

what we believe

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WE BELIEVE IN “THE BLESSED HOPE” WHICH IS THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

Titus 2:11-13 – For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Matthew 21:8-11 – A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Ten Commandments WHICH represented The Character of God.

The Rod of Aaron that represented the authority of God that bloomed before Pharaoh and his magicians, . . .

and The Pot of Manna signifying the prosperity of God upon his people.

Deuteronomy 16:16-17 – Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread (PASSOVER), the Festival of Weeks (PENTECOST) and the Festival of Tabernacles (ATONEMENT).

There were 3 parts to THIS season:

1 Feast of Trumpets

Which began the 10 days of REPENTANCE known as Rosh Hashanah and the beginning of the Jewish New Year.

2 The Day of Atonement

This is known in the Jewish calendar as Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement. It is the Holiest Day in the Jewish Calendar, KNOWN as The Day of Atonement.

3 The Feast of Tabernacles

This occurred 4 days after the ATONEMENT. For 7 days they lived in booths or tents to signify Israel’s sojourn in the wilderness. The Feast of Tabernacles was also known as The Feast of Booths and Sukkot.

Deuteronomy 16:17 – No one should appear before the Lord empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.

Psalms 118:25-26 – Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send prosperity now.

²⁶ Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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Hosannah MEANS ... The God who saves and sends prosperity!

Genesis 1:14 KJV - And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for SIGNS, and for SEASONS, and for days, and years.

The word SEASON or SEASONS comes from the same word as SYNAGOGUE, gathering, assembly, congregation or church! The word SIGNS means a PARTICULAR TIME.

We always look at Joel Chapter 2 as a prophetic chapter. We can ALSO look at it as a year in the life of Israel...

Joel 2:12-13 talks ABOUT fasting and repentance.

Joel 2:14 TALKS about bringing the right kind of offering.

Joel 2:17 talks about priests and weeping between the porch and the altar for the sins of the people, which signifies the HOLY of Holies.

Then God responds ...

Joel 2:23-24 - Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

The Passover Season was Christ' sacrifice on the cross that we MIGHT have eternal life!

The season of Pentecost is when the church of Jesus was established OVER two thousand years ago.

There's ONLY one more big Bible event to take place, and that's the coming of the Lord. And there's only one more Jewish feast season for it to happen, in the FALL!

One day SOON the Trumpet of the Lord shall sound — the voice of the archangel shall be heard and the EASTERN SKY SHALL OPEN UP, AND JESUS CHRIST WILL DESCEND IN THE CLOUDS OF GLORY, and we shall be caught up together to meet Him in the air.

We SHALL overcome with Him. He will reign victorious. He is coming back again - This is our BLESSED HOPE!

Jesus is coming again!!!

The Jews call this 40 day period before Atonement, "The season of ELUH"