Fall Holy Days: Living in the End Times



Scripture

• Genesis 19:4-5,24-25

Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; and they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them."

Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven, and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

• Romans 1:25-27

For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason, God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

• 2 Timothy 3:1-4

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

• Zechariah 12:3

"It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it."

Other Scriptures

- Exodus 19
- I Thessalonians 4:16
- Revelation 22:20
- Hebrews 13:4
- I Timothy 4:3
- Matthew 24:14
- Daniel 12:4
- Matthew 25:1-13

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Main Points

- Rosh Hashana means "head of the year."
- Begins at sunset on Sunday, September 9th and ends at nightfall on Tuesday, September 11th.

Holy Day Application

- The trumpet announced the Kingdom of God
- The holy days not only had application in their initial historical context, but they also have application for the future.
- The blowing of the shofar points to Yeshua's return.
- What we are seeing in the world right now is a prelude to Messiah's return.
- Signs of the End times:
 - Sexual perversion
 - Breakdown of marriage
 - o Loving self, more than God
 - o Nation rising against nation.
 - o Gospel preached to the entire world
 - o Increase of knowledge and technology
- Jesus is getting ready to come back!
- We are living in the spiritual climate that precedes Jesus' second coming.
- The way to prepare for Yeshua's coming is to live every day for Him.
- Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement 2018: begins at sunset on Tuesday, September 18th, and ends at nightfall on Wednesday, September 19th.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Rosh Hashana is a preparation of ourselves for repentance from sin and God's judgement. How do we become ready for God's judgement in this day and why do we need to be ready now?
- 2. Rabbi spent a great part of his message showing us the state of our world and how it fulfills what Scripture describes as "last days". In what ways do you see these things encroaching into your world? Identify and ask God's forgiveness and deliverance from these temptations and/or sins. Get honest before the Lord on your knees and bring true repentance to Him, trusting the blood of Jesus to cleanse you and prepare you for a better way of living.
- **3.** Cynthia described this season as a season of hope. Why do you think she used this description? Write about the hope that is in Christ Jesus.