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ROOD REVIEW

TIMING IS EVERYTHING




"PASSOVER, A FEAST OF THE JEWS, WAS NIGH."

John 6:4

In our August broadcasts of Shabbat Night Live, Nehemia Gordon and Jon Lorquet joined me for an historical investigation of John 6:4. This questionable verse states that "Passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh". Everything John writes to this point is an obvious timeline through the summer months and into autumn. Passover, which occurs in spring, was not "nigh". If anything, the Fall Feasts of the LORD were nigh.

John 6:4 presents the ultimate irony. This one verse can derail the entire Gospel chronology and thus every believer's proper understanding of Yeshua's life and his fulfillment of prophecy. Yet, it is the introductory narrative to the single, greatest synchronizing marker in the entire Gospel chronology: The feeding of the 5,000.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the ONLY miracle Yeshua performed that is recorded in all four Gospels. It is the most significant marker we have with which to accurately determine every other event in the Gospels, both before and after. To say that the timing of this miracle doesn't matter not only devalues the divine orchestration of every moment in Yeshua's ministry; it also renders one willfully ignorant of what the feeding of the 5,000 was all about.



These people were preparing to commemorate the Almighty's provision for their ancestors in the Sinai wilderness, where he fed them with manna, the "bread from heaven" (Psalm 78:24). It was the perfect time to feed them again in like manner. Those present – who were paying attention – would recognize the timing of the miracle and from whom it came: Yeshua, the embodiment of "bread from heaven" (John 6:32).

We, too, ought to pay attention to YeHoVaH's timing. No man knows the day or the hour of Yeshua's coming (Matthew 24:36) when he will fulfill the Fall Feasts of the LORD, but we do know the season – IF we are paying attention.

This month, as you prepare to celebrate the Fall Feasts of the LORD just like the Israelites did in the wilderness, and like the crowds did when they gathered to hear Yeshua at the feeding of the 5,000, remember their true significance. Just as he feeds our earthly bodies in the wilderness of this world, he will come again to gather us (John 14:3) and feed us eternally with the bread of his presence.

Chag sameach! (Happy Fall Feasts!)



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HOW TO CELEBRATE THE FALL FEASTS OF THE LORD

The Feasts of the LORD are not only prophetic shadow pictures of good things to come; they are also the mechanism by which the Almighty has told the end of time from the very beginning.

The Fall Feasts of the LORD occur in the 7th biblical month (Tishri), beginning with Yom Teruah (The Day of Trumpets), a prophecy of Yeshua's second coming. Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement) ten days later and the Feast of Sukkot are prophetic shadow pictures of "Judgment Day" and other end time events fulfilled as per The Book of The Revelation, the "fifth Gospel". If we do not understand the Fall Feasts of the LORD, neither will we understand The Book of The Revelation and Yeshua's return!

FALL FEAST #1: YOM TERUAH - TISHRI 1

Yom Teruah is the first fall feast - it marks the start of the fall feast season. Teruah means to make a loud noise, which is why Yom Teruah is also called the "Day of Trumpets" or even the "Day of Shouting."

This feast day is a High Sabbath. High Sabbaths are holy days on which, like the weekly Sabbath, no work is to be done. The only thing commanded of us scripturally is that we do no work and keep the day holy.

Yom Teruah is a unique feast as it is the only one that falls on the first day of a biblical month. This means we have to wait for the first sliver of the moon to be sighted to begin the day, so we don't know exactly when the feast will start. In 2019, there are two possible days for this feast as the first possible moon sighting will be very difficult to predict; thus there are two Tishri pages in this year's Astronomically and Agriculturally Corrected Biblical Hebrew Calendar (order info on next page).

This phenomenon of waiting for the moon to begin the feast is what Yeshua was referring to when he said that "no man will know the day or the hour" (Matthew 24:36) of his return; indeed, his return is the fulfillment of Yom Teruah.



FALL FEAST #2: YOM KIPPUR - TISHRI 10



Not a feast per se but a fast, Yom Kippur instructs that we do no work whatsoever and that we "afflict our souls" or "deny ourselves." This is most often taken to mean fasting, or not eating.

Most people who observe Yom Kippur do not eat or drink from sunset to sunset. The point of fasting is to help us focus on things that are more important than our body's desire for food. Our relationship with our Creator is the most important in our lives.

In the last days, Yom Kippur marks the end of YeHoVaH's wrath upon the earth - the righteous are spared from this wrath as they will have been gathered to Messiah. Once the Almighty's wrath is ended, it will be time for the wedding feast of Messiah and his people (the Feast of Sukkot).

FALL FEAST #3: SUKKOT - TISHRI 15-21

The Feast of Sukkot is a week-long festival also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, Feast of the Ingathering, Feast of Booths, or simply Sukkot. During this feast we are to live in a temporary dwelling (a sukkah, the singular form of sukkot) as a remembrance of dwelling in tents when the children of Israel were wandering in the desert.

Sukkot is to be observed forever and it is for everyone who believes in YeHoVaH's salvation. Leviticus 23:33-43 clearly states the following: "You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month." The word "forever" in this verse is the same word used as "everlasting" in John 3:16 that says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in



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him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

There is only one High Sabbath in the Feast of Sukkot, the first day of Sukkot. The day after the seventh day of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret - see below) is also a High Sabbath. It is technically the day after Sukkot ends, but is often mistaken to be part of the Sukkot festival.

The first day of the Feast of Tabernacles was the day that Yeshua was born. Yeshua came to dwell (sukkah or tabernacle) with us (John 1:14) to take away the sins of the world and redeem us. This is an intermediate fulfillment of the Feast. The final fulfillment will occur at the future ingathering of the harvest, when Yeshua returns to reign on Earth.

FALL FEAST #4: SHEMINI ATZERET - TISHRI 22

66 IF ANY MAN THIRST, LET HIM COME TO ME AND DRINK! HE THAT BELIEVES ON ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE HAS SAID, OUT OF HIS BELLY SHALL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER."

Shemini Atzeret (Tishri 22) is commonly considered the eighth day of Sukkot but it is actually a separate, High Sabbath of its own. It marks "The Last Great Day" on which Yeshua will return to rule the Earth with the Torah and a rod of iron.

This future event is foreshadowed by Yeshua himself when, on the Last Great Day of the feast during his ministry, he stood up in the Temple and shouted, "If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink! He that believes on me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38). It seems odd that Yeshua would stand up and shout such a thing, but not when you understand the context.

On the seventh day of Sukkot (the day before the Last Great Day) there was a Water Libation ceremony on the Temple Mount. Then, on the Last Great Day, a prayer for rain was recited in the Temple - Yeshua used this opportunity to prophetically proclaim the future reality of the latter rain (aka the double portion outpouring of the Holy Spirit) that will transpire during the future fulfillment of the Fall Feasts of the LORD.

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