

## Sermon: Do You Know What to Do to Prepare for the Rapture?

This weekend is Rosh HaShanah. For most Christians this doesn't mean much and we might consider it just a Jewish holiday. But that is not the case. Every believer needs to be prepared and ready for this holiday. It is not just for the Jews, it is for every believer.

5<sup>th</sup> feast in the 7-feast cycle. Occurs in the fall. Part of the latter rain feasts.

Leviticus 23 outlines the Lord's Feasts or His plan for all of us.

**<sup>4</sup> These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.**

**<sup>5</sup> In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover. <sup>6</sup> And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.**

**<sup>10</sup> Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:**

**<sup>11</sup> And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.**

**<sup>16</sup> Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.**

**<sup>22</sup> And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God.**

**<sup>24</sup> Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.**

Translated Feasts = set or appointed time; convocation = rehearsal

The feasts have multiple layers of meaning and application. They were related to the agricultural cycle and historical events. As important as these recognitions were, they are nothing compared to what the feasts are ultimately about.

*Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Col. 2:16-17 (ESV)*

The days regularly observed by the Israelites were a shadow or prophetic types pointing to what their Messiah has done or will do. In other words, every single feast was really about one of the major works that Jesus would perform. When the Israelites observed the feasts they were in a sense putting on plays that celebrated Jesus.



The fulfillment of the Spring Feasts.

Christ fulfilled the first three feasts through his death, burial and resurrection which all happen on an exact festival day.

- Dies on Passover
- Buried on Unleavened Bread
- Rose during First Fruits
- Pentecost is the exact day in Acts Chapter 2 that the Holy Spirit is poured out.

Why I believe the rapture will occur on Rosh HaShanah.

- Why? Because it is the fulfillment of these set holidays and fulfillment of the plan of God. Because of God's faithfulness in meeting each of the Spring feasts, I'm confident and my faith is high that Jesus is coming back for us to pull us out of trouble and that will begin at Rosh Hashanah.

This holiday has different names associated with it. A few are:

- Day no man knows or the hidden day
- Opening of the gates
- Yom Teruah, Day of the awakening blast – Isa 26:2, 19-21

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

**<sup>13</sup> But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. <sup>15</sup> For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. <sup>16</sup> 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: <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

1 Corinthians 15: 51-52

**<sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

**<sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

Jesus is coming back. This is our hope on His promise that he would return again for us.

Now, the question remains, how do you prepare for the rapture?

How do you prepare your home if important guests are coming by for a visit?

Follow the Feasts in order daily. Luke 9:23 – deny self, pick up cross, follow me.



**Question:** What happens if it doesn't happen today? No, problem....you can rehearse Jesus coming back for you to lift you out of the depression and circumstances facing you. Just follow the steps and He shows up in your life to be with you.