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Tell Us More About the Seven Festivals!

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I find that I need to tell you “the rest of the story” before I get back to our subject of empowerment to sustain us while on earth.



Immediately after the last column came out, I received an online request from a minister and friend saying, “Tell us more about the seven Festivals!”

Is he perhaps voicing a request other readers may have? I will try to give you a column-sized answer to a book-sized subject.

In my last column, I explained my view that steps of empowerment begin with three Feasts (aka Festivals)

For the Jew it is:

- Passover: the Blood of the Lamb on each door saving Israel from judgment.
- Unleavened Bread: clean out all yeast from cupboards, and sin from hearts.
- First Fruits: Bring the first fruits of the Harvest to God (Yahweh) in the Temple.

For the Christian it is:

- Good Friday: Jesus’ blood shed on the Tree, placed over hearts for salvation.
- Holy Saturday: Our Lord dying as the sacrifice for all humankind, forgiveness.
- Easter Sunday: Jesus glorified “First Fruits” bringing us, His family eternal life. (Some Believers celebrate both Festivals.)
- The fourth Feast: Shavuot means seven weeks, “Feast of Weeks” and

“the morrow after the Sabbath” makes 50 days. (Leviticus 23:15)

- Pentecost, “pentecoste” Gr. means “the fiftieth day” (Acts 2:1). This Feast came exactly 50 days after “First Fruits” or Jesus’ resurrection.

This was the time of the empowering of the Church for more harvest of souls. Jesus said, “You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8b). The world has been filled with believing witnesses for 2000 years.

The fifth Feast: Feast of Trumpets or “Yom Teruah:

- Jews today put most emphasis on their second New Year, Rosh HaShanah; Yom Teruah is part of their Festival with blowing the shofar many times.

- Christians do not celebrate the Feast of Trumpets. Some who have studied the Jewish Feasts see a connection between it and the rapture of Believers.

The Feast of Trumpets, The Day of the Awakening Blast, or the fifth Feast, is obviously next on God’s calendar.

It is a Fall Feast and comes in the seventh month at the very beginning of the New Moon as seen from Jerusalem. In the first century, there had to be two witnesses who saw the new moon and would then tell the Rabbi in the Temple. The second witness made it valid. This is the reason why “no man knew the day or the hour” of this Feast until it occurred and why two days are set aside on your calendar. (See story: “My Birthday Gift from Heaven” on website.)

The sound of a trumpet or a shofar indicates something important is happening.

The shofar is made from a ram’s horn. The first biblical example represented Isaac on Mount Moriah who was spared when a ram became the sacrifice in his place. God’s voice was like a trumpet on Mt. Sinai as He gave “rules for good living” to Moses for the people.

Zola Levitt, Jewish Bible Scholar, said: “The trumpet unquestionably represents the Rapture of the Church” – (Levitt, 1979, “The Seven Feasts of Israel.”)

“For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” – (I Thessalonians 4:16-17). (See Rev. 3:11, John 14:1-3, Mt. 24:40-44.)

Zola says, “We remain partly under orders of Pentecost, continuing the summer crop cultivation. We remain “workers in a field” until that day of the great harvest marked by the next feast” – (ibid.).

Next time we’ll conclude the seven Festivals. Keep listening...

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