

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."
- For the last two weeks we've done something a little bit different than we had in the past with these Mid-East prophecy updates.
- The Lord had put on my heart the seven feasts of Israel, and their profound prophetic significance as it relates to Christ's return.

### THE SEVEN FEASTS – Leviticus 23

**FEAST – FESTIVAL - FESTIVE** Appointed Time – (Points to a time). (*mo-ade*); *an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season; specifically, a festival; KJV - appointed (sign, time).*

#### THE FEASTS THEN...

Seven feasts were given to Israel to celebrate over a seven-month period of time, beginning in spring and continuing through fall. (Exodus 12; 23:14-17; Leviticus 23; Numbers 28 & 29; and Deuteronomy 16)

#### THE FEASTS NOW...

**Colossians 2:16-17** "Let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ."

#### 1. The Passover - The Crucifixion

#### 2. The Feast of Unleavened Bread - The Burial

#### 3. The First Fruits - The Resurrection

#### 4. The Feast of Pentecost - The Church Age

#### 5. The Feast of Trumpets - The Rapture

#### 6. The Day of Atonement - The Second Coming

Feast	What This Means	What This Means To Me
Day of Atonement – ( <i>One day</i> ) The 2nd Coming (Leviticus 23:26-32)	The "High Priest" would go into the Most Holy Place One Day a Year and make atonement for Israel's sins.	Our "High Priest" Jesus Christ will return with us on that day, (the "2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming) after the 7-year tribulation. All of Israel will be saved.

The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), represents the affliction and salvation of Israel during the "7" year tribulation and the day of the Lord or "Second Coming" after the tribulation. It's the day-of-atonement for the Israel who "look upon Him whom they have pierced", repent of their sins, and receive Jesus their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10 and Romans 11:1-6,25-36).

#### 7. The Feast of Tabernacles – The Kingdom Age and Heaven

Feast	What This Means	What This Means To Me
Tabernacles – ( <i>Seven days and One day</i> ) The Kingdom Age and Heaven (Leviticus 23:33-43)	The Feast of Tabernacles commemorated God's provision in the wilderness while bringing them into the promised land.	This points to us being brought out of the world (wilderness) into Heaven, the "promised land". God provided this through Jesus (who was probably born on that day in October).

The Feast of Tabernacles (Booths, Tents) was commemorated by staying in little thatched houses made out of mainly palm branches. In the month of October during which time this was celebrated, you can see them next to high rise apartment buildings in Israel. The Jews camp in them to remember God's miraculous provision for their forefathers who slept under the stars in the desert for 40 years before bringing them into the promise-land.

Just as the Israelites were brought into the promise-land after 40 years, so too was Noah (the Jews) brought into a new earth after 40 days and nights of rain. Enoch (the church) was caught up (the rapture) to meet the Lord before the world was judged with the flood. Jesus said that the world would be like it was in the days of Noah, right before the second coming and the world is judged by fire.

REFERENCE	FEAST	FULFILLMENT
Leviticus 23:5	Passover	The Crucifixion
Leviticus 23:6-8	Unleavened Bread	The Burial
Leviticus 23:9-14	First-Fruits	The Resurrection
Leviticus 23:15-22	Pentecost	The Church Age
Leviticus 23:23-25	Trumpets	The Rapture of the Church
Leviticus 23:26-32	Day of Atonement	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming
Leviticus 23:33-43	Tabernacles	The Kingdom Age and Heaven