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The True Meaning of Rosh Hashanah

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Shalom, everyone. This is Amir Tsarfati, and I'm live from Nashville, Tennessee. Now, I wanted to talk to you today about the coming Feast of Trumpets, known in Hebrew as "*Rosh Hashanah*." Mistakenly by the way, [In Hebrew meaning] "Head of the year"

or the "Beginning of the Year" simply because biblically, it is not the beginning of the biblical year. The Bible says in the book of **Leviticus 23:23-25**, that chapter that describes the feasts of the Lord, it says, **"²³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴ 'Speak to the children of Israel, saying: "In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. ²⁵ You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord."'"** This is it. A time when the children of Israel must come together; the gathering of the people of Israel; a time for them to stop from their work, and to rest in Him; and a time for *them* to blow the trumpets—for *them* to have a *Yom Teruah*—a day of trumpeting. This is the seventh month. This is the first day of the seventh month. This is the first of the three Fall [Autumn] festivals. It is about Israel, for Israel, in Israel, regarding Israel, and their relationship with the God of Israel.

It's important that we understand that this coming September 26, [2022] will be the day of the Feast of Trumpets, of Rosh Hashanah. It's important that we understand that the people of Israel around the world but mostly, of course, in the land of Israel, in the State of Israel, will gather together in their synagogues and they will blow the trumpets, and they will have a holy convocation,

a Sabbath day. They will not work, and they will be together right before the Lord. This will be the culmination of a whole month that is already begun of asking God's forgiveness, *selichah*, we say in Hebrew, "forgiveness-es," or forgiveness, or asking God to forgive them. This is something they've already been doing in the last few days and weeks at the Western Wall, the Wailing Wall, and other places. And of course, there comes the moment when they come together, and they blow the trumpet. And then of course, the idea is to begin the 10 days of awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, when then they believe their fate is sealed, and their names are written in the book.

Now, let me make it very clear. For believers, we're not waiting for any festival to cause us to have our names written in the book of life of the Lamb. The minute we became believers, that was the moment our names were already written in the Lamb's book of life. For the nation of Israel, as a nation, that event has not happened yet. The moment when they will come together, they will see Him whom they pierced as Zechariah 12 says; as He returns with His feet on the Mount of Olives, as Zechariah 14 says. This is the moment when they will collectively as a nation, all of Israel, at the very end of the Tribulation, will acknowledge Him as Messiah, as Romans 11 says. (Romans 11:26) Then all of Israel will be saved. We must remember that just as the first four festivals, the Feast of Passover, Unleavened bread, Firstfruits, and Pentecost; just as they were fulfilled in Israel, with the people of Israel, right before the God of Israel; the last three will also be fulfilled in Israel with the people of Israel, and the God of Israel. They are a picture of God's plan of salvation for them, and of course, for the rest of the world.

So, we must be very, very careful when we come to look into the prophetic interpretation of the festivals of Israel. In fact, the book of Colossians is telling us do not judge anyone for a food or drink or a Sabbath or new moons, or *holidays* for these are the shadow of things to come, but

the substance is of Christ. (Colossians 2:16). For us, the believers the shadow is no longer that which we refer to, operate by, and get excited about. For us, the substance has arrived. For us, we know that our Redeemer lives; we have a personal relationship with Him. We do not need any festival to foreshadow it, we do not need to have our names written in the *future*. We do not need any certain event to happen for our names to be written in the future. The minute we become believers in Jesus Christ, the minute we confess with our mouth, we believe in our hearts, not only that He was born, not only that He died for our sins, but that He resurrected, and He is seated at the right hand of the Father. The minute we understand that He is God who came to us in a form of a man. The minute we understand that He completed, He finished everything, "It is finished." He said on the cross. The minute we understand we're no longer under the law. The minute we understand that the law was never designed to save anyone. The minute we understand that the law was the nanny, the tutor, the shadow but the substance is of Christ, that's the point where we understand that we are waiting for His return any minute, any day, any week, any month, any year.

Paul lived that type of life of expectation. He was eagerly waiting for the Lord to come and take the church and him, of course. That is exactly what he communicated to the church of Thessalonica when he wrote in **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**, "¹⁶...the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ **Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.**" For Paul, there was no Jewish holiday that had to happen. There was no Tribulation that had to have already begun. It was an imminent expectation of an imminent return of Christ without anything that had to happen. However, for the people of Israel, for the nation of Israel, things must happen. The Bible is very clear in the book of Daniel, in the ninth chapter, regarding the 70 weeks that were designed for the nation of Israel and for the city of Jerusalem. The Bible talks about the fact that 69 weeks have

already taken place; that 69th week was when Jesus Himself came and offered Himself, not for anything that He had done. But the 70th week, which is the seven-week Tribulation that will start at the moment the Antichrist will rise, it is *also* designed for Israel and for Jerusalem. It also will be that chapter [Daniel 9] that eventually produced the salvation of Israel as a nation.

Of course, as 2 Corinthians 3 says, when a Jew, even today, comes to the understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, that veil is taken away; that only Christ can remove that veil. (2 Corinthians 3:14) Throughout history any Jew that accepted Christ had that veil removed through Christ because of his faith in Christ. But as a nation, Israel is still blinded. As a nation, Israel is still expecting the coming of the Messiah. As a nation, they will find out that there is no return of Messiah, or no coming of the Messiah until the very end of the Tribulation. And unfortunately, Zechariah 13 says, two-thirds of them will perish; and only the last one-third will He bring through the fire. He will, of course, have them as His.

So, ladies and gentlemen, what I'm trying to say here is this: The Feast of Trumpets is for the Jews. The Feast of Trumpets is a shadow of the return of Jesus with us for Israel. The Feast of Trumpets will be fulfilled exactly, at the exact timing 10 days later Yom Kippur will be fulfilled, and right after that the Feast of Tabernacles will be fulfilled. Just as the first four Spring holidays



were fulfilled exactly at the same biblical timing between one another, the last three [holidays] of the Fall [Autumn] will be fulfilled also at the same biblical timing between one another.

So, if the Feast of Trumpets is all about the Rapture of the church, how can Yom Kippur take place exactly 10 days later? How can the Feast of Tabernacles happen right after Yom Kippur?

What I'm trying to say is this: Our belief is that Jesus can come perhaps even today. We don't have to wait for any feast to be celebrated in Israel. Israel has to wait for a feast that is happening and celebrated in Israel. In fact, remember, they will look at Him whom they pierced, they will come together, the nation of Israel will come together in Jerusalem to celebrate. It will not be the trumpet of God that is going to be heard when we are raptured, welcoming us to Heaven. It will be the trumpet of *men* that will blow the trumpet as they are required in Leviticus 23:23. What I'm trying to say is that for us the believers, there is no need to get excited every Feast of Trumpets thinking that our Rapture is now happening. Because if the Rapture is happening on the Feast of Trumpets, we are disqualifying, we're dismissing any other day of the year. But if He can come at any given day, any moment, perhaps today, I'm not trying to underestimate the Rapture's timing. In fact, I'm telling you that it can happen even before. It can happen in a few minutes. We don't have to put our hope on a specific date on the calendar of Israel. This calendar of the Jews is for the Jews to celebrate the feasts that they celebrate as Jews. Thankfully we know the substance and we don't have to rush and run all the way to the shadow anymore.

This is the same as we read in Numbers 19 (Numbers 19:2) about the red heifer [young female cow]. The red heifer ashes are the requirement of the Old Testament to basically cleanse some people from death and impurity who want to go to visit the house of the Lord. The red heifer was a foreshadowing of the blood of Christ that can turn the impure to pure, and not the pure to impure. This is exactly why we need to remember we don't have to wait for any red heifer. And let me make it very clear, now that Jesus has come already, and now we know the Way, the Truth, and the Life, in reality even Israel doesn't really need a red heifer anymore because a red heifer will not cleanse them from any sin. It will give them the false assumption that they are now clean and can visit a temple. That temple will only be built as a part of an international agreement that

will allow Jews to build a temple on the third holiest site to the Muslims today; something that can only happen when the Antichrist is ruling of course. And that is probably part of the seven-year peace deal that he signed and that he will break. As Daniel 9 and 2 Thessalonians says, he will break [the deal] right in the middle, he will enter into that temple, and he will declare himself as God from that temple. So anything that has to do with the third temple has nothing to do with the church. The church has to be taken out of here before the rise of the Antichrist that marks the beginning of the Tribulation. The church is not to be excited about the third temple, the church is not to be excited about those things that are actually going to confuse and deceive the Jewish people to think that they do have a way to God now, even without Christ.

Let me tell you very clearly, throughout my almost 50 years of life, I've seen enough times of red heifers coming and going. In fact, in 2018, a red heifer was born in Israel. We always hear about their arrival. We never hear what happens to them, because obviously, within a few months or years they're being disqualified. A white hair or some other color is growing out and then that's it. They're no longer qualified. Yes, rabbinical teaching is that there were only nine red heifers in history. Yes, Rabbi Maimonides says that the 10th one will come by the Messiah Himself. Yes, for the Jews, it's a messianic sign. Yes, for the Jews, it is full of excitement. But for us, for us, we know exactly what the third temple is going to bring about for the Jewish people: First the deception of the Antichrist that he may be the one who brings peace; [second] Then how he reveals his true face when he declares that he is God from that temple. These events are bad news. This is the moment when Israel will go through a worse tribulation, a worse holocaust than the one of World War II. Daniel 12 says, it is such a trouble that there was never such a thing since they became a nation. (Daniel 12:1) It will be terrible. It will be horrific. But there will be that remnant of Israel that according to Revelation 12, will be hidden, prepared in the desert to be taken back to

the land. And on that day of *Yom Teruah*, the day of trumpeting, they will see Him whom they pierced, and they will eventually accept Him as Lord. And then they will have the entrance into the millennial kingdom that will be established in Jerusalem. And once again, Israel will be a nation that the whole world will look up to. Once again, Jerusalem will be the center of world leadership and rule. And it's going to be amazing.

But until then, as Christians we need to remember the Feast of Trumpets is for Israel and the Rapture can happen any day now. Let's remember that. Let's *not* let sensationalism and false excitement, that will lead of course to great deception, not confuse us. Let's remember that He said He's coming quickly. Let's remember, He said to us regarding the Rapture, no one knows the day and the hour. Let's not try to guess, let's not try to sensationalize things that are not in the Scripture. Let's remember what Leviticus 23 is all about. And let's pray for the salvation of Israel as they are expecting their Messiah that more and more, just as 2 Corinthians 3 says, will understand who He is, and the veil will be lifted from their eyes. Thank you. God bless you. And remember this September 26 is not about the Rapture. It's about Israel celebrating the Feast of Trumpets. Let's remember to wish them happy Rosh Hashanah and pray for their salvation. Thank you, and God bless you.

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