

THE LAST THREE FEASTS YET TO BE FULFILLED



(PART 1)

There are seven feasts ordained and established by the Lord given to Israel when in their journey to the Promised Land. These feasts constitute YAHWEH'S purpose for the future of the world and in particular for Israel. For that reason it is called the feasts of the Lord. In them we see YAHWEH'S love for humankind, for they have to do with redemption, His future plan to establish His kingdom on earth, and the future for His bride- the church. The Passover Feast and the Unleavened Bread had to do with YAHSHUA'S sacrificial death. He was crucified on this feast day. Paul confirms when he said, Purge the old leaven that you may be fresh dough, still uncontaminated, for Christ, our Passover [Lamb] has been sacrificed (1 Cor. 5:7). He was resurrected on the feast of first fruits. Paul once again confirms when he said, But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead, and He became the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep [in death]. For since through a man that death [came into the world, it is] also through a Man that the resurrection of the dead [has come] for just as in Adam all people die, so also shall all in Christ be made alive (1 Cor. 15:20-23). The Feast of weeks happened fifty days later when the disciples were in the upper room and the Holy Spirit descended upon them according to Acts 2 verses 1-4: And when the day of

Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place when suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting and there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression.

Three more feasts are to be fulfilled: Feast of Trumpets, Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles. Although, the Feast of Trumpets is of great significance in Israel's past history, it is of great imminence importance for the Bride of YAHSHUA. For the Jewish nation there were two types of trumpets: ram's horn called the shofar which was used to announce jubilee throughout the country (Lev. 25:9), and the trumpet made of silver. This trumpet was used to direct movement of the camp, as Israel journeyed through the desert, and to call the congregation to assemble together, as the Lord said to Moses: Make two trumpets of silver; of hammered or turned work you shall make them, that you may use them to call the congregation and for breaking camp (Num. 10:2). The blowing of trumpets served to call to observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial day, and a holy assemble. (Lev. 23:24). Psalm 81:1-5 is an indication that Joseph was freed from prison in Egypt on the Feast of Trumpets day. In Exodus 19 where we read YAHWEH'S encounter with Israel, He came in fire and at the blast of the trumpet. He came down upon Mount Sinai to the top of the mountain and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. In Revelation chapter 4:1 YASHWEH calls John to heaven with a voice like a trumpet saying, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future. The rapture is seen in both of these passages.

What is there in the Feast of Trumpets for the church and the world, apart from Israel's historical feast? The Feast of Trumpets is an announcement of things to come that will involve the world in general, the church and Israel in particular. For the church, the blowing of YAHWEH'S trumpet will usher the final phase of men's redemption. It will happen with the removal of the Bride of Christ detailed by Paul in I Thess. 4:15-17: For this we declare to you by the Lord's word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him in death]. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a

loud cry of summons, with the shout off an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first. Then we, the living ones who remain, shall simultaneously be caught up along with in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always we shall be with the Lord! And in I Cor. 15: 52 - In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the [sound of the] last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [in Christ] will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed, for this perishable must put on the imperishable and this mortal must put on immortality. And when this perishable puts on the imperishable and this that was capable of dying puts on freedom from death, then shall be fulfilled the Scripture that says, Death is swallowed up in and unto victory, [Isaiah 25:8].

The church of Christ will celebrate the coming feast of trumpets when she is called up to meet with her bridegroom in the air. It will be the most beautiful meeting the bride of Christ will experience. With the trumpet sounding, she will raise incorruptible, or will be changed in a twinkling of an eye. Fast, very fast. It will be a glorious time, an indescribable glorious time. In God's timing, we are now at the approaching time of the trumpet sounding, summoning us to gather to meet YAHSHUA the Bridegroom, Who went to prepare us a place. Because we do not know the hour or the day, He advised us to be ready. The trumpet might call at the night, or day watch. Since the world is in different time zones, it will be hard to know the exact time, day and hour when He will be calling us. However, He warned us to watch, be discerning of the signs of time and to be ready. We, His people, are called to be watchmen. A watchman's duty is to warn of danger ahead. The believer in YAHSHUA is told to go preach the Gospel to all nations, as a way to warn the world of the coming wrath of God, His eternal judgment. We are to show the world the only way out of it through YAHSHUA, Who died for us to deliver us from His eternal judgment.

The following feast after the feast of trumpets is the Feast of Day of Atonement. This feast is particularly for the Jewish nation.

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²⁷ "Also the tenth *day* of this seventh month *shall be* the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. ²⁸ And you shall do no work on that same day, for it *is* the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. ²⁹ For any person who is not afflicted *in soul* on that same day shall be cut off from his people. ³⁰ And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. ³¹ You shall do no manner of work; *it shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. ³² *It shall be* to you a sabbath of *solemn* rest,

and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth *day* of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath." **Leviticus 23:26-32.**

This feast will be fulfilled after the rapture of the church. It represents the time of "Jacob's trouble", mentioned in Jeremiah 30:7. It is the time of judgment for the nation of Israel for their sin, as well for all who has rejected YAHSHUA'S atonement for their sins. Daniel defines it as a time of trouble, straitness, and distress such as never was since there was a nation till that time (Dan. 12:1). Salvation will come to Israel only after repentance and recognition of their Messiah, Who came in the name of the Lord. Meanwhile, in all the land says the Lord, two-thirds shall be cut off and perish. But one third shall be left alive. And I will bring the third part though the fire and will refine them as silver is refined and will test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will hear and answer them. I will say, It is My people; and they will say, The Lord is my God (Zec. 13:8-9).

This is the time; this is the hour for you to come or to return to the Lord. The time is marching on to the end. Ready or not, you must face the end of it. What is your final decision?