THE FEAST OF ROSH HASHANAH

This feast, like all the rest listed in Leviticus 23, contains revelation that will help enable the church to grow to the full stature of Christ. Seeking this knowledge must become the main focus of the family of God as well as doing our part in sharing it with others so the body of Christ can unitedly come together in Truth. If we want to see the Kingdom of God established and the covenant promises begin to bless the church, then we must allow this end time knowledge to mature us into a body the Lord can use. It is Christ in us that will make all this happen, but He cannot use a body that is ignorant of His plans.

God is a Spirit that came through one body, Jesus, to redeem man from his sins and relieve him of its penalty, as well as restoring the intimate relationship they once enjoyed. But now, He needs a much bigger body, one the whole world can see so they can make the choice to become a part of it or not, a body that can do far greater things, because it is much bigger than the former. Through this body He will bring the new heavens and new earth into being. All creation will be restored, renewed, reinstated to its original order as it was before the fall of man. Is this not reason enough to investigate the truth hidden in God's feasts? There is much manna there, hidden food for thought.

The feast of Rosh Hashanah is right around the bend. A late summer harvest of God's people will again be gathered. Trumpets are being blown to teach God's promises and covenants. They blow to warn of the deception, false doctrines and lies that the church is being fed. They are blown or sounded also to give direction to His body, guiding it through the last days of this era, through the decline of man's systems, and into the dawning of the new day. God will sit as the Great Shepherd judging His sheep, separating those that do not measure up from those that will melt into His body as one with Him.

Matthew 13:38-41

- 38 The <u>field</u> is the <u>world</u>, the <u>good seeds</u> are the <u>sons of the kingdom</u>, but the <u>tares</u> are <u>the sons of the wicked one</u>.
- 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.
- 40 Therefore <u>as the tares are gathered</u> and <u>burned in the fire</u>, <u>so it will be</u> at the **end of this age**.
- 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,

As individuals we must search ourselves to make sure we can fit into the body. Remember, He is a holy God. Are we like Him, or does He see us as offensive?

II Corinthians 13:5 encourages us to

5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

If Jesus is in each of us, then we all have a place we are called to in His body, but we must be raised up, or trained in that call to properly work and function within the body. Many do not even realize they have a part in God's plan! They simply sit in pews, pay their tithes and go home. Here again, the Trumpet is being blown through God's prophets, to place us in our proper position through the prophetic word and expose what must be changed. Are we beginning to see why this feast is also known as the Feast of Trumpets and how we not only celebrate it, but experience it?

There are two calendars. One for the sacred holy days, one for the keeping of civil events. Rosh Hashanah falls in Tishrei, the first month of the civil calendar. Therefore, it is also known as the Head of Days, being thought of much like the world's New Year. It's a time to start anew, reflect on our shortcomings, ready ourselves for the next feast, the feast of Atonement, so we can truly abide in Him and He in us at the feast of Tabernacles.

As there have been many Rosh Hashanah's previously celebrated, there have been many gatherings of God's people over the years. They were harvested and then reseeded into Kingdom soil, tithed to God so to speak through death.

John 12:24

24 Most assuredly, I say to you, <u>unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground</u> and dies, it remains alone; but **if it dies**, it **produces much grain**.

But, one Rosh Hashanah it will be an eternal Jubilee. The last crop will be gathered and forever set free of time. No more sowing and reaping. This harvest will be the ingathering of the united sacred seed of Abraham, that forms the body of Christ. The Seed, Jesus, has already died on the cross and come back more fruitful. This Seed is therefore an eternal Seed, immortal.

Galatians 3:16

16 Now to <u>Abraham</u> and <u>his Seed</u> were the <u>promises made</u>. He does <u>not say</u>, "And <u>to seeds</u>," as of <u>many</u>, but <u>as of one</u>, "And to your <u>Seed</u>," who is <u>Christ</u>.

This is a crop that is in the field now that died in His death and resurrected to new life. It has grown and matured to His full measure and stature and stands tall and in His image as an incorruptible crop, united into one, and ready for harvest. Yes, they are as individuals Abraham's seed through baptism into Christ, but united they are one body. The body of the Seed.

Galatians 3:29

29 And <u>if you are Christ's</u>, then <u>you are Abraham's seed</u>, and <u>heirs</u> according to the promise.

Being born through Christ they are made eligible heirs of the Kingdom. But, as stated before, the promises will not begin, or changes come about, until the seeds of Abraham are combined into one body the Lord can use to bring it into being.

A new cycle begins for this harvest. As the 8th day from the beginning of humanity dawns they begin to experience the feast of Sh'mini Atzeret. Since they are obedient and willing, ones that not only obey the laws of God written on their hearts, but become the law over this planet as the Body of Christ, they begin to experience the Feast of Simchat Torah, the final feast. They are no longer under the law of Moses, but they must be obedient to the new covenant and the laws God wrote on the fleshly tablets of their hearts. God's perfect laws govern His Kingdom, so they must therefore establish the law.

Romans 3:31 explains:

31 <u>Do we then make void the law</u> through <u>faith</u>? <u>Certainly not</u>! On the <u>contrary</u>, <u>we establish the law</u>. (We rejoice in it.)

Can you see why the feasts of God are worth studying, understanding, and experiencing? There is so much truth in them to be gleaned, and precious promises to be thankful for, and yes, to look forward to, especially today as we see the world crumbling around us. Again, each feast holds truth that will mature His people if they will just eat all of the Lamb of God. The Lamb is the meat of the Word they will feast on. He is also the Unleavened Bread of Life that is served as well. We must drink from the living waters served at the Feasts to gain the knowledge of the Son necessary to be the church glorious, the triumphant church, His Bride.

By the way, did you know the feast held by the Pilgrims in America in 1620, known as Thanksgiving today, was actually a celebration of Rosh Hashanah, or the feast of Trumpets? Our forefathers celebrated the feasts! Today, thanks to the enemy and the church it has spawned, it has lost its name, its meaning and even its date, but we know better, don't we!

In closing, remembering Rosh Hashanah is also call the Feast of Trumpets, let us read one last scripture.

I Corinthians 15:52-55

52 <u>in a moment</u>, <u>in the twinkling of an eye</u>, at the <u>last trumpet</u>. For <u>the trumpet will sound</u> (the end of this age), and <u>the dead will be raised incorruptible</u>, and <u>we</u> shall be <u>changed</u>.

53 For <u>this corruptible</u> must <u>put on incorruption</u>, and <u>this mortal</u> must put on <u>immortality</u>.

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory (over the Seed and His Body)?"

Happy Rosh Hashanah!