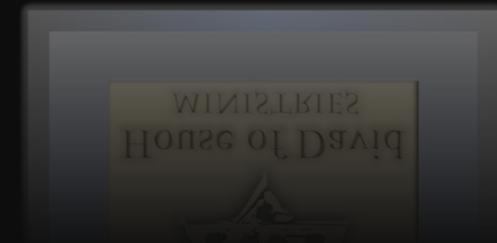
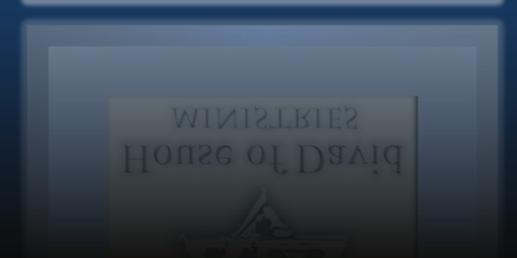


The Fall High Holy Days

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Part 1
Seven





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- ❖ Why should I celebrate the feasts in the Old Testament?
- ❖ Are we not under a New Covenant?



- ❖ As Christians, we are eagerly awaiting the return of Christ and should, seek to understand events pointing to this return.
- ❖ These prophetic signs correlate with the Lord's Hebraic calendar and feast cycles.



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α “Now learn this parable from the fig tree:
When its branch has already become tender and
puts forth leaves, you know that summer is
near” (Matthew 24:32).



- ❖ The Lord divided Israel's days and years into intervals of seven.
- ❖ Seven days is called a week, and seven years is also called a week.



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- ❖ The seventh day is the Sabbath (Shabbat), and the seventh year is a Sabbatical year (Shemitah).
- ❖ Seven is the number of Divine fulfillment and completion.

Part 2
Seven Convocations





- ❖ There are seven annual festivals and high holy days the Lord has ordained, four in the spring and three in the fall.
- ❖ He declared these holy convocations (*Moadim*) to be His feasts and ordained times of prophetic fulfillment.



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❖ The spring festivals coincide with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (the Passover) and with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the celebration of Pentecost (*Shavuot*).



❖ The fall high holy days and festivals that come during the Hebrew month of *Tishrei* (September and October) are comprised of three convocations:

1. The Feast of Trumpets (*Yom Teruah*, the Day of Blowing).

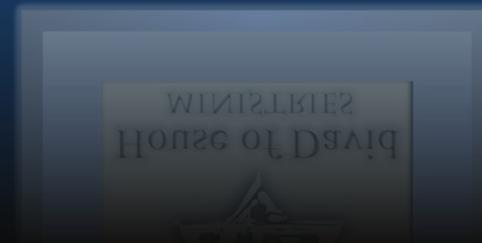


2. The Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*).

3. The Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukkot*).

❖ These three convocations prophetically point to Christ's Second Advent.

Part 3
Feast of Trumpets





- ❖ In Leviticus and then again in Numbers, we read about the Feast of Trumpets (in Hebrew is *Yom Teruah*, which means the Day of Blowing).
- ❖ The day is more accurately referred to as a “sacred occasion commemorated with loud blasts.”



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❖ The meaning for the word *Teruah* comes from Psalm 2, where it reads, “You shall break them [in Hebrew, *tero’aim*] with a rod of iron; you shall dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel” (Psalm 2:9).



❖ Jewish mystics describe the *Shofar* sounds this way: “The Teruah blasts are in the spiritual realms of beauty [*sefira* of *tiferet*] and break the power of the negative spiritual energies, [the *Sitra Achra*], breaking them with powerful shattering blasts.



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❖ These blasts act like an iron rod shattering pottery, and this is why King David chose the word ‘*teroa'im*,’ which shares the same root as ‘*Teruah*,’ to describe a shattering action.”



❖ “Happy is the nation that knows Teruah (the *Shofar* blast), they walk in the light of your countenance, God” (Psalms 89:16).

❖ “For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness” (Isaiah 26:9).



- ❖ The *Shofar* (ram's horn) is traditionally sounded one-hundred times.
- ❖ In Leviticus, we also read about the *Shofar* of the Jubilee (*Yovel*) to be blown on the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*).



- ❖ The word *Shofar* and Jubilee are sometimes used in a combination called the “Horn of Jubilee (*keren ha’yovel*)”.
- ❖ The *Shofar* is mentioned seventy-two times in the Bible. It is molded and polished from the single horn of a kosher animal.



- ❖ The *Shofar* invokes an emotion of the soul beyond words to describe, and no human sound is closely comparable.
- ❖ It blows a hole in our hearts with a powerful force that releases a flood of pent up feelings and emotions, opening our souls to the untapped yearning for the presence of God.



❖ When the Temple stood in Jerusalem, the *Shofar* was used during specific convocations, such as the commencement of Shabbat, the beginning of the months (new moons), and the fiftieth year of Jubilee (*Yovel*).



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❖ On the Feast of Trumpets, we mark the beginning of the Ten Days of Repentance or Days of Awe that lead up to *Yom Kippur*, the day of atonement.



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- ❖ Blowing the *Shofar* during these ten days is an integral mystery linked to the Day of the Lord.
- ❖ The *Shofar* instills a sense of trepidation and fear that should lead us to humble ourselves before God.



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❖ This atmosphere of awe towards God climaxes on the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*), the culmination of God's judgments and the Day of the Lord.



- ❖ The sound of the *Shofar* symbolizes the binding of dark forces, releasing the Jewish people from their bondage.
- ❖ This is called the *Shofar* of redemption.



- ❖ At the end of the age, the *Shofar* symbolizes the children of Israel being redeemed from the land of Egypt.
- ❖ This great *Shofar* will be blown on the Day of the Lord when He finally delivers the children of Israel from all the earth where He scattered us.



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✂ “So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet
[*Shofar*] will be blown” (Isaiah 27;13).



❖ The Feast of Trumpets (*Yom Teruah*) aligns with the seventh seal in the book of Revelation:

α “Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15).



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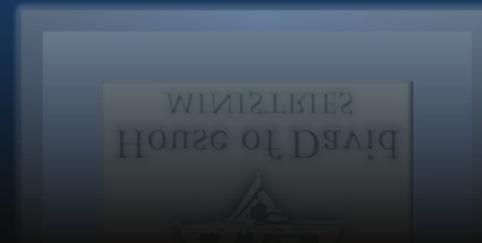
- ❖ After the *Shofars* are blown, the rabbis say that a new and superior light is elicited.
- ❖ Who could this light possibly be?



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- ❖ It is the light of the world who is the Son of God.
- ❖ This day, prophetically represents the revealing and coronation of our King—Yeshua.

Part 4
Day of Atonement





- ❖ The Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*) is the holiest day of the year for the Jewish people.
- ❖ It is a solemn day where we afflict our souls, but it is also a joyful day in knowing that God will forgive our sins.



- ❖ In the writings of Maimonides, *Yom Kippur* is distinctively marked by:
1. The sacrifice of an unblemished lamb by the high priest of Israel.
 2. Our repentance by confessing our sinful deeds and turning from our wicked ways.



3. The essence of the day is marked by God's affirmation of His infinite love towards us.
4. Our return to the Lord and our desire to receive God's infinite love and cleansing from sin.



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❖ Yeshua has fulfillment these four things in this convocation:

1. His sacrifice – “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).



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2. Our repentance – “From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand’” (Matthew 4:17).



3. His affirming love – “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you” (Jeremiah 31:3).

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).



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4. Our return – “I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you” (Isaiah 44:22).



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- ❖ Notice that God provides His part and we are required to respond with ours.
- ❖ He offered His only begotten Son as a spotless sacrifice for our sin, but we must repent of our sin and turn from our wicked ways.



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❖ He affirmed His infinite love and drew us towards Himself by sending His Holy Spirit, but we must receive His love and cleansing from our sin.



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α “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

α “Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).



❖ *Yom Kippur* represents the day when Yeshua physically returns to the earth.

✂ “In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east...”

(Zechariah 14:4).



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❖ The *Shofar* reminds us of the Day of the Lord and judgment at the end of this age, the ingathering of the Jewish people to their homeland, the assembling of the Gentiles to Jerusalem on the Feast of Tabernacles, and the resurrection of the dead.



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✚ “The great day of the Lord is near... A day of trumpet [blowing the *Shofar*] and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers”

(Zephaniah 1:14 & 16).



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✚ “All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth: When he lifts up a banner on the mountains, you see it; And when he blows a trumpet, you hear it” (Isaiah 18:3).



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❖ In the Jewish prayers, we say:

✎ “And a great *Shofar* will sound, and the voice of thin silence shall be heard, and angels shall rush, and awe and fear shall grasp them, and they shall say this is the Day of Judgment...”



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✚ “I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth, declares the Lord. I will sweep away both man and beast; I will sweep away the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea—and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble. When I destroy all mankind on the face of the earth, declares the Lord” (Zephaniah 1:2-3).



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✂ “See, the Lord is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants” (Isiah 24:1).



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❖ This last *Shofar* blast declares God's final atonement for the Jewish people and their land.

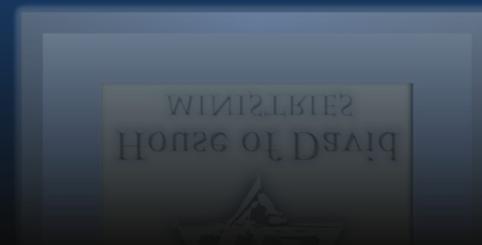
✎ “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people”
(Deuteronomy 32:43).



❖ On that day, the Lord will make final atonement for His land and His people, Israel.

α “And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: ‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins’”
(Romans 11:26-27).

Part 5
Feast of Tabernacles





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❖ The Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukkot*, also called the festival of ingathering) represents the return of the remnant of the Jewish people to the land of their inheritance.



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❖ And it represents the marriage celebration of the Lamb where all the nations will come up to Jerusalem to worship the King and celebrate God's marriage to Israel and His church.



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❖ We are the great assembly of all who are in Christ.

⌘ “In this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees” (Isaiah 25:6-8).



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✂ And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken” (Isaiah 25:6-8).



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❖ This feast, therefore, initiates the Messianic age and the Millennial Kingdom.



- ❖ While the festivals were explicitly given to Israel as part of the Mosaic Covenant, the early church (which included Gentile believers) celebrated the feasts.
- ❖ The Lord also spoke prophetically of a time when all the nations would come up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.



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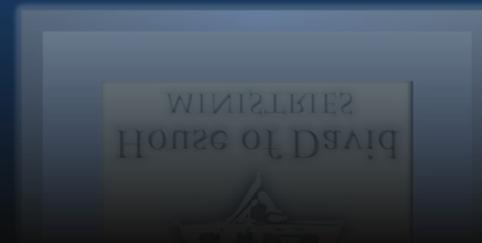
✚ “And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles” (Zechariah 14:16).



✧ “For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7).

❖ It should be clear that the feasts were not solely for the Jewish people, but all God’s creation.

Part 6
Given to Israel





- ❖ Again, all the festivals and high holy days, including the Sabbath, were given to the nation of Israel as a gift as part of the Mosaic Covenant.
- ❖ Israel was simply the vessel through which God would bring His redemptive purposes and salvation to the whole world.



α “What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God” (Romans 3:1-2).

❖ It remains Israel’s calling to teach the nations how to walk in God’s laws.



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✧ “Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:3).



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❖ It was always God's intention that the Gentiles would be grafted into "true" Israel, the natural descendants of Abraham who by faith have received their Messiah.



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❖ The Gentiles and Israel become joined together into one cultivated olive tree and “one new man” in Christ.



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α “For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth” (Revelation 5:9-10).

Part 7
Restoration of Israel





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- ❖ The church has been called to provoke Israel to jealousy and intercede on her behalf.
- ❖ And ultimately to restore and rebuild the nation of Israel itself.



❖ The Lord declared:

✎ “Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, And set up My standard for the peoples; They shall bring your sons in their arms, And your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders” (Isaiah 49:22).



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✚ “The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But in My favor I have had mercy on you” (Isaiah 60:10).



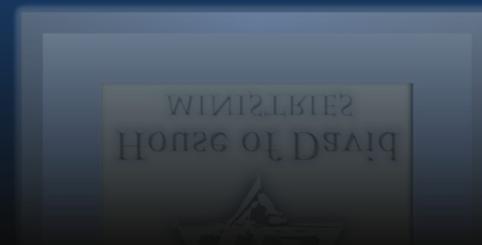
- ❖ Why should I, as a Christian, celebrate the festivals of the Lord?
- ❖ Because it is the church, and predominantly the Gentile Christians who will rebuild God's Kingdom and restore His heritage, Israel.



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✂ “I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel” (Isaiah 45:3).

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