

Prophetic Fall Feasts of The LORD

April 24, 2019 Lesson #16 75 Day Interval - Part II

Lev. 23:4 These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

All of God's appointed Feasts were entrusted to Israel. All the Feasts point to some aspect of the person and work of Jesus. For example, the spring feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits were fulfilled by the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Fifty days later at Shavuot or Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to baptize and fill His followers.

The fulfillment of the fall feasts is yet future in the 7th month of Tishri.

We can rightfully expect them to fulfill some aspect of Jesus' ministry,

The first will be the Feast of Trumpets which I believe heralds the Second Coming or return of Jesus. Scripture connects His coming with the sounding of trumpets (shofars) in Zechariah 9:14; Matthew 24:30-31.

Recognizing the inseparable connection between the Feast of Trumpets and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, we can note some the events that must occur before Jesus returns.

Scripture: Prophecies that must be fulfilled BEFORE the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ

1. Daniel 9:27a -7 year covenant must be signed with Israel and the Antichrist that will guarantee Israel's peace. Trigger to begin Daniel's 70th week.
2. The Jewish temple must be built in Jerusalem with sacrifices being offered.

Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Matt. 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

II Thess. 2:3-4 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Rev. 11:1-2 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

² But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

3. Rev. 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel. [They must be sealed].
4. Rev. 6-18 - The Tribulation must begin and run its 7 year course, resulting in the death of over $\frac{1}{2}$ the world's population.

5. The two Witnesses will have prophetic authority for 1260 days.

Rev. 11:3, 5 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6. Three and a half years into the Daniel 9:27 covenant of seven years, the Anti-Christ will be recognized as "The Abomination of Desolation" and cause the sacrifices to cease in the Temple. [Matthew 24:15; II Thessalonian 2:3-4]

7. Rev. 12:13-17; Zech. 13:8 - The Antichrist must reveal himself and begin an unprecedented persecution of the Jews.

Zech. 13:8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

8. The Anti-Christ and False Prophet must reign for 42 months. [Revelation 11:2b; 13:1-18] ...for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot 42 months.

9. A 200 million man army must destroy 1/3 of mankind.

Rev. 9:15-16, 18 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. ¹⁶ And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

10. An unprecedented system of economic control must be established that will prevent persons from buying or selling anything unless they can display on their right hands or foreheads the mark or name of the Antichrist.

Rev. 13:16-18 And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ¹⁷ And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

11. The Gospel must be preached to every person on the earth.

Matt. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Rev. 14:6-7 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, ⁷ Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

What's the Difference Between the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Gospel of Christ?

A: The gospel of the kingdom is the preaching of John the Baptist:

Matt. 3:1-2 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Prophecies of a Messianic King appear throughout the Old Testament and many in the Jewish leadership saw John's arrival on the scene as their fulfillment. They sent representatives to the place where John was baptizing to see if he was the promised Messiah. He said he wasn't, but that the one they had been expecting was even then in their midst [John 1:19-28].

750 years earlier Isaiah had said when the Messiah came He would reign on David's throne forever [Isaiah 9:6-7] but when John appeared on the scene the throne of David had been vacant for 600 years. John had come to tell them the time was finally at hand and they had better get ready for Him.

When Jesus began His ministry, John introduced Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29) and publicly testified;

John 1:34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

From the beginning of His ministry, Jesus began teaching:

Matt. 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

- Jesus sent His disciples out and said...

Matt. 10:5-8 Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

But even with Isaiah's prophecies, John's testimony, and the Lord's teaching, the Jewish leaders refused to accept the fact that Jesus was the Messiah. They questioned His claims, His doctrine, and His miracles in spite of the fact that all were clearly foretold in their prophecies.

After His death and resurrection, Jesus said...

Mark 16:15 Don't just go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel but go now to the world.

- The message to the world was the preaching of the Gospel of Christ.

Rom. 15:19 I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ.

- Paul's preaching was that of the death and resurrection of Christ.

I Cor. 15:3 I delivered unto you first of all the gospel. And the gospel I preach is the one that you believed in, the one that saved you." Well, what is it, Paul? It's "that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"

- This is the Gospel and nothing else.

Gal. 1:8 Even if an angel from heaven appears to you and preaches any other gospel, Paul says let him be accursed!

Consider: After the Church is taken out of this world, the gospel of "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," will go forth again.

Matt. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. [Context is end of the age - Trib. Period]

Rev. 14:6-7 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, ⁷ Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

- Jesus Christ will be returning shortly after the announcement is made.

Note: Prior to the Second Coming it will be announced not only to Israel but to the whole world. This preaching marks the beginning of the final step in the realization of the coming theocratic kingdom.

12. Rev. 17 & 18 - The worldwide kingdom of the Antichrist must be destroyed in "one hour of one day." Rev. 18:10b Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

13. A remnant must confess Jesus as God and call on Him.

Matt. 23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

14. Jesus will come in power and great glory to fulfill the Feast of Trumpets on Tishri 1.

75 Day Interval Continued: Judgment of Gentiles, Removal Of Abomination in Temple; Beast & False Prophet cast into the Lake of Fire; Satan bound in Abyss for 1000 years
Dan.12:12 Blessed is he that waits, and cometh to the 1335th days.

F. Resurrection Of The Old Testament Saints

Remember: The Rapture which occurs BEFORE The Tribulation Period only includes the Church Age Saints.

Importance Of The Resurrection To The OT Saints:

- General statement that a resurrection will take place.

Isa. 26:19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Job. 14:13-14 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!⁻¹⁴ If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Job 19:25-26 For I know that my redeemer lives, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: [Job looked FORWARD to seeing God after his death.]

Heb. 11:10, 19: Abraham: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

King David: Ps. 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Dan. 12:1-2 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which stands for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Literal Translation: And at that time many of your people shall awake or be separated out from among the sleepers in the earth's dust. Those who awake shall be unto life everlasting, but those [rest of the sleepers who do not awake at this time] shall be unto shame and contempt everlasting.

Context: Daniel is talking about events AFTER the Tribulation.

The righteous OT saints will be resurrected to partake of the blessings of the Millennial Kingdom. Remember, the Kingdom was promised to the nation of Israel.

OT Saints are called "the friends of the bridegroom." John 3:29

They are invited to the Wedding Feast which I believe will start the Millennial Kingdom.

John the Baptist, who was the last of the prophets during the Dispensation of the Law, called himself a friend of the bridegroom, and did not consider himself to be a member of the Bride, or the Church [John 3:27-30].

G. Resurrection Of The Tribulation Saints

Rev. 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

John sees 2 groups of people co-reigning with Jesus Christ. Group 1: Rev. 20:4a

1. Believers who had been given authority to judge were seated on thrones. I believe this authority was given by Jesus Christ at the Judgment Seat Of Christ to the Church age believers. [Rom. 14:10; II Cor. 5:10]

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2. The Church Age believers receive the judgment of their works and rewards or suffer loss after the Rapture at the Judgment Seat.

I Cor. 3:11-15 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

¹³ Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

¹⁴ If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

¹⁵ If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

3. When John saw this group, they had already received their crowns and rewards.

Second Group:

1. Saints during the Tribulation that were beheaded because they did not worship the Antichrist or his image and didn't take the mark.
2. Tribulation saints who will enter the Millennial Kingdom in a glorified body with Jesus.

H. The First Resurrection: Raising of The Redeemed

Rev. 20:5-6 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

⁶ Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him 1000 years.

- The resurrection of the Tribulation Saints completes the 1st Resurrection.
- It is separated from the completion of the 2nd Resurrection [unbelievers] by 1000 years.
- 1st resurrection involves ONLY believers: Blessed & Holy
- Never Suffer or die again; enter the Millennial Kingdom

The 1st Resurrection is not a general one-time occurrence. It comes in stages in an orderly progression.

I Cor. 15:20-23 But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. ²¹ For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Order is a military term used for a sequence of troops of soldiers marching in a procession.

Resurrection of Jesus Christ = First Fruits	I Cor. 15:23
Resurrection of Church Age Believers at Rapture	I Thess. 4:16
Resurrection of the 2 Rev. witnesses	Rev. 11:11-12
Resurrection of the OT [75 day interval]	Dan. 12:1-2; Isa. 26:19
Resurrection of the Tribulation Saints [75 day interval]	Rev. 20:4

Harvest: It was the fruit of 1 season presented on 3 different occasions.

1. Sheaf of First Fruits = the earnest pledge of a greater harvest to follow
 - By coming forth from the tomb, the Resurrected Christ accomplished the work of the redemption and guaranteed for all who believe in Him a greater resurrection when He returns. [I Cor. 15:20]
 - Just as the sheaf of first fruits was a pledge of the coming harvest that would be presented to God, our Lord's Resurrection is a promise to all who are in their graves who have died trusting Him > We will be raised and brought into the presence of the Father.

2. General Harvest = the larger part of the crops

I Cor. 15:23 Christ the firstfruits: afterward, they that are Christ's at His coming.

Phil. 3:20-21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: ²¹ Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

3. The Gleanings

❖ Tribulation saints and OT saints

I. The Marriage Feast or Supper Of The Lamb

In the ancient Jewish wedding, the wedding feast was the last of 4 stages which are reflected in the events planned long ago by God the Father and illustrate the relationship between Jesus Christ and His bride.

1. The Father of the Groom made the arrangement for the Bride and paid the bride price.

➤ Generally, a long period of waiting could take place between the first and second stages. The minimum was one year. Often the bride and groom did not meet each other until the wedding day.

➤ God the Father made the arrangement for the Bride and paid the bride price which was the blood of Jesus. [Eph. 5:25-29]

Note: The last 3 stages are in the future.

2. The fetching of the Bride

❖ The father of the groom determined when the fetching would occur.

❖ Furthermore, it had to wait until the groom had a place prepared for her.

➤ This stage will be completed sometime before The Tribulation beings.

➤ It will come after Jesus has the place prepared.

John 14:2-3 In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.

I am going to prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.

➤ Rapture of the Church [I Thess. 4:13-18]

3. The marriage ceremony of the Bride and Groom took place after arriving at his father's house. Only a few were invited.

➤ It was preceded by a ritual immersion for cleansing.

➤ Remember: The Church Age saints are in Heaven at this point. [Rev. 19:6-8]

Note: This is the 1st time The true Church is mentioned since Rev. 3:13.

➤ It appears the marriage will not take place until after the Judgment Seat of Christ.

4. The marriage feast is the last event

- The Marriage Feast of the Lamb will begin the Messianic Kingdom. [I believe]

Rev. 19: 9a And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.

- When the invitation is issued, the OT saints who are the "friends of the bridegroom," will be resurrected.
- Tribulation Saints are also resurrected to attend.

Rev. 19:9b-10 And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

To the beleaguered and aged apostle in exile on the cruel, lonely island of Patmos, it must have seemed almost impossible that the Kingdom of God would eventually achieve victory. In his day, the believers were persecuted from without and attacked by heresies from within. The revelation that God's words are true in the face of all experience should bring us great comfort and joy.

Jesus Christ is the essence of all prophecy, and all prophecy moves toward a fulfillment by Him and a view toward His glory. So overwhelming was that scene and so powerful were those words of reassurance, that John instinctively fell down confused at his feet to worship him. However, this is strictly forbidden in the Bible [Colossians 2:18; Matthew 4:10].

The angel said to him: Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. The angel reminds John that he is to worship God only! Why? Because the testimony of Jesus is the essence of prophecy. All prophecy is fulfilled and glorified by Him alone [Rev. 19:10]. The Creator of the universe had become the man Jesus, to save His people from their sins.

The King is coming! But He will not come until after the Church has been raptured and after the earth has undergone the Great Tribulation. His Bride will be with Him and their wedding feast will be here on the earth. What a glorious day is ahead of us!

If we could only get our eyes off the muck and mire of this world and onto that which is eternal.

Col. 3:1-4 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God.

² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.