53:42 on His message on facebook Sept 13, 2020)

Jesus told us to discern the signs of the end times and they are all around us. The time is very soon when He will come.

All the feasts of Israel are based on the lunar phases. Passover was a full moon after the spring equinox. On Sept 18, it’s a new moon, which means you can’t see the moon outside – no moon. With Rosh HaShanah starting on Friday Sept 18 @ 6:00PM. At 12:00am on Sept 20, the first shimmer of light or sliver will start to be seen on the moon. As people see it, the darkness is dispelled and the light is coming back. This is a sign that our light, Jesus, is coming back!

A very significant event is going to happen this year at The Feast of Trumpets, this coming weekend.... the shofar will be blown by the Jews on the temple mount for the first time in 1950 years!!!! It’s also the Sabbath. This has tremendous meaning that we must GET READY for something or Someone who is to come!

The shofar blown to announce the arrival of the New year...arrival of a brand new season. Could it be the announcement that our Bridegroom is about to come to get His Bride, and the wedding feast about to begin?

The Spring Jewish Feasts or Holidays ***have all been historically fulfilled during Jesus 1st coming:***

- Passover – Jesus’ death
- Unleavened Bread – His Burial
- First fruits – His Resurrection (Then a 50 day period occurs)
- Pentecost – Holy Spirit

The Fall or Autumn Jewish Feast Days or Holidays have not yet been fulfilled. ***These are to be fulfilled during the 2nd Coming of Jesus – when Christ comes back for His Church, His Bride...***

- Feast of Trumpets (Rosh HaShanah)
- Day of Atonement (for Israel)
- Feast of Tabernacles

Could it be that this year we see the fulfillment of these Fall Feast Days?
Could it be fulfilled this next week?
Only the Father knows when He will tell His Son to go and get His Bride.

Whether it’s 5 days from now, or 5 weeks from now, or 5 months from now, or 5 minutes from now, the question is, ARE YOU READY?? Are you internally and spiritually ready for your Bride Groom to return for you?

Let’s enter in this week to a time of prayer, self examination, repentance, forgiveness and that we would be awakened to His trumpet call for us...calling us to be received by Him (What this season and feast day is all about) and to be preparing ourselves, as the Bride, to be received by Her Bridegroom.

Let us hear the sound of the shofar! (Jim Darr)