

It is written, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;" (KJV 2 Thessalonians 2:3). There will be an apostasy in the Church leading away from the truth. There will be an apostasy of godlessness among the nations when they join up with the Anti-Christ, and even the hypocrites in Israel will join him. Before Yeshua returns, this apostasy and rebellion will occur, and the Anti-Christ will be revealed when he sits in the Temple and makes himself out to be a god.³⁸³ Israel must be prepared and flee into the wilderness to the place prepared for **1260** days.

There will be a pre-tribulation removal to a place of safety, but that place will be Israel, and then the wilderness during the **42** months of lawlessness. We have seen, that Israel will have to wait for the *last trumpet* (1st Corinthians 15:52) while those who did not heed the call to return to Zion will be tested with their lives to see if they really serve Israel's King. For he who has ears to hear, and eyes to see, the connections between Zion, Israel, Salvation, and physical deliverance are clear, "And everyone who calls on the name of YHWH will be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance as YHWH has said, among the survivors whom YHWH calls" (Joel 2:32).

The Biblical Feasts

The seven holy days of the bible play a key role in prophecy. They are:

1. The 1st day of Passover, the 15th of Aviv
2. The 7th day of Passover, the 21st of Aviv.
3. The feast of "sevens" or "weeks," the 50th day.
4. The feast of blowing, the 1st day of the 7th month.
5. Yom Kippur, the 10th day of the 7th month.
6. The 1st day of Tabernacles, the 15th of Tishri.
7. The 8th day of Tabernacles, the 22nd of Tishri.

These days are a shadow of things that are to come (Colossians 2:17). Each of these days is a Sabbath or rest day. Not only are the feasts prophetically important, but the whole system of the biblical calendar is prophetically linked, including the sabbatical and Jubilee years. Even the new moons are important.

The scripture says, "Do not let anyone judge you in eating and in drinking, either in part of a feast, new moon, or Sabbath"³⁸⁴ (Col. 2:16). This means that no one who disapproves of feasting on these days should judge those who do feast on these days. Moreover, no one should think that we are regarding mere "days, months, and years" (Gal. 4:10) as Paul rebukes the Galatians. The prophetic feasts have to do with biblical institutions ordained by God. On the other hand, the Galatians were regarding manmade days, months, and years. They were following a non-biblical calendar, perhaps one like the Essenes. Christians who elevate Christmas³⁸⁵ and Easter are the ones who are elevating non-prophetic man made traditions above divinely inspired institutions of the bible. These are the ones who are submitting to the principles of the

³⁸³ Matthew 24:15; Daniel 9:27; 2nd Thessalonians 2:4.

³⁸⁴ A literal translation based on NA-27th edition.

³⁸⁵ Nothing draws out the dormant Christian emotional attachment to paganism more than this issue. Furthermore, it reveals the incipient idolatry and hatred of Jews whenever its origin is pointed out.

world, and who are influenced by the elemental spirits of paganism.

God does everything according to His calendar, and according to His sacred seasons. Messiah died on the eve of Passover, and rose on the first Sabbath counted to Shavuot after the Passover. The Torah was given on the Sabbath, on the 50th day after the Passover. This day is called Shavuot, or Pentecost. Messiah was born on Yom Teruah, also called the feast of "Trumpets." The resurrection of the dead and the transformation of the living are to be on Yom Kippur. The coronation of the King is to be at the feast of Tabernacles when the tabernacle of God comes down from heaven.

The first and second comings of Messiah are timed in sabbatical years, and likewise, the Jubilee is fulfilled at the end of the age.

These holy seasons are signs between God and his people. They identify Israel and set the nation apart. They provide a framework for living and set the foundation walls of a biblically sanctified culture. According to the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel these seasons will be observed in the age to come. According to Zechariah, even the nations will be required to send delegations to the Feast of Tabernacles. Moreover, according to the Torah, those who have no regard for the sacred times have yet uncircumcised hearts and have failed to enter in to the fullness of the Spirit of God.

The Church is indeed in need of a new Pentecost. God must step in, renew the soul, and write His Laws on the hearts of His people. In order for this to happen, they must realize that belief in the gospel does not make them righteous, nor does affirmation of the right doctrines sanctify them. Only God's commandments can sanctify the believer, as it is written, "We know that we know God if we keep his commandments" (1st John 2:3).

The Christians who fight against the Torah do not fully understand the gospel. The gospel does not make the Christian righteous. *Justification* or *being justified* is not a state of righteousness. *Justification* is a state of *justice being done*. In other words, the penalty of sin is paid by Messiah Yeshua, but He did not make anyone righteous by His death. Righteousness requires repentance and right living.

Those who affirm belief in the gospel, believing that it makes them righteous, and then who turn and judge other Christians who have a regard for God's holy seasons, while failing to observe them themselves are only judging themselves and showing that they do not understand the purpose of the good news, which was to pay our penalty for breaking these holy seasons. It may be granted that they understand the good news, but the purpose of the good news they do not understand.

The Mission of God's People

The mission of Israel is to believe in Adonai Yeshua and follow his commandments. This is how we show our love for Him. The primary mission of Israel is not to convert the nations³⁸⁶, but to worship God in spirit and truth. The first

³⁸⁶ The highest *good* of the Evangelical world is to convert pagans to Christianity. But, what are they converting them to? A weak and saltless gospel leads to Churches that put up an appearance of godliness in the public view, but who are full of every kind of social evil. Having failed to be sanctified, the Church is a mixture of good and evil. For this reason, God plans to put an end to the Church's goal of evangelizing the world. He will let the beast deceive the nations into