

## God's Appointed Times – Part 4

### → Responsive Reading

#### **Pentecost** (Feast of Weeks, Shavuot) (**Last of the SPRING FEASTS**)

50 days after Day of First Fruits (which was the first day of the week after Passover). That was the day in which our Messiah rose from the dead after His crucifixion and burial.

**It marked the beginning of the Harvest Season.**

**Significance:** Marked the remembrance of the giving of the 10 commandments by God through Moses. God engraved the 10 commandments on the two stone tablets... it was not inspired, **but inscribed/ENGRAVED by GOD'S FINGER.**

**3000 people died that day...** that first Pentecost, due to Israel worshipping of the **Golden Calf** when Moses came down from the mountain with the **10 commandments** in his hands. They had already **broken** the first two commandments.

**In the New Testament...** Pentecost was fulfilled in the Book of Acts chapter 2 → 3000 Israelites were born into **the New Covenant...** the church of Jesus Christ was born that day.

**According to 2 Cor. 3 and Romans 8:1-17...** the Letter of the Law (the 10 Commandments) brought death and condemnation... but the Ministry of the Spirit of God through Jesus Christ (our Messiah) brings **Life eternal/abundant** and God's Righteousness. **The Law brings death... the Spirit brings LIFE.**

**THIS Appointed Time of God** was fulfilled when God's Spirit entered into History, in Jerusalem, after our Messiah Ascended to the Right-Hand of God. The Spirit of God came in the Name of Jesus Christ... and birthed the New Testament church of Jesus Christ (our Messiah)... exactly on the day of Pentecost, as its fulfillment. It marked the beginning of the Harvest... the Harvest of the Lost into His Kingdom. **That which the LORD of the Harvest commissioned His church to accomplish according to His Word in the Power of His Spirit. Remember the Great Commission... ???**

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**The Next "Feast Day" on God's Calendar is: (the Beginning of the FALL Feasts)**

#### **The Feast of Trumpets** (or Rosh Hashanah)

It marks the beginning of the New Year, the civil New Year... just like first day of Aviv (Abib/Nisan), the month in which Passover comes in... marks the beginning of their "religious" calendar of events. So, the month of Tishrei, the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the "religious" calendar, is really the 1<sup>st</sup> month of their civil calendar. Israel had two calendars... on religious ... the other civil.

**Significance:** **has not been fulfilled yet**, prophetically. It remains to be fulfilled. It will be fulfilled in the Rapture of the church before the Great Tribulation occurs. On our prophetic calendar regarding the Messiah... He had to be born, then he had to be crucified, buried, and raised. So far, these have been fulfilled in the Feast of Tabernacles, Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, and Day of First

Fruits on their exact calendar dates. And then Pentecost, the church was born of the Spirit... on the exact date. So, the thinking goes... God will continue to fulfill the events on His Prophetic Calendar on the exact dates. Now I am not predicting the day or the hour of a particular year... God warns us not to do such. But I am certain, based on God's track record, that God will rapture the church on the day of the Feast of Trumpets, but I could not tell you which year. And since there are discrepancies with the ancients Hebrew calendar and the Modern Jewish Calendars... as well as our Modern Julian/Gregorian (Western) Calendar and the way we reckon time now, it would be almost impossible to pin-point any particular day... even if it is going to happen on Rosh Hashanah... we might be off a day or two because of these factors.

Let's look at **1 Thess. 4:13-18** (trumpet – caught away)

Let's look at **1 Cor. 15:51-52** (trumpet – changed – raised)

Let's look at **Rev. 4:1** (trumpet – caught up to heaven – the word "church" no longer appears in the text after the close of chapter 3... and the church is not seen again until **Rev. 19... Marriage Supper of the Lamb** in Heaven (7 day feast... 7 years of tribulation...) and coming down and wiping out anti-Christ and his armies, etc. on horses right behind Jesus Christ ... in white robes, etc.) Remember only those in Christ are invited to the Wedding Feast of Jesus Christ in Heaven... since the Body of Christ is the Bride of Christ. So if you are in the Bride of Christ, the Body of Christ... born again of the Spirit of Christ... you will be there in heaven in **Rev. 19**. Not here on earth, in the Great Tribulation. The Tribulation, the Great Tribulation lasts 7 years... and the Wedding Feast in Heaven lasts 7 years... parallel times... two different locations... two different outcomes.

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**The Next "Feast Day" on God's Calendar is:**

#### **The Day of Atonement** (or Yom Kippur)

This was to be a day for Israel to humble herself. To deny herself, to afflict her soul... a time of reflection and repentance. It was also a day that God's wrath was satisfied with a sacrifice on the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant... by the blood spilt. It would pay for the sins of the past year.

**Significance:** It looks forward in time to the time of **the Great Tribulation...** OF the whole world... it is called "**Jacob's Trouble**" (Jer. 30:1-11; Zech. 13:8-9; 12:2-10:14:1-11; Rev. 6-19). Not only will God pour out His Wrath upon all mankind → i.e. The Day of the LORD, but significantly, upon Israel. 2/3 of Israel will be killed, and only 1/3 will remain after God is done with her... **and thus all Israel will be Saved in Messiah** (Romans 9:27; 11:13-15; 11:25-32)

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**The very Last "Feast" on God's Calendar is:**

#### **The Feast of Tabernacles / Booths** (or Sukkot)

1) **Marks the end of the Harvest Season in the Land of Israel.**

2) **Prophetically...** it marks the **End/CLOSE** of the Harvest Season of bringing in the Harvest of Souls into the Kingdom of our Messiah.

3) **Prophetically...** it speaks of the Millennium → the **1000 year reign of Christ** upon the Throne of David in Jerusalem, in Israel. The Messiah will rule and reign

over the whole world for 1000 years... with the **Rod of Iron** over all Nations (see Psalm 2). All the people of the Nations that survived the Great Tribulation... very few I might add... will have to come up year after year... they will be forced to do so (see Zech. 14:16ff) and celebrate the Feast of Tabernacle or suffer dire consequences. So a representative grouping of people from every surviving people group (ethnic) group will have to come up twice a year... **at Passover and at Tabernacles** (see Ezek. 45:21-25)... to the New – Rebuilt Millennial Temple in Jerusalem.

**At the end of the Millennium – no more harvesting of souls into the Kingdom. It is the CLOSE of HARVEST forever. It is true, that during the Millennium, people will get saved... and follow Messiah from the Heart, not just politically. The Harvest is not done until the end of the Millennium.**

Thus the World will **celebrate** for a **1000 years...**

1. **The Redemptive Work of the Messiah...**

His Crucifixion/Death, Burial, and Resurrection → In the form of **Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, and Day of First Fruits** (when one says “**Passover**” or “**Unleavened Bread**”, that is what one would mean... those three festivals together... one right after the other)

2. **His Birth-Day... on Tabernacles... John 1:1,14**

Since He is the King of the World... it makes sense to celebrate His birth day... on the correct day... not on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, that pagan holiday time... but God will make sure all mankind celebrates our Messiah's Birthday on the correct date... according to His Calendar... for a 1000 years.

**On the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles... the 8<sup>th</sup> day, the Great Day of the Feast:** the last **The Water Offering...** is presented... a libation of water before the altar of God in the Temple... **represented cleansing...** Remember the Number **8** means a **New Beginning**. So the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the feast symbolically represents a **New Beginning** of something? (Example: Jesus was born of the First Day of the Feast of Tabernacles... and circumcised of the 8<sup>th</sup> day, marking the New Beginning of the New Covenant with God... it was the first shedding of His blood, before His crucifixion, interesting).

**At the Close of the Millennium, God will cleanse out of the world's the remaining evil... by throwing the Devil into the Lake of Fire... and Judging all of those who died... the unsaved billions... who rejected God's provision of salvation... they will be judged according to their wicked, self-centered deed and be thrown, also into the Lake of Fire... living eternally in torment and punishment.**

**BUT... God's Love will be poured out upon His Loved ones... His redeemed from all nations...**

→ **The New Heavens and the New Earth.**

**Rev 21:1-6** (1) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. (2) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a

bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, **the tabernacle** of God is among men, and He will  **dwell** among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, (4) and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." (5) And He who sits on the throne said, "**Behold, I am making all things new.**" And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." (6) Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. **I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.**"

**Rev 22:1-5** Then he showed me a **river of the water of life**, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, (2) in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (3) There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; (4) they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. (5) And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

The LIVING WATER... that Jesus Christ promised to those who would follow Him... would spring up unto Eternal Life in those who follow Him (see John 4:1-14) is fulfilled in the New Heavens and the New Earth... **our Real Home...** forever... being with Our Messiah... God with us... the ONE who Tabernacled among us... forever... He with us and us with Him... with God and with One another forever...

### **The Biblical Feasts**

All of these Feasts point to Messiah... to Yahshua H'Meshiach... to Jesus Christ. **His APPOINTED TIMES of intervention into History: Pointing TO...:**

1. His Birth (Messiah's Birth day → Tabernacles)
2. His Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection
3. The Birth of the Church by the Spirit of Christ... the Spirit of God...  
**the Holy Spirit in the NAME of Christ.**
4. The Rapture of His Church... Jesus catching us away
5. God's Judgment upon the World – through Jesus Christ
6. The Wedding Feast in Heaven... the Bride of Christ being finally Married to Her Bride Groom – in heaven... and the celebration of 7 years in heaven... while during those same 7 years... on earth tribulation is occurring
7. The Millennial Reign of Christ, our Messiah over the whole earth from Jerusalem, sitting on David's Throne over Israel and the World
8. The **New Heavens and Earth and the New Jerusalem** prepared for the Messiah (and for us).

### **John 14:1-3:**

(1) "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. (2) "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. (3) "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.