

Rosh Hashanah The Feast of Trumpets



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What is Rosh HaShanah?

- Lev. 23:24-25
 - “Speak to Bnei-Yisrael, saying: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you are to have a Shabbat rest, a memorial of blowing (shofarot), a holy convocation. You are to do no regular work, and you are to present an offering made by fire to Adonai.”
- “Head of the Year”
- Anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve.
- Emphasizes our dependence upon G-d as our creator and sustainer.
- All inhabitants of the world pass before G-d like a flock of sheep
- We proclaim G-d King of the Universe.

What is Rosh HaShanah?

- The sounding of the shofar, the ram's horn
 - A people's coronation of their king.
 - A call to repentance.
- The Binding of Isaac
- The Blessing: “Leshanah tovah tikateiv veteichateim,” “May you be inscribed and sealed (in the book of life) for a good year.”

God as King over all the Earth

Genesis 1:1, In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth...

- בראשית (In the Beginning). The letters can be rearranged to א בתשרי (On the first of Tishrei).
- The anniversary of creation from Adam's perspective (6th day).
- The day G-d began to rule as King of the Universe.

How does Yeshua fulfill this day?

- He is the king, before whom, “all the inhabitants of the world pass before as sheep.”
 - “Now when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them from one another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And He will put the sheep on His right, but the goats on His left.” - Matt. 25:31-33
- Yeshua returns with the sound of the shofar.

How does Yeshua fulfill this day?

- “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the land will mourn, and they will see ‘the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven’ with power and great glory. He will send out His angels with a great shofar, and they will gather together His chosen from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” - Matt. 24:30-31
- “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed- in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last shofar. For the shofar will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.” - 1 Cor. 15:51-52
- “For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the blast of God’s shofar, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left behind, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air – and so we shall always be with the Lord.” - 1 Thes. 4:16-17,

How does Yeshua fulfill this day?

- The Talmud states that the dead will be raised on Rosh Hashanah (Rosh Hashanah 16b)
- The Authorized Daily Prayer Book by Joseph Hertz on Rosh HaShanah
“Thou, O Lord art mighty for ever, thou revivest the dead, thou art might to save. Thou sustainest the living with loving kindness, revivest the dead with great mercy, supportest the falling, healest the sick, freest the bound, and keepest thy faith to them that sleep in the dust. Who is like unto thee, Lord of mighty acts, and who resembleth thee, O King, who orderest death and restorest life and causest salvation to spring forth? Who is like unto thee, Father of mercy, who in mercy rememberest thy creatures unto life? Yea, faithful art thou to revive the dead. Blessed art thou, O Lord, who revivest the dead.”

How does Yeshua fulfill this day?

- When Yeshua returns, he will be crowned King of Kings
 - “They will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them – because He is Lord of lords and King of kings.” - Rev. 17:14a
 - “On his robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “King of kings and Lord of lords.” - Rev. 19:16.
- Yeshua is the Creator and Sustainer of life.
 - “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created – in heaven and on earth, the seen and the unseen, whether thrones or angelic powers or rulers or authorities. All was created through Him and for Him. He exists before everything, and in Him all holds together.” - Col. 1:15-17.

How does Yeshua fulfill this day?

- It is the Lamb's Book of Life, that our names must be written in.
 - “Then death and Sheol were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death – the lake of fire. And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Rev. 20:14-15
- Akedat Yitzhak (Binding of Isaac)
 - The ram was the substitutionary sacrifice, provided by the L-rd. “By faith Abraham, when he was tested offered up Isaac. Yes, he who had received the promises was offering up his one and only son – the one about whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac offspring shall be named for you.’ He reasoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead – and in a sense, he received him back from there.” – Heb. 11:17-19

How does Yeshua fulfill this day?

- Yeshua is the ultimate, substitutionary, atoning sacrifice.
“But when Messiah appeared as Cohen Gadol of the good things that have now come, passing through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands (that is to say not of this creation), He entered into the Holies once for all – not by the blood of goats and calves but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Messiah – who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God – cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” - Heb. 9:11-14
- “He made the One who knew no sin to become a sin offering on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” - 2 Cor. 5:21

How does Yeshua fulfill this day?

- The only feast day, of which “no one knows the day nor the hour.”
 - “But know this, that if the master of the house had known what time the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and not let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” - Matt. 24:43
 - “Therefore day alert, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” - Matt. 25:13
 - Rosh Hashanah is the only feast day that is on a new moon.
 - Therefore, the day or hour is not known until two or three witnesses confirm.

Where does this lead?

- Rosh Hashanah is anniversary of man's first sin, and serves as the first of the "Ten Days of Repentance" that ends on Yom Kippur.
- This last year (ending today) was a Shemittah year, a year of Sabbath rest for the land.
 - "I will scatter you among the nations and I will draw out the sword after you. So your land will become a desolation and your cities will become a waste. Then the land will enjoy its Shabbatot all the days of its desolation, while you are in the land of your enemies. Then the land will rest and enjoy its Shabbatot. As long as it lies desolate it will have rest, that rest which it did not have from your Shabbatot, when you lived in it." Lev. 26:33-35

Where does this lead?

- Is this coming year a Jubilee?
 - “”You are to count off seven Shabbatot of years – seven times seven years, so that the times is seven Shabbatot of years – 49 years. Then on the tenth day of the seventh month, on Yom Kippur, you are to sound a shofar blast- you are to sound the shofar all throughout your land.” - Lev 25:8-9
 - The Jubilee has to do with restoration of historical lands to their rightful owners.

Where does this lead?

- In 1217 A.D., Rabbi, Judah Ben Samuel, wrote: “When the Ottomans (Turks) – who were already a power to be reckoned with on the Bosphorus in the time of Judah Ben Samuel – conquer Jerusalem they will rule over Jerusalem for eight jubilees. Afterwards Jerusalem will become no-man’s land for one jubilee, and then in the ninth jubilee it will once again come back into the possession of the Jewish nation – which would signify the beginning of the Messianic end time.”
- The Ottomans controlled Jerusalem between 1517 – 1917, Jerusalem was “no man’s land” from the Balfour Declaration until 1967, and now we are 50 years later. Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2012/11/12th-century-rabbi-predicted-israels-future/>

Where does this lead?

- “The Balfour declaration was a key moment in the history of the Jewish state, but to start the jubilee clock running from there seems over-the-top. In 1998, there were 50th year celebrations throughout Israel, and the theme of it was Israel's jubilee year. It was measured from 1948. (Not 1917 and 1967). The day Israel was born would seem to be the proper time to start counting for jubilee years, if you want to count. At least that's how the State of Israel is doing it.” - Messianic Rabbi Michael Stepakoff

Where does this lead?

- So what exactly does this mean will happen this coming year?

Where does this lead?

- I have no idea.

What should our Response be?

- Rosh Hashanah is also the anniversary of man's first sin, and serves as the first of the "Ten Days of Repentance" that end on Yom Kippur.
- "Blow the shofar in Zion! Sound an alarm on My holy mountain." – Joel 2:1a
 - What is the rest of the context? "Let all the living in the land tremble – for the day of Adonai is coming – surely it is near! A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, as blackness spreads over the mountains. A great and mighty people – from antiquity there was never anything like it, nor after it ever again from generation to generation." - 2:1b-11
 - This is about judgement against the people of the L-rd.

What is our Response?

- Our response should be the same as theirs.
 - “Yet even now – it is a declaration of Adonai – turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping and lamenting. Rend your hear, not your garments, and turn to Adonai, your God. For He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abundant in mercy, and relenting about the calamity due. Who knows? He may turn and relent, and may leave a blessing behind Him.” – Joel 2:12-14a
- “What ever will be, has already been.” - Ecc. 3:15
 - Rev. 9:1-11
- We must repent.
 - “Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let each of you be immersed in the name of Messiah Yeshua for the removal of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Ruach ha-Kodesh. For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far away – as many as Adonai our God calls to Himself.’”Acts 2:38-39

Our Hope is Yeshua

- “But Adonai will be a refuge for His people, and a safe place for the children of Israel. So you will know that I am Adonai, your God, dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. Then will Jerusalem be holy, and foreigners will cross through her no more. IT will be in that day, the mountains will drip sweet wine, the hills will flow with milk, and the wadis of Judah will flow with water. A spring will flow out from the House of Adonai and water the valley of Shittim. Egypt will become a desolation and Edom (modern-day Jordan) a desert wasteland, because of the violence against the children of Judah, because they shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah will be inhabited forever – Jerusalem from generation to generation. I will acquit their bloodguilt that I had not acquitted, for Adonai dwells in Zion. – Joel 4(3):16b-21
- Yeshua is our refuge!
- Yeshua is the one who makes us holy!
- Yeshua is our provision!
- Yeshua is the one who acquits us of our sins!

May Your Name be inscribed

