

STUDY NOTES FROM KAREN HOERDEL'S "JEWISH FEAST STUDIES" TEACHING SERIES

Feast of Trumpets: Rosh Hashanah

Feast of Trumpets = Yom T'ruah

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh = head

Hashanah = of the year

"New Year's Day"

THE RAM SPEAKS

(a Rosh Hashanah poem by Michelle Shelfer and Kate Peper)

My horn
God made
majestic arc
(I thought) for conquering
and to conquer,

At last submits to the thicket,
refashioned to fit
Abraham's hand,
Abraham's lips that uttered,
"I believe",
and God called that
Righteousness,
(and quiet Isaac,
willing lamb like Israel,
bound to the wood he bore).

Now my horn
(conqueror)
Is Abraham's
Blasting the claim:
"God will provide
His Son
His only Son
His beloved."
And His name,
Yeshua
Salvation.

Leviticus 23:24 (Numbers 10:1-10; 29:1-6, Psalm 81:3)

Rosh Hashanah is the only feast that takes place on a (new) dark moon. All others take place on a full moon.

Passover is the Levitical religious new year; Rosh Hashanah is the civil new year.

Genesis 1:5; John 1:3-5 - Lord of time

7 Feasts, 7th month, Sabbath on 7th day
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are called The High Holy Days.

Tradition is that God created the universe at this time, and it is the beginning of all things: the birthday of the world and of man.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob - born on the first day of Tishri

Noah born and died on the first day of Tishri

God was crowned King of the Universe that day

Theme: God's kingship

Traditional twisted egg bread is round, signifying crown (Round Challah)

It is the civil new year for government; kings were crowned on that day.

Possibility: Romans taxed Jews that day, i.e. Jesus was born on that day

Shofar is an instrument made from a curved ram's horn; type of trumpet, curved, representing an attitude of prayer, humility, bowing before God

It is blown many times on this feast day.

Exodus 19:19 - giving of the law on Mt. Sinai; God blew the shofar.

Joshua 6:20 - battle of Jericho

Zechariah 9:14 - coming of Messiah; God Himself will blow the shofar.

Isaiah 27:12-13 - Israel re-gathered

Judges 3:27; II Samuel 20:1 - call to war

Amos 3:6; Ezekiel 33:6 - warning of danger

Zephaniah 1:14-16 - God's judgment

Leviticus 25:9 - start of Jubilee

I Kings 34:39 - King's accession to throne

Psalm 47:5 - God's sovereignty

Genesis 22: The story of Abraham and Isaac is read in synagogues all over the world on Rosh Hashanah. This chapter foreshadows many aspects of the events which will occur two thousand years later. The Father sacrifices (in a type) His only Son on Mount Moriah where Jesus would hang on the cross as substitutionary atonement for sin. Genesis 22:8a - And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering.

Rosh Hashanah is followed by ten days until Yom Kippur. These are called the TEN DAYS of AWE; a time to recount all of the sins of the past year, and repent. Tradition says that three books are opened in heaven and all of the inhabitants of the world pass before God for judgment; as He decides who will be rich or poor, sick or well, live or die.

"L'shana tova tikatevu" - "May your name be inscribed in the Book of Life"

Is this Feast possibly a prophetic picture of the Rapture?

I Thessalonians 4:16-17; I Corinthians 15:52; Joshua 6:5; Revelation 4:1

We can rejoice that our names have been inscribed in the Book of Life if we have accepted the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary.