



**J**o every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. He has made every thing beautiful in its time: also he has put eternity in men's hearts, so that no man can find out the work that God does from the beginning to the end. Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7-8, 11



This evening at dusk, the Feast of Trumpets, also known as Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) began. The period of time from this time until Yom Kippur known also as the Day of Atonement, is know as the Ten Days of Repentance; also known as the Ten days of Awe. According to Jewish tradition, something very interesting takes place in Heaven. According to Jewish writings going back to the third century, there are three books that are opened in Heaven on Rosh Hashanah.

One for the wicked, one for the righteous and one for those in between. Those who are found righteous are written in the Book of Life; those who are found wicked are written in the Book of Death; those in between have ten days until Yom Kippur. On the Day of Atonement, if the people repented and are found righteous they are written in the Book of Life, if they did not repent and mend their ways they are written in the Book of Death

**Leviticus 23:23-27** *"And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month shall you have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall do no regular work on it. But you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord. And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying:*

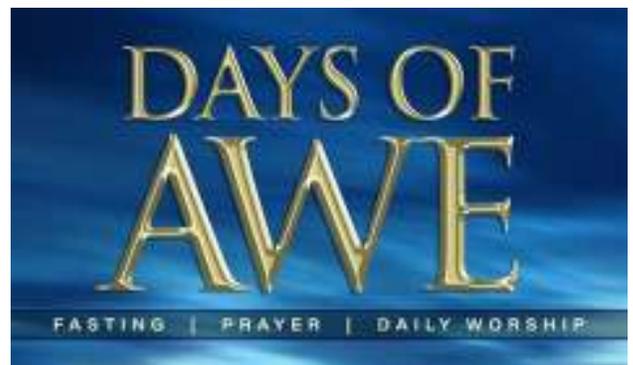
*Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be a holy convocation unto you; and you shall humble yourselves and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord."*

That is why the time known as the Ten Days of Awe has always been considered in Jewish Culture as a time of repentance. According to Jewish rabbinic scholars, since most people are neither completely righteous or wicked but fall in between the two, this period of time in the next ten days are seen as an opportunity to repent, change and mend their ways for the majority of people.

**Isaiah 1:18-20** *"Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land: But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it."*

According to Jewish writings, the Ten Days of Awe are crucial to the outcome of the trial in Heaven's Court for the coming year. This is a time when individual verdicts are determined in the Heavenly Council based on the attitude of people towards their wrongful acts, and their attempts to repent and rectify wrongful things that they had said and done, as well as apply changes to their lives in order to bring about desired results.

**2 Corinthians 7:9-11** *"Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you sorrowed to repentance: for you were made sorry after a godly manner, that you might suffer loss by us in nothing. For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be regretted."*



***But the sorrow of the world works death. For behold this same thing, that you sorrowed after a godly sort, what earnestness it worked in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what full punishment! In all things you have proved yourselves to be pure in this matter."***

Based on this Jewish teaching, the next Ten Days of Awe present an opportunity for people cause the Heavenly Council to issue a favorable decree for them for the coming year by doing repentance, prayer and charity. A proper repentance includes a change of mind, a feeling of regret and the willingness to change and make reparation for their misdeeds. Every believer needs to take this opportunity to examine themselves, repent and make things right with the Most High.

There have been several warnings in recent weeks that there could be major events that may take place in the month of September that could cause major disruptions in the nation's infrastructure. This could turn out to be just another false alarm, however it behooves everyone to be prepared spiritually, mentally and physically for the things that may lie before us in the days ahead, and pray accordingly.

**2 Peter 2:4-9** *"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the ancient world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them by a catastrophe, making them an example unto those that later should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy behavior of the wicked:*

*(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds) The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."*

This new Jewish year which started at sunset today 9/6/2021 also happens to be a Shemitah year. Shemitah is the seventh year of sabbatical rest commanded in the Bible. Like the seventh day of the week (Sabbath) is holy, so is every seventh year (Shemitah) holy as well. According to Leviticus 25 and Jewish teachings, the Shemitah (Sabbatical) year should be devoted to strengthening our bond with the Most High; specifically, strengthening our faith and our trust in Him.



However, this Shemitah year becomes specially significant when we look at the correlation between Shemitah years and important

events taking place, especially in the financial markets. Many market crashes in the past fell on Shemitah years. Following are a few examples:

1916 – 1917: Stock market dropped 40% and many European countries suffered an economic collapse.  
1930-1931: The Great Depression, the worst financial crisis in human history.  
1937 – 1938: Global Recession  
1979 – 1980: Global Recession  
1993 – 1994: Bond Markets Crash  
2000-2001: DOTCOM bubble popped; stock market experienced a major crash. Also, the horrific 9/11 terrorist attack on the twin towers in NYC took place.



2007-2008 saw the fall of the Lehman brothers which led to the housing market crash and a recession.

**Jeremiah 8:6-7** *I hearkened and heard, but they spoke not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rushes into the battle. Yea, the stork in the heaven knows her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.*

In lieu of all these things that have happened in the past during Shemitah years, we believe that this Shemitah cycle could be very interesting in more ways than one. Could this be the season when many of the prophecies spoken of by many men of God in times past takes place, or could this be the season where the prayers of His saints bombarding heaven cause the Most High to grant us not only a reprieve, but bring about the great last outpouring of His Spirit?

**2 Chronicles 7:14** *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

The LORD is moving everywhere, bringing in the lost into His Kingdom while there is yet time. Many are hungrier for His presence than ever before. Set aside some time during this season to seek His face with prayer and fasting. Ask Him to use you to win the lost, heal the sick, cast out devils. Have faith and trust Him. He will use you in a very special way if you ask Him to. The Lion of Judah is getting ready to roar. Shalom my friends. ~