



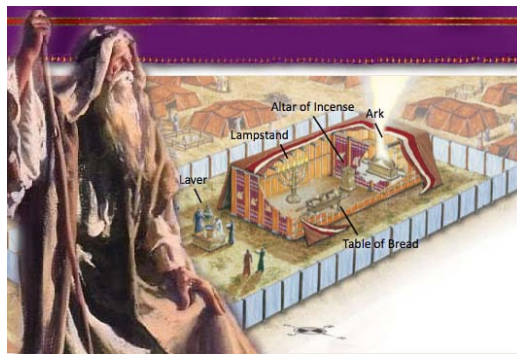
# The Zion Letter

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## The Fall Feasts of the Lord: God's Calendar and Pattern of the End-Times

The Bible tells us that God gives us patterns and shadows of heavenly things and the things to come. The Fall Feasts of the Lord are God's calendar for end-time events outlined in the Torah (Law of Moses). Those Feasts are *Yom Teruah (The Feast of Trumpets)*, *Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement)*, and *Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles or Booths)*. Although Old Testament patterns only give us an outline of things to come, we have much to gain by understanding this outline of God's future redemptive work. God gave us His calendar of the major redemptive events in History; they are called The Feasts of the Lord. Understanding the patterns outlined in God's Feasts is essential to understanding end-time prophecy.



**God King of the Universe who brings forth bread from the earth.** Jesus, the Bread of Life, is our corn of wheat which fell into the ground exactly on the Feast of Unleavened Bread! The fourth Holy Day on God's calendar is the Feast of First Fruits (Lev 23:10-11). The Feast of First Fruits takes place on *"the morrow after the Sabbath" Lev 23:11, the first Sunday after Passover*. It was on the Feast of First Fruits that Yeshua arose from the dead. Paul affirmed this in 1 Corinthians 15:20, **"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."** Yeshua rose from the dead exactly on God's Holy Day of First Fruits, and not only that, Yeshua is our First Fruits! I think it

is clear that God does big things on His Holy Days which are on His calendar. I know that some of you are wondering about Easter. Easter falls on a different calendar and has no connection to the timing of God's calendar. Easter Sunday may or may not correspond to the biblical calendar, it depends on the year.

There are three Fall Holy Days/Feasts that remain unfulfilled, and are referred to in Judaism as The High Holy Days. These are The Feast of Trumpets (Lev 23:24), The Day of Atonement (Lev 23:27), and The Feast of Tabernacles (Lev 23:34, 39). The Feasts of the Lord are part of the pattern God gives us in His word. His Feasts have to do with the timing of events as well as giving us a picture of what their fulfillment will be. If God's calendar is changed, the pattern He gave to help us understand the end-times changes, and the basis for understanding God's plan of redemption for the world is distorted.

### God's Calendar:

God's calendar can be found in His Word: **"And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you," Exodus 12:1-2.** Today we call the first month *Nisan*, it is also known as *Abib*. So the first month on God's calendar begins in the spring, not in the winter (January).

God's calendar has eight Feasts outlined in Leviticus 23. The first is the Lord's Sabbath. On the Sabbath God rested from the work of His creation. The second Holy Day is Passover (Lev 23:5). On Passover God brought the children of Israel out of slavery and bondage in Egypt. On Passover Yeshua the Messiah was crucified in Jerusalem: **"For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the Feast," 1Cor 5:7-8.** The third Holy Day on God's calendar is The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Lev 23:6). Yeshua was in the tomb during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Yeshua said, **"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit," John 12:24.** When a Jew eats bread He prays, **"Blessed are you O Lord our**

### Patterns, Shadows and Examples:

When Moses constructed the tabernacle, he built it according to the pattern God gave him: **"And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all**

*that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it,” Exodus 25:8-9.* Building the Tabernacle according to God’s pattern wasn’t an option for Moses, God commanded him to do it a specific way. In the book of Hebrews the writer mentions the Temple priests, *“Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount,” Hebrews 8:5. Hebrews 10:1 says, “For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.”* Here we see that the Law (Torah) is a shadow of good things to come. In other words, the Torah presents us with a picture or an image of the things in the future. Lastly, the apostle Paul refers to the events written about in the Torah of Moses in this way: *“Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come,” 1Cor 10:9-11.* Paul makes it very clear that God has given us examples in the Torah (five books of Moses) to help those of us who live during the end-times. The Feasts of the Lord reveal to us God’s timing and a Biblical pattern for the last days. If we change God’s calendar then we change the pattern He gave us. Let’s take a look at the Fall Feasts from a Biblical perspective.



The first of the three Fall Feasts is called *Yom Teruah*, The Feast of Trumpets. You may know it better as *Rosh Hashanah*, *New years*, but for the purposes of this article we will stick to calling it by its Biblical name, *Yom Teruah*, The Feast of Trumpets. According to Leviticus 23, it was to be a Sabbath and a memorial of blowing of trumpets. The word for trumpet used here is *shofar*; a shofar is a ram’s horn. God told Moses that the Feast of Trumpets is to take place on the first day of the seventh month on the Biblical calendar. The name of the seventh month is called *Tishrei*. So you can see that the seventh month on God’s calendar this year begins in the middle of the 9<sup>th</sup> month (September) on the Gregorian calendar. These two calendars are completely separate and have nothing to do with one another.

On Yom Teruah, the shofar is sounded one hundred times! According to Maimonides “(1135-1204; Rabbi, Philosopher, and royal physician) the major function of the shofar is to bestir man’s conscience to awaken in repentance.” Rabbi Saadia Gaon gave ten reasons why the shofar is sounded on Yom Teruah. I will list a few of those:

1. *“The shofar proclaims that Yom Teruah ushers in the Days of Penitence, and serves as a call and a warning to repent.* 2. *The shofar is a remembrance of the admonitions of the prophets, that were compared to the sounds of the shofar (Ezekiel 33:4, Joel 2:1, Zephaniah 1:14-18).* 3. *The shofar announces that there will be a day of final judgment at the end of days, at which time the shofar will be sounded. (Zefaniah, ch. 1: “The Great Day of the Lord is near... A Day of shofar...”).* 4. *The shofar proclaims to the Jewish nation that there shall be an ingathering of exiles during the future messianic redemption, to be accompanied by shofar blasts.”* In fact Yom Teruah is also known to the rabbis as *Yom Ha Din*, or Judgment Day or the **beginning** of the Day of the Lord. According to Rav, Yom Teruah is the day on which God judges the nations of the earth. So we can see that the sounding of the shofar is a call to repentance, a beginning of world judgment and a prophetic reminder that God will re-gather the Jewish people back to the Promised Land at the sounding of the shofar. Lastly, the sound of the shofar is not only a warning of impending judgment, but each judgment is a shofar blast and a wake-up call in and of itself. First come the prophets declaring the warning of coming judgment (Ezek 33:3), then come the judgments themselves. Yeshua said that there would be earthquakes, wars, famines, roaring waves, (See Luke 21 also). He said that these would be *“the beginning of birth pains”* MT 24:8. So from the Tsunami of 2004 that killed 250,000 people to the earthquakes and in Haiti, Japan, Chile, Iran, and now Mexico to the Hurricanes like Andrew, Katrina, Rita, Ike, Sandy, Harvey, Irma and Maria. These are all BIRTH PAINS!



*“Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul,” Ezekiel 33:1-5.* The Bible is clear that the Day of the Lord will be, *“a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers,” Zeph 1:15-16.* Yeshua said, *“Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And Great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven,” Luke 21:10-11.*



Yom Teruah, The Feast of Trumpets, is God's season of judgment. One year it will be fulfilled as the sound of the shofar ushers in the Day of the Lord. Whether it is this year or another, the Feast is a yearly reminder to us, a rehearsal of birth pangs and tribulation as God's kingdom is preparing to overtake this world! Yom Teruah is also the time when God calls His ancient chosen people, the Jewish people to return to the Promised Land. Why? Because of the Law of Jubilee (Restoring the Tribes of Israel to the land God gave to them originally, see Lev 25), and also because of God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 15, 17 and 18 to give the Land to Abraham and his PHYSICAL descendants through the line of Isaac as an everlasting possession! So the Jewish people (those willing to go) must return from all the nations before the coming of the Lord! See also Ezekiel 38:8 where it recounts Jewish people having returned to the Land of Israel before the return of the Lord. This is a crucial sign and major event that **must** take place before the return of the Lord, and is mentioned over 700 times in the scriptures.



Think about Moses and Egypt. God brought ten plagues (judgments)

upon Egypt to free His people in order to bring them to Israel! He's doing it again, and just as it affected the Egyptians, so it will affect all peoples where God is both judging those nations and nudging his chosen people to come home. So it should come as no surprise that we see hurricanes, wild fires, earthquakes. All these natural events, plus threats of war and anti-Israel and anti-Semitic attacks are blasts of the shofar alarming the Jewish people and alarming all who love them, and awakening all who will act to help them get home. The three largest Jewish populations in the United States are California, New York City and Florida. Watch those states closely.

The events listed above are shofar blasts (trumpet calls) meant to awaken God's people, Jew and Gentile, to make ready for the Day of the Lord. The best thing you can do is come and learn about God's end-time feasts and ask God how to pray and prepare concerning these events, and pray for guidance when it comes. He promises to lead you into all truth!

There are two more High Holy Days. These last two feasts deal with the event of Yeshua's Return, the Apocalypse, The White Throne Judgment, The Book of Life and the joy of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb! They are Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement) and Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles). Come to our service to learn about Yom Kippur or watch live stream on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and Saturday

morning at 10:45 AM. Sukkot services are Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> Hoshana Rabbah (The Last and Greatest Day of the Feast, John 7). Join us and learn prophecy with a real Jewish foundation!

We hope that this teaching has been a blessing to you. If you would like to order CD's of the Fall Feast Messages we will send you a complete set for a suggested love gift of \$35. Folks you really can't fully understand the last days if you don't understand God's Biblical Feasts that explain them.

In Yeshua's love,  
Rabbi Joe and Dawn

### Sukkot Services:

- \* Wednesday October 4th / 6:30 pm  
Erev Sukkot Service
- \* Saturday October 7th / 6:00 pm  
Campfire Fellowship Evening
- \* Wednesday October 11th / 6:30 pm  
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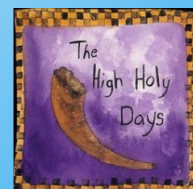
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