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A study series with Saskatchewan & Bontoc Ekklesia group

Text: Lev. 23:23-25, Num 10:9-10,29:1, Neh 8:1-12

Date: _____

Yom Teruah – The Feast of Trumpets

Reviewing God's Calendar

We have already learned about the Biblical Sabbath (Shabbath) from our past lessons, and we hope everyone has the opportunity to celebrate and observe it in our own homes and congregations. It is a large component of our relationship with the Lord to worship together corporately. The Bible refers to the Sabbath as one of God's appointed times. But there are several other appointed times on the Biblical calendar as well.

In Leviticus 23 here we see the Calendar of the Lord. For a review – the biblical calendar is lunar, it means it is based on the phases of the moon. The new moon signals the first day of the month. The full moon indicates that we are in the middle of the month and the disappearance of the moon indicates the end of the month.

Today is the Fall/ Autumn Season and we are instructed in Leviticus 23 of three Appointed times of the Lord that happens in the Fall.

1. Feast of Trumpets (Chag Yom Teruah)
2. Day of Atonement (Chag Yom Kippur)
3. Feast of Booths/ Tabernacles (Chag Ha-Sukkot)

The FEAST of Trumpets

This is the day when the Lord instructed us to celebrate it with blowing of the ram's horn (shofar), It is an appointed time that is meant to prepare us for the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) ten days after. It is also regarded as a New Year (Rosh Hashana). It is a day for self reflection and a season to make special effort to apologize to people whom we have short coming with and ask for their forgiveness.

Because Yom Teruah is the first among the three Appointed times in the Fall season, over the centuries it was regarded as the Head of the Year (Rosh HaShana) , or New Year's Day (although the Bible speaks of many New Years in the Land of Israel) see Neh. 8:1-12.

The Blowing of the Shofar

The blowing of the ram's horn signals the calling of an assembly for the Sabbath or of a Solemn Assembly of the congregation; it is a warning of danger and an action is to be taken (such as gathering troops to go to war), or as an announcement of the arrival of a King.

Prophetic Fulfillment

While the historical emphasis of the holy day is repentance, the prophetic theme looks for the future day of the physical/spiritual regathering of the saints (1 Thess 4:16-18) and the return of the Lord Messiah (Matthew 24:31).