

The Autumn Feasts Of Israel

Friday 19th October 2007



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Agenda

- Why Old Testament Holidays?
 - Teshuvah
 - Rosh Hashanah (New Year / Trumpets)
 - Days of Awe
 - Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
 - Sukk'ot (Tabernacles)
- Wrap-up and Previews



Why Biblical Holidays?

These are fundamental questions:

- Why bother with the “Old Testament” holidays?
- Didn't Jesus fulfil all the OT holidays?



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Why Biblical Holidays?

These are fundamental questions:

- What about the Temple and the inability to perform sacrifices?
- Won't this just lead us into legalism?

And finally, we should take notice of God's timing – and here's one reason why..!

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Undeniably The Anointed!

“From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be **seven ‘sevens’**, and **sixty-two ‘sevens’**. It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. After the sixty-two ‘sevens’, the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing.”

~Daniel 9: 25 ~

The Decree = Nisan (March) 445BC
 Jesus, Passover = Iyar (April) 33AD
7x7 and **62x7** years = exactly **173,880** days

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Undeniably The Anointed!

The 483 Years in the Jewish and Gregorian Calendars

Jewish Calendar
(360 days per year*)

(7 x 7) + (62 x 7) years = 483 years

483 years
x 360 days

173,880 days

Gregorian Calendar
(365 days a year)

444 B.C. to A.D. 33 = 476 years †

476 years
x 365 days

173,740 days
+ 116 days in leap years ‡
+ 24 days (March 5-March 30)

173,880 days

*See comments on Daniel 9:27b for confirmation of this 360-day year.

†Since only one year expired between 1 B.C. and A.D. 1, the total is 476, not 477

‡A total of 476 years divided by four (a leap year every four years) gives 119 additional days. But three days must be subtracted from 119 because centennial years are not leap years, though every 400th year is a leap year.

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God's Timings Are Perfect!

“... my word that goes out from my mouth...
***will not return to me empty, but will
accomplish what I desire, and achieve
the purpose for which I sent it.***”

~ Isaiah 55: 10-11 ~



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Prepare with *Teshuvah*



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- Autumn Festival preparation starts with a period of *Teshuvah* – 30 days long...
- Shofar blown every morning for 30 days
- A time for repentance and seeking to make amends with those you may have wronged or offended.
- Then Rosh Hashanna...



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Rosh Hashanah (The Feast Of Trumpets)



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Rosh Hashanah (The Feast Of Trumpets)

The Lord said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. Do no regular work, but present an offering made to the Lord by fire.’”

~ Leviticus 23: 23-25 ~



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Rosh Hashanah (The Feast Of Trumpets)

Overview

- Jewish New Year = September / October
- Begins the “High Holidays”
- Celebrates the spiritual birth of the world and creation
- According to Jewish Tradition, many key milestones in God’s plan occurred on Rosh Hashanah



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Rosh Hashanah (The Feast Of Trumpets)

Jewish Customs...

- Blowing the *shofar* was a magnificent sight!
- The sound of the Shofar
 - *Tekiah, Shevarim, Teruah, Tekiah Gedolah*
- Meant to:
 - Wake up God's people,
 - Turn to Him, get right with your fellow man
 - Prepare for His season of Atonement



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Rosh Hashanah (The Feast Of Trumpets)

Prophetic Power!

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever.



~ 1 Thessalonians 4: 16-17 ~

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The “Ten Days Of Awe”

This period is devoted to repentance, prayer and fasting in preparation for the most solemn day of the year, the Day of Atonement.



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Yom Kippur (The Day Of Atonement)



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Yom Kippur (The Day Of Atonement)

The Lord said to Moses, “The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present an offering made to the Lord by fire. Do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the Lord your God.

~ Leviticus 23: 26-28 ~



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Yom Kippur (The Day Of Atonement)

Biblical overview...

- Day of Atonement / Day of Judgement / Sabbath of Sabbaths
- Reminder that none of the other Temple Sacrifices could be a permanent solution to atone for sin
- This was about personal **and** national reconciliation to God
- The High Priest was central...



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Yom Kippur (The Day Of Atonement)

Jewish Customs...

- Even secular Jews will attend synagogue on Yom Kippur
- No-one is barred from synagogue, their mere presence considered a sign of penitence
- Never delayed, even for a Sabbath Day
- Fasting and not working are mandatory
- White is worn to symbolise the desire for purity and forgiveness (cf. Isa. 1:18)

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Yom Kippur (The Day Of Atonement)

Messiah in Yom Kippur...

- Jesus is our atoning sacrifice
- His blood brought redemption for us all
- He is our High Priest - went into the Holiest Place in heaven on our behalf (Heb. 9:11-12)
- Sin offerings could only go so far – skin deep, they couldn't cleanse from within
- Yom Kippur is annual, Jesus' redemption is forever!

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Yom Kippur

(The Day Of Atonement)

The Scapegoat...



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Sukk'ot

(The Feast Of Tabernacles)



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Sukk'ot **(The Feast Of Tabernacles)**

Celebrate this as a festival to the LORD for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month. Live in booths for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in booths so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.



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~ Leviticus 23:41-43 ~

Sukk'ot **(The Feast Of Tabernacles)**

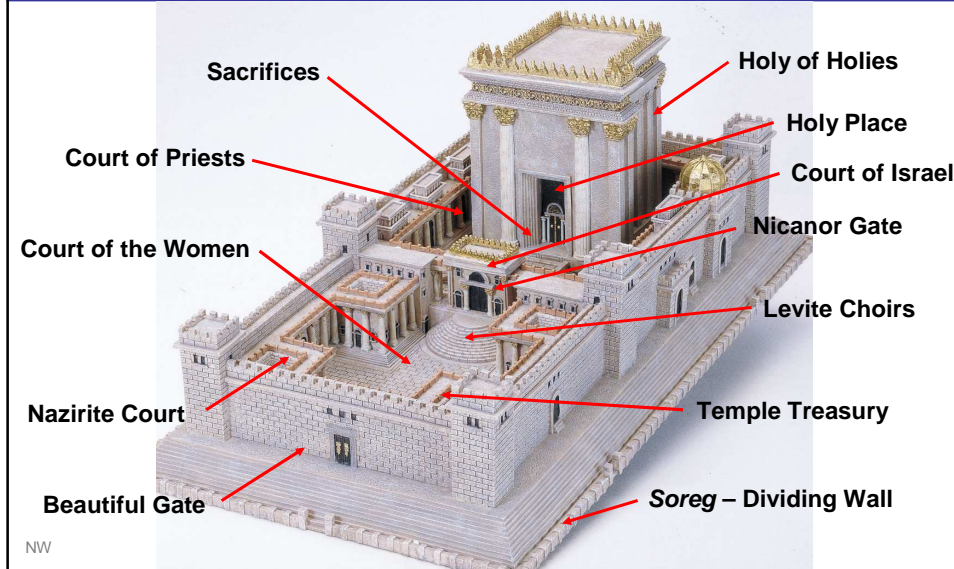
Biblical Overview...

- Huge contrast to solemnity of Yom Kippur
- Meant to remember:
 - Lowliness of their beginning
 - 40-year sojourn in the desert
 - God provides everything we need
- Building of Booths
- Reading of Zechariah 14



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Sukk'ot (The Feast Of Tabernacles)



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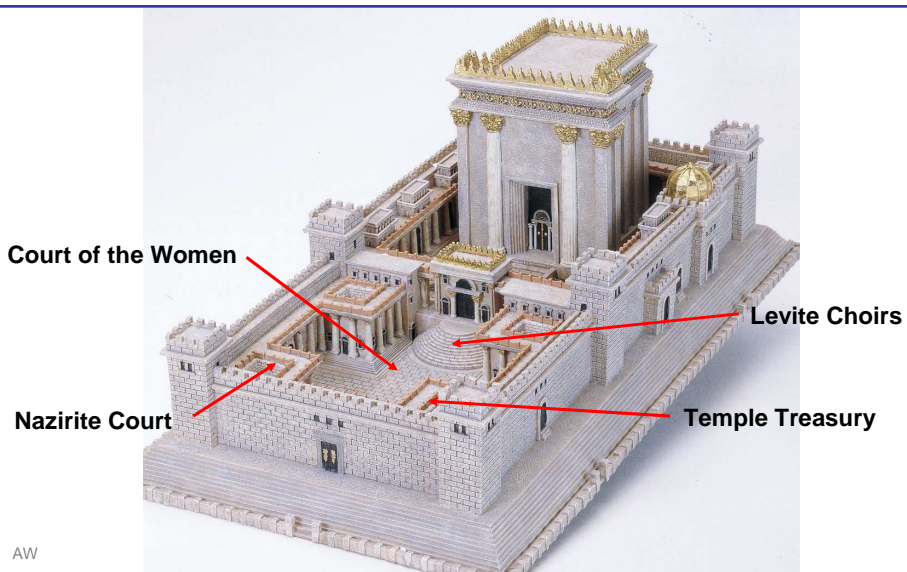
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Jesus and Sukk'ot



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Sukk'ot (The Feast Of Tabernacles)



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Sukk'ot (The Feast Of Tabernacles)

- Prophetic relevance of the feast...
- Comes as the climax of the High Holidays
 - Prayer & seeking God
 - Repentance
 - Atonement
 - Celebration & harvest
- Pattern for us as individuals
- Pattern for us nationally & globally
- Great harvest to come!



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Wrap-Up & Previews

- Preview November session
- Spring teaching series...

- “Watchman” prayer sessions
- Email contact sheet
- Shoresh'im teaching CDs
- Voluntary donations...



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Additional Slides



Rosh Hashanah

(The Feast Of Trumpets)

How you can celebrate the festival...

- Have a feast!
- Make amends, with God and those around you...
- Read the Bible
- Sound the shofar – and blow away the cobwebs!



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Yom Kippur

(The Day Of Atonement)

How you can celebrate Yom Kippur...

- Evening Meal
- Bless Your Family
- Fast
- Study the Tabernacle and Temple
- Worship with Psalms
- Pray for Jerusalem
- Burn a Candle



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