

# God's Holy Days reveal His plan of Salvation, Part 2.



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**Summary:** *Are you aware of appointments God has set with you to be with Him? Find out how Israel's harvests and the holydays show us the order in which God will call and work to save almost everyone. Are we to keep His holydays in the New Covenant? Or have they all been done away? Do you understand that Satan is not winning the battle for souls right now? Get a good overview of the connection of God's holydays to his plan of salvation.*

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Hello to you all. This is part 2 to the 2 part series on deeply understanding the holydays. Before watching this video, please watch part 1 if you can.

- **Do you realize that God has set FOUR appointments for you to come meet with Him** from mid-Sept 2023 to early October 2023?
- **Are YOU going to be ready to appear before God on these divinely set appointments?** Did you realize you have appointments with God?

***Have you thought of God's holydays as appointments He set?***

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***Today I'll focus on explaining***

- *how we can know we are to still supposed to be keeping God's holydays*
- *what each holyday means*

- *how they reveal to us so much of **God's plan of how and when he will save almost all of humanity** and how He's not losing to Satan.*
- *Plus how **the HARVESTS of Israel** reveal so much about God's plan and also about our Savior Jesus Christ.*

*I'll also include links to individual sermons that elaborate in much further detail on each holyday.*

But let's get back to the appointments with God. The main reason most will miss the idea of "appointments" is because there are **two Hebrew words translated as "feast" into English**. But when we hear "feast", we think a happy time of feasting, eating and drinking and laughing. One of the two words means "feast" like that (**sameach**). **But the other word – Moed** – is fascinating. Both words are translated "feast".

**MOED** means "appointed time". Plural "feasts" is "moedim". *It's an appointment for a SPECIFIC set time, season or date – set by GOD in this case. He's expecting us to show up. This is the word God uses for "feast" much of the time. Don't miss your appointment with God.*

**SAMEACH**: *There's another word for our English word "feast" – implying food and drink – and that's SAMEACH. So Jews often say "Chag sameach" meaning "Happy Feast" or festival. It's their equivalent to the western expression, "Happy holidays". I like to think of God's feasts as "HOLY" days, set-apart days to God.*

### **ARE God's holydays cancelled in the New Covenant?**

**Most of Christianity teaches that we do not have to keep the weekly sabbath and God's holydays in the New Covenant.** Somehow God decided to cancel all of them. They claim our "rest is in Christ" now. They use **Gal. 4:10 and Col 2:16-17** to teach that God even now hates his own sabbath and holydays. A casual reading of those scriptures can lead some to that conclusion, but does that even make sense to believe God hates his own days? On video, I tell a story about teaching at a Baptist seminary.

**Remember Lev 23 calls these "the feasts (moedim) of the LORD".** The weekly sabbath was one of the SIGNS that identified God's people. Please carefully read **Exodus 31:12-17** on your own. Judah continued to keep the sabbath enough that we still know who they are.

**One of the reasons God punished Israel** so severely and sent them into captivity was because of breaking the sabbath (**Nehemiah 13:16-17; Ezek 22:26**)! This explains why Nehemiah was so insistent – when they returned from Babylon – that they all keep the sabbath faithfully (**Nehemiah 13:15-22; 10:30-31**). The sabbaths included even the land sabbaths, and punishments were promised if not obeyed (2 Chron 36:21; Lev 26:34)

**When people don't keep the holydays –they get messed up even on their belief of what happens when we DIE.** They believe upon death our soul goes instantly to heaven or hell to be tortured forever but never quite die.

- Why would there be a NEED for a resurrection if the judgment of what will happen to each of us has already been determined upon death?
- And why are we told the wages of sin is death (**Rom 6:23**) – not eternal life being tortured in hell!? Malachi 4:3 – wicked will be ashes.

But if they understood the holydays and harvest seasons, they'd not teach that. More on this later.

*But I have a question for those who say that God cancelled all his own special days of appointments, his holydays. Here's Jesus:*

**Acts 1:4-5**

“And being assembled together with them, He [Jesus] **commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father,** "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

IF The holy days of GOD were all cancelled, why on earth would our Yeshua/Jesus insist that his apostles - in the New Covenant times now -- WAIT until Pentecost, a very central FEAST DAY of God, before giving the Holy Spirit? Did Yeshua/Jesus not get the memo from his God Most High, his Father – that Father had cancelled all the feasts? How silly.

Someone explain this to me! The early apostles and brethren assembled on the holyday of Pentecost! Of course! Did YOU show up for your divine appointment with GOD himself on Pentecost this year? If not, why not?

**Acts 2:1-4**

“**When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each

of them. And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

**So the New Covenant assembly of God's called out ones STARTED on one of God's DIVINE appointment days, his FEAST (moed) of PENTECOST!** Surely if the holydays had all been cancelled, this would have been very confusing to start the New Covenant church with a holyday! Had they not been present, they would have missed the Holy Spirit being given.

Is that not proof enough for you that we *should* be keeping God's holydays? And it's clear that even to Gentiles, Paul taught them that all those Ex 12 lambs that were slaughtered on Passover – all pointed to Christ, who was the Lamb of GOD (**John 1:29**).

The blood they splattered on the door post and lintel pointed to blood of Jesus, which covers us and cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7,9). God said, “when I see the blood, I will PASS OVER you” (Exodus 12:13).

### **1 Corinthians 5:6-8**

“Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 **Therefore purge out the old leaven**, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed **Christ, our Passover**, was sacrificed for us.

8 **Therefore let us KEEP the FEAST**, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

Eventually the Jews started calling all of the days of Unleavened Bread and the Passover, as simply “the Passover”. Also see Luke 22:1-2.

### **Ezekiel 45:21**

“In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall **observe the Passover, a feast of seven days**; unleavened bread shall be eaten.”

Passover Lord's Super is also mentioned in **1 Corinthians 11:23-32**.

Plus add the fact that the **Feast of Tabernacles** will absolutely be kept in the Millennium – **as Zech 14:16-18** clearly tells us. Look those verses up if you have to.

So all these things prove the holydays were still to be kept and will be kept in the world to come. (The angel's statement – **Acts 1:10-11**).

**EACH in HIS OWN TURN/order; HARVESTS show the timing**

**The holydays – combined with the harvests of Israel – show us that God is NOT trying to save everyone right now – or they'll be tortured forever in hell fire. *It IS true* that for us who have been called now, this IS OUR only time of salvation. All that was said to believers. We must take it seriously (2 Cor. 6:1-2). The day of salvation is for those being called now.**

Now notice the sequence or order of God's salvation.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-28 NIV**

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

**22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his OWN TURN: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.**

24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

27 For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.

28 When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.”

So there's an order, a sequencing, of who is offered salvation when. Even Jesus said he spoke in parables partly so that NOT everyone would see or be healed! Please read **Matthew 13:11-17**

Remember there is no salvation without coming under and through Jesus Christ, for “there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). But the vast majority of the world through the millennia never knew about Jesus or the true God. God is not calling everyone right now.

**Passover season's SPRING/early summer harvests of Israel was a much smaller total harvest** than what was harvested in the Fall.

- **Those of us being called to salvation now are called the FIRSTFRUITS** of the Spring harvest. **James 1:18.** This is God's time for us. It's our “order”. *We're part of the smaller spiritual harvest.*

- **The term “first fruits” is never used or included in the Fall harvests.** That term is strictly used for the spring and summer harvest. Jesus is the very first of the firstfruits. Then we are also firstfruits after him. Firstfruits of the smaller harvest is a tiny portion of the total yearlong harvest. This pictures what God is doing with salvation.
- **God is not losing any fight for souls to Satan.** Satan is not winning. God is not losing. But without the holydays, you won't see this. **For most people, their time to have their minds opened and their door opened to God is yet ahead.**

### ***HOW the holydays show God's plan***

**The plan of saving sinful humanity starts with Passover in the spring, when new green leaves, new life is starting! Of course, our new life is in Christ. I covered that in Part 1.**

Here's the link to the Part 1 – how Spring holydays picture God's salvation. This link goes all the way through Feast of Trumpets, as an overview, which really is the first of the Fall holydays.

<https://lightontherock.org/index.php/sermons/message/overview-of-god-s-holydays-passover-thru-trumpets-part-1-of-2-new?highlight=WyJwYXJ0IiwxL0J0b2x5ZGF5cyJd>

**Passover.** This definitely pointed to Christ. Paul made that clear. “Christ our Passover” as we just read. All those lambs in Exodus 12 being killed for Passover all pointed to Jesus Christ, our Yeshua/Salvation. Salvation is possible only through the one living God through Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).

And nobody *can* come to Yeshua unless God Most High calls that person and opens the door to salvation as **John 6:44, 65** clearly teach us.

#### **John 6:65**

And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that NO ONE can come to me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." (also verse 44).

*So don't panic if you don't see family and friends all turning to Christ right now. God probably is most likely not calling them yet or opening their eyes.*

**Passover is kept in God's first month of Abib,** a time of green leaves and new life. It matches our late March-April usually. When some Jews came back

to Israel from Babylon, they had adopted a word they picked up there – Nisan – and that is often used today.

**I prefer 'Abib' to Nisan (pronounced NYE-san).**

**GOD made Abib the first month in Ex. 12:1-2.** Jews call Rosh Hashanah (Feast of Trumpets) their “new year” – but God says otherwise.

**Passover is Abib/Nisan 14. Days of Unleavened Bread Abib 15 through 21. That usually falls in our April. Abib 15, 21 are holy convocations.** We are to have an assembly of believers on holydays.

In **Exodus 12 and 19**, God had chosen Israel to be his people he was working with; a rag-tag slave group of people! In the New Covenant, those of us being called now, from all nations, are in his **FIRST FRUITS**, as Paul and Peter repeatedly explain (**Eph 2:11-13; Gal 3:26-28; 1 Peter 2:9-10**). Jesus called his followers “little flock” (Luke 12:32).

**So God Most High is calling just a few right now.** That's pictured by Passover season.

*Appreciate* that you have been granted such a precious opportunity to be hand-selected by God Most High himself to be among the first fruits of God's salvation. Take that so seriously. You can, if you endure to the end, be part of the smaller *spiritual* spring harvest of souls and part of **the FIRST resurrection**, which is also called **the “better resurrection”** (Heb 11:35). It comes with many more blessings and rewards.

**So God invited us into a relationship with him. We either accept the call or reject it. It's a serious thing to disregard God's call to us to be included in the Son's wedding -- read Matthew 23:1-10.**

If we accept the call, then Father sends us to Yeshua to work with us, and God leads us to **repentance (Romans 2:4)**, **turning from our sins. We are then baptized/immersed** picturing burying the old self and coming up anew in Christ. Then we have hands laid on us to receive God's Spirit – His very own divine Nature, power, His Seed and His presence.

**This pictures how we are being saved and have been saved by grace, through faith, not of works** – things we do – lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9. But we're created to be doing good works, but not for salvation, but for reward (v. 10).

**All these holy days point to Jesus Christ.** He is our salvation – which is what his name in Hebrew – Yeshua – means! Salvation. HE is our Passover. **HE is the Unleavened Bread as well** that we take in to ourselves.

*Unleavened Bread cannot picture us.* It is bread that has never been leavened. We have been “leavened”, sinful. And still sin from time to time. Perfect Christ is now our life (Gal. 2:20; Col 3:3-4). We are taking Christ inside of us as we eat Unleavened Bread for seven days.

**WAVESHEAF:** There's a happy day during the Days of Unleavened Bread called “**Wavesheaf Day**” that points to **Jesus' resurrection and ascension** to heaven to be accepted by our Father in behalf of the rest of us, the rest of the spiritual harvest. **Leviticus 23:10-11. Totally about Christ.**

**Then we count 50 days to Pentecost/Shavuot which usually puts us into late May or into June in our calendars.** This is a transition day of what's already happened and what will likely yet happen on this day. On Pentecost, which usually falls in late May or in June:

- **God sent his Holy Spirit – Acts 2.** This gives us God's very own divine NATURE, his DNA, if you will (**2 Peter 1:3-4**) and His power, presence and seed too. So we become begotten into the family of God. Have you ever thought you are 100% human and yet also partly divine because you have God's Spirit – his nature?
- **God gave the Torah and the 10 commandments** about this time at Mt Sinai as well, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of God's calendar (Ex. 19:1-2).
- **Pentecost is all about Firstfruits. Ex 23:16; 34:22; Num 28:26. WE are called God's firstfruit (James 1:18).** First fruit are not ALL the fruits. Just the First. The rest will be called later.
- **2 loaves of LEAVENED bread, “Which are first fruits” -- were offered** up to God on Pentecost or Feast of Weeks – and then brought back down in the High Priest's arms. **Leviticus 23:17.** I believe this pictures Christ collecting his Bride (**Matthew 24:30-31**) and then takes us to the Place he has prepared for us (**John 14:1-3**) – in HEAVENLY Jerusalem. That's also OUR city, to meet everyone and then be married to the Lamb as Rev. 19 says, in heavenly Jerusalem.
- **“The FIRST resurrection”, which happens when the 7<sup>th</sup> trump is blown and Christ comes for his Bride, is also all about the firstfruits of God's harvest** – those with God's Holy Spirit now.



**Passover season and Pentecost make up the first harvest of God.** The rest of God's harvest spiritually – is pictured by the FALL holydays.

### **FIRST RESURRECTION**

**The end of Revelation 19** is all about the return of Christ on his spirit white charger along with the angels and saints – and defeats the Beast power assembled to fight him. **Then Rev. 20:1-3 – Satan is bound** and put into a bottomless pit for 1000 years. Then we read this:

#### **Revelation 20:4-6**

**“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them.** Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. **And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.** 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This **is the first resurrection.**

**6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”**

So those in this first resurrection, whenever it will be, can never die again. We will be immortal, spirit beings (**1 Cor. 15:53-54**).

- **Since Pentecost is all about firstfruits, it makes far more sense for Pentecost to be when the first resurrection takes place for the firstfruit believers.** See my detailed Pentecost sermon below, as well as my sermon **“I go Prepare a Place for you.”** *Having the first resurrection on the Feast of Trumpets is putting the first resurrection at the wrong harvest time and wrong set of people. **Feast of Trumpets is not about first fruits. Pentecost IS.*** That's what it is called!
- **We always assumed the first resurrection would have to be on Feast of Trumpets because “Trumpets” is mentioned.** But that word really means “blasts” more than trumpets. **Yom Teruah** in Hebrew. Day of Blasts, shouting, trumpets and noise. And trumpets were blown on ALL the holydays anyway – see Numbers 10.
- **Having first resurrection on Pentecost also allows for the time the 7 last plagues will take after the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet (Rev. 16).** This also allows us to have the time to be married to the Son of God in

heaven, with our Father God Most High present, perhaps on the Sea of Glass. There's no more fitting venue for such a magnificent wedding. It's all in my sermons on Pentecost, Wedding of the Lamb and "I go prepare a place"

**The meaning of Pentecost is fully explained in my sermon**  
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**7<sup>th</sup> MONTH of God and final holydays is all about the REST of humanity having God's door opened to them**

**Next we come to the SEVENTH month of God's calendar, Tishrei. This month** – usually in early to mid September- October – has the last FOUR holydays. All this is explained at the end of my part 1 of God's holydays.

**Yom Teruah, Feast of Trumpets, is day #1 of the 7<sup>th</sup> month.** This year, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. It's just one day, not 2 days, as the Jews do "just to be sure"—so they keep 16h and 17<sup>th</sup> Sept this year. **Read Leviticus 23:23-25.**

**So the Feast of Trumpets (Blasts), Yom Teruah,** is the 4<sup>th</sup> holyday. See the end of Part 1 on this. Less is said about this holyday than any other. *I believe personally that the chance is high that by Trumpets of the year Christ collects his Bride and marries her, that everything will be set and ready for Him to come down from heavenly Jerusalem with his Bride and land on the Mount of Olives, possibly on Trumpets.* See Zechariah 14. That begins the new millennial reign of Messiah.

For all the details of the sequence of events for the return of Christ, probably on Feast of Trumpets, check out this sermon, which goes a lot into Revelation as well. **Trumpets in 2023 will be Saturday Sept 16, 2023.** Some will keep it the next day the 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**The final three holydays of God**

**Remember Trumpets, Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles and 8<sup>th</sup> day all fall in the 7<sup>th</sup> month of God's sacred calendar** –usually mid Sept-October for our Gregorian calendars. We've talked about Trumpets already.

**DAY OF ATONEMENT/ YOM KIPPUR (or even Yom Kippurim) – coverings.**

ON The Day of ATONEMENT I recommend you hear this sermon that explains it in full detail. At this point, Yeshua is King of kings ruling on the earth now with us by this time, the saints/the Bride assisting him. For 1000 years according to Rev.20. That's here, on this earth, not up in heaven.

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**Revelation 5:9-10 NIV**

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. **10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the EARTH."**

**This is a case where NIV is better than NKJV and KJV – who use "us" instead of "them".**

**Day of Atonement:**

- **(a full day of fasting;** totally no work at all by anyone except the High Priest – who did all the work for the nation)
- This year 2023, the Day of Atonement is Sept 25, Monday. Yom Kippur. Day of Covering.

**MORE is said about this holyday than any other,** by far. I recommend you read these passages in preparation before Atonement. **Leviticus 16 goes in depth into this. Read also Lev 23:26-32 and Numbers 29:7-11.**

**Hebrews 9 also a great chapter about Day of Atonement.**

**We no longer offer animal sacrifices as they were all fulfilled in Jesus Christ. There are two goats offered to God on Atonement.** They both are perfect, nothing wrong with either one. One was slain and his blood sprinkled in the Holy of Holies – as a sin offering. **That pictures Jesus.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> goat was also offered to God (Lev. 16:10, 20-22 ) to atone for sins, verse 10**, by putting all the sins of the nation on his head and sending him far away, so all Israel could see that their sins are gone! Far away! That also pictures Christ, and **DEFINITELY CANNOT** picture Satan. And the word "azazel" is not to be capitalized and certainly is NOT to a desert demon that is mollified by this as CJB, NLT and ESV have it. That's awful.

**Leviticus 16:10**

"But the goat on which the lot fell to be the azazel (goat of departure) scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord, **to make atonement upon it**, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness."

**Many assumed that Revelation 20:1-3** when Satan is bound and imprisoned for 1000 years, was the same as the azazel goat story. But Rev. 20:1-3 does not mention ANY of the world's sins placed on Satan's head.

Many of the Church of God groups spend an enormous amount of time talking about the 2<sup>nd</sup> goat, the goat of departure (often in English called "the scapegoat") and **yet that goat is not even mentioned in the account of Atonement in the book of Hebrews, chapter 9.**

They make the mistake of teaching that the azazel goat, on whom are placed all the sins of the nation, represents Satan. That is so wrong. [post "the azazel goat of departure" slide here]

- **Satan has no part in atoning for sin.** What a shame to speak of him atoning for anything! He can't!
- **Not a single scripture can be shown to prove that even a single sin is ever placed on Satan** for him to carry and atone for us. NOT A SINGLE sin! Not a single time! ALL scriptures say our sins are placed upon Christ when we accept him as Savior and on HIM ALONE.

**Isaiah 53:6**

**"All we like sheep have gone astray;  
We have turned, every one, to his own way;  
And YHVH has **laid on HIM the iniquity of us all**"**

**Isaiah 53:11**

**"He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.  
By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,  
For HE shall bear their iniquities."**

**Leviticus 16:20-22**

"And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat.

**21 Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it ALL the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man.**

22 The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness."

**Notice these verses I'll list – it's always Jesus who bears ALL our sins. NOT Satan. Don't have time to READ all these but will be in the notes.**

**1 Peter 3:18**

**"For Christ also suffered once for sins,** the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,"

**1 Peter 2:24**

**"who HIMSELF bore our sins in His own body on the tree,** that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed".

**Hebrews 9:27-28**

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so **CHRIST was offered once to bear the sins of many.** To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation"

**Matthew 20:28-29**

"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to **give HIS life a ransom for many.**"

Unlike Christ who is also God and sinless, and can accept our sins and atone for them – *Satan cannot do that.* He has too much guilt of his own!

Let's not forget to focus also on the first goat that was sacrificed and whose blood was used to cleanse the tabernacle and ark, etc. **Leviticus 16:15-19**

**The atoning for the sins of the nation. Lev 16:20-22**

**I SPECULATE a bit here.** This, I believe, pictures God forgiving and reconciling first with Israel and then over time, the whole world starting at THAT time. Satan will have been bound and will be “jailed” for 1000 years – and so now God (Jesus) can atone for the world, and **reconcile**, as they come to him in repentance (which can take years, apparently – Zech 14:16-18).

**But let's be sure to also focus on the FIRST goat that is slain! Lev 16:15-19.**

**So the High Priest, picturing the Son of God Jesus, - Hebrews 9 -- goes in to the Holy of Holies with the blood from the first goat, and it is slain as a SIN OFFERING. Its blood is sprinkled on the ark, mercy seat and just about everything in the tabernacle and altar of sacrifice outside.**

So we also, are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God (1 John 1:7,9). In the New Covenant, we can now come anytime we wish before God Most High and to his Mercy Seat that covered the ark in the Holy of Holies.

There's so much I can say about the Day of Atonement, but please just listen to this sermon if you want or need more.

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### **The FEAST OF TABERNACLES/Sukkot**

So as the spring holydays show us the early first harvest of God – Christ the first fruit pictured by the firstfruit of Barley, and then the rest of us who are firstfruits (James 1:18) – each in his order – **now in the Fall, the great harvest comes in of all that fruit**, olives and olive oil, vineyards and wine, fruits and vegetables ... and it's time to celebrate the Lord of the Harvest.

**The first day of the Feast of Tabernacles is a HOLY day (30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023).** Then on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, the day AFTER the Feast of Tabernacles, is the final holyday – 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2023. *But remember it's a separate “Moed” or holyday.* The dates will change on our Gregorian calendars each year.

***For sermons, on this website Search Bar type “Tabernacles” or “tabernacle”. You'll find many sermons about the Feast.***

*We believe the Feast of tabernacles pictures the time starting with the Millennial rule of Christ for 1000 years on this earth. The Son of God is on the*

*earth.* God has opened the door for everyone now to come to Him and repent, worship and live in faith in him. Salvation is then open to everyone who will accept it at that time.

**This *begins* the BIG HARVEST of souls.** This is when, over time, nations turn to Christ, as **Zech 14:16-18** shows. It can take years, but it will happen.

**The Feast of Tabernacles also points to our King of Kings Jesus the Christ ruling the world on earth. It points to SAVIOR - -** the meaning of Yeshua – saving everyone alive still on the earth. This is the start of the BIG harvest of people repenting and turning to Christ – with ***us helping*** get that done around the world – led by our Leader, Jesus the Messiah and KING.

**The world will now be ruled by SERVANT LEADERS – like YOU; a *royal priesthood*** who have learned to put other's needs above our own, who submit to one another, who set a fine example, who are full of the LOVE OF GOD, poured out into our hearts by the Spirit of God. Leaders who are letting the mind of Christ be our minds, so our lives are being transformed by renewing our minds as we submit to Christ (**1 Peter 2:9-10; Rom 12:1-2; Romans 5:8; Philippians 2:3-5**).

### **Philippians 2:3-5**

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem others better than himself.**

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, *but also for the interests of others.*

5 ***Let THIS mind be in you*** which was also in Christ Jesus”

Have you ever been so **frustrated by the present rulers** and wishing you could do something? The time is coming when you will! YOU will heal the sick. Remember the 70 sent out? YOU will heal. You will reunite. (Stories in video)

This Feast is a time to come WORSHIP God, to learn to fear God, to rejoice in his presence, to hear God's word, and to feast and to celebrate.

**Leviticus 23:33-35, 39-44** we live **in temporary abodes – motels, or accommodations away from home, to remind us of what Israel did** when they were wandering for 40 years before entering the Promised Land. It also reminds us that *our own lives are temporary*. Paul and Peter refer to our bodies as temporary TENT.

**2 Cor. 5:1, 4; 2 Peter 1:13-14.**

**The LAST DAY of the FEAST, DAY 7 – ENDING REBELLION**

After the thousand years is up, Satan is released from his prison – but has learned nothing. He goes out and deceives people again who are not “sold on” (convinced by) God’s way. Millions of them come to fight and are destroyed.

**Revelation 20:7-10 (Summarized)**

**“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison** 8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are (were)*, and will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

(No “they” in the last sentence in the original Greek. Satan is the one tormented forever, not the Beast and False Prophet.)

**WHAT FOLLOWS NEXT is probably what the Last Great Day – day 7 of the Feast of tabernacles – pictures. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Resurrection and the finally all those who died without knowing God or Christ, are resurrected and they have the Book of Life opened to them, finally.**

Otherwise, it just wouldn’t be FAIR of God to punish them if they had never even been called or never even heard the name of Jesus before!

**Revelation 20:11-15**

**“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.**

**12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened.**

**(Note: the Greek for “books” here is BIBLION – similar to our Bible)**

**And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.**

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the**



**second death.** 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

**WHICH day is the last Great day OF The FEAST? The FEAST is a feast of SEVEN DAYS (Lev 23:33-34, 39). Not eight.**

**Leviticus 23:39-40**

'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall **keep the Feast of YHVH for SEVEN days**; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest."

**John 7:1-2**

"After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. **2 Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.**"

How long is the Feast of tabernacles? Seven days. So which day would be the LAST day of a seven-day feast? **The 7<sup>th</sup> day, "The last day of the FEAST".**

**John 7:37-39**

**"On the LAST day, that great day of the FEAST,** Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

So the Last Great Day of the Feast is day 7, which I believe shows the time of the defeat of the armies that were **typed** by Gog and Magog of old (Ezek 38-39) **and then we will also probably see on THIS day, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of FOT, the resurrections** of all who have ever lived and died before. This is what makes it great, as I see it.

**The Feast of Tabernacles, the millennium, and the end of the millennium, this is the really great harvest of souls for God.**

**Everyone who died is resurrected** and given the opportunity to now have the Bible (books) opened (**Greek: Biblion – like Bible!**) *God is now going all out to save as much of humanity as will respond to him. The door to him is now open at that time. This is pictured by the last day of the 7 day FOT.*

Our Father and Yeshua will give them time. But in the end, whoever is not written in the **Book of Life** will be thrown into the Lake of Fire and die. God will NOT torment them forever and ever. The wages of sin is real death – not eternal life being tortured by a Being who says He is the personification of love.

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**8<sup>th</sup> day Leviticus 23:35-36**

**The FINAL holyday. It's not the Feast of Tabernacles but a stand-alone festival – the 8<sup>th</sup> day.**

**So this is a wonderful day, but it is NOT the “Last Great Day of the Feast” mentioned in John 7:37-39.** You can't have a “last day” of a one day Feast. What's it called? Simply 8<sup>th</sup> day. I have a full sermon on it below.

At this point, all of humanity who decide to respond to God's forgiveness, his gift of eternal life as we were offered, and all who admire and love the beautiful new world and way are saved, will be fully born of spirit as we will have been. Otherwise, how could anyone survive the “new heavens and earth” and everything we know that is physical will be burned up!? **2 Peter 3:10**

**All who continue to rebel and choose a life of sin will have to pay their own death penalty for their own sins.** The wages of sin – unrepented sin – is death. And we can choose to either let Christ die for us, or reject His offer, and we die for our own sins.

We in the first resurrection accepted God's offer of forgiveness and we gladly and thankfully accept Jesus Christ's life in our stead. Death is the last ENEMY to be destroyed permanently.

**So King of Kings Jesus hands everything over to Father. From then on, it's “Father's Day” and he will reveal what the next part of his plan is.** I can't wait.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-28 NIV**

“But **Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

**22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his OWN TURN: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.**

24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 **The last enemy to be destroyed is death.** 27 For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 28 When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

**So the 8<sup>th</sup> day is Yeshua/Jesus handing everything back everything to Father. We're ready for His next stage: the 8<sup>th</sup> day festival or feast.** See this sermon. It's all very, very exciting.

<https://lightontherock.org/index.php/sermons/message/the-amazing-8th-day-festival1?highlight=WyJhbWF6aW5nIiwuOHRobiwiZGF5Il0=>

**EIGHT is the number of new. New everything. New universe. New earth.** Not much is told us specifically about this day but just realize 8= new beginnings. Starting new.

- There were 8 in the Ark of Noah who re-started new life on a new earth.
- David was the 8<sup>th</sup> son of Jesse and a new king.
- Little infant boys in the old covenant were circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

**So what will happen after new heavens and new earth? I'm sure we'll all be very excited to hear what God Most High has to say.**

So you see, We still DO keep God's holydays – and remember the New Covenant church of GOD STARTED on Pentecost, a holyday. Paul taught Gentiles to keep Passover and days of Unleavened Bread. The FOT will be kept after Christ returns- Zech 14

**WHY? BECAUSE we learn about how God will save the vast majority of humanity before it's all said and done. And because the holydays primarily point to Jesus.** Passover does, Unleavened Bread definitely does, Pentecost points to him fulfilling John 14:1-2 to take us to the place He's prepared for us, Feast of Blasts/trumpets is our return with Him to the Mt of Olives after being married to him in Heaven on the sea of Glass

Atonement is DEFINITELY about him and God-help-us – NOT about Satan.

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Feast of tabernacles is about ruling WITH HIM 1000 years. FOCUSED on Jesus as King of kings, and Lord of Lords.

8<sup>th</sup> day focused on Jesus handing everything over to Father.

HALLELUYAH Master. Halleluyah Father.

Closing prayer