



The Biblical Feast God's Plan of Salvation Through Redemption Pt. 2

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Leviticus 23:4 In addition to the Sabbath, these are the Lord's appointed festivals, the official days for holy assembly that are to be celebrated at their proper times each year.

Exodus 12:14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord — a lasting ordinance.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

The Bible tells us to prioritize things not just because that is what He wants but because that is what is best for us.

Remember when we read the Bible, we must read it for its:

- Historical record
- Symbolic meaning,
- Life application (how we apply it to our lives)
- The prophetic significance (what it reveals to us about the future)

Our two-text scripture says that the feast Days are God's, and they should be observed forever.

God Feast Days for the New Testament believer should be kept for their prophetic significance and implications.

God's 7 annual feast days, recorded in **Leviticus 23**, map out a systematic order, plan, and pattern for humanity's total salvation.

This systematic pattern of salvation progression of God redemption plan Includes 5 R's:

Reconciliation- Taking us from being enemies of God to being children of God with all rights and privileges.

Remission- Having all our sins and the results, consequences, and penalties that come from committing those sins totally eradicated, destroyed, and resolved as if they never happened.

Repentance- Having our minds renewed and transformed to the mind of Christ so we can be all God said we can be, have all God said we can have, and do all God said we can do.

Rewards- God rewards us for our faithfulness and commitment to Him,

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Rulership- Taking authority and ruling in this life, so that we will be prepared for the thousand-year reign of Jesus’s second coming.

Understanding God's seven annual feasts will help us understand God's master design of salvation.

The first four feasts have already taken place. These first four are:

Passover: This represents the “finished work of Jesus Christ.” Him being the sacrificial Lamb and shedding of His blood by which we have redemption.

Feast of Unleavened Bread: The apostle Paul compared leaven to sin (**1 Corinthians 5:6-7**).

The days of unleavened bread are a picture of the second phase of the repentance process: The Holy Spirit's striving to eliminate sin from our lives by identifying the wrongs and encouraging us to yield to Him so He can rid us of sin as our minds are renewed.

First-fruit: Jesus is the first of those who are born again. Because He is the first, we should desire to be like Him.

Romans 8:29-30 (NLT) For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself.

Day of Pentecost: This feast day is celebrated because God sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and be with us, so we can walk in the victory that Jesus won on the cross.

The Holy Spirit is our agent for Change and Victory!

We have to look forward to these last three Feast Days: ***The Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah), the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles.***

When understood, they give a clear picture of our Blessed Hope!

Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah):

The Jews celebrate Rosh Hashanah as their New Year or head of the year.

But as born-again believers, we should know that the *prophetic significance* of this season (the fall Feast) points to the rapture and beyond!

The Feast of Trumpets is a prophetic symbol of when Jesus will come to get us and spare us from the Wrath to come so we can rule and reign with Him.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And 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. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

This is our blessed hope to be caught up to meet Him in the air and to be forever with Him.

"We celebrate the Feast of Trumpets to honor the total victory we have in Christ Jesus. When the trumpet sounds, the full manifestation of that victory will occur (Spirit, Soul, and Body) as we are raptured up to meet Him in the air, go to the bema seat of Christ, and receive our just rewards for the good things we have done in this body."

The rapture is promised to those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

Hebrews 9:28 (ERV) so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

2 Timothy 4:8 (ERV) Now, a prize is waiting for me....Yes, he will give it to me and to everyone else who is eagerly looking forward to his coming.

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1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I tell you a mystery: (the Feast of Trumpets was a mystery until God gave Paul this revelation) We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NLT) Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! 25 All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. 26 So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. 27 I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

Many people lack a proper understanding of the biblical concept of the "Blessed Hope." This leads to accepting a watered-down gospel that only focuses on life on Earth.

(Webster) eschatology: a branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of humankind: a belief concerning death, the end of the world, or the ultimate destiny of humankind. Christian doctrines concerning the Second Coming, the resurrection of the dead, or the Last Judgment.

1 Corinthians 15:19 (NIV) If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

When we made the decision to accept Christ for salvation, we should have understood that the most significant part of our blessed hope for salvation will come to fruition when we are caught up in the Rapture, receive the rewards promised to us, and then have the opportunity to rule and reign with Him for 1000 years.

It's worth going through the challenging things of Life.

2 Timothy 2:12 ...If we endure, We shall also reign with Him...

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A true disciple of Christ should expect the goodness of God to manifest in this life while having greater hope for the age to come.

1 John 3:2-3: (NLT) Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

Those of us who have the Blessed Hope have an eager expectation of His appearing.

Those of us who have “The Blessed Hope” know that we just can't live any kind of way.

Without eagerly anticipating Christ's return, we become careless and live like the world. True biblical hope enables us to cast off every work of darkness and prepare for that glorious day.

Romans 13:11-12: (NLT) This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost gone; the day of (total) salvation will soon be here. So, remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living.

Those who eagerly wait for Him will live a life in the Spirit, so they will be fit to go with Him. But we cannot live right without the Word and the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.