

Isaiah 56

Is which day you keep the Sabbath really
A SALVATION ISSUE????

- 1 Thus saith the LORD: Keep ye justice, and do righteousness; for My salvation is near to come, and My favour to be revealed.
- א כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה, שְׁמְרוּ מִשְׁפָּט וַעֲשׂוּ צְדָקָה: כִּי-
קְרוֹבָה יְשׁוּעָתִי לָבוֹא, וְצְדָקָתִי לְהַגָּלוֹת.
- יְשׁוּעָתִי – Yeshua’tee my salvation from the root word Yeshua, the Hebrew name which in English we pronounce Jesus.

- 2 Happy is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that holdeth fast by it: that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

- בִּאֲשֶׁרֵי אָנוּשׁ יַעֲשֶׂה-זֹאת, וּבֶן-אָדָם יִחְזִיק בָּהֶ--שֹׁמֵר שַׁבָּת מִחֻלְלוֹ, וְשֹׁמֵר יָדוֹ מִמַּעֲשׂוֹת כָּל-רָע. {ס}

- Shomer' Shabat – literally guard sabbath, we are not instructed to simply keep the Sabbath but to guard the day that God gives to us for rest. Make sure you choose which day wisely.

YOM TERUAH

What it is Not
And
What it Is

Yom Teruah is not Rosh Hashana

- During their exile in Babylonia the Hebrews began to use the pagan Babylonian month names, a fact readily admitted in the Talmud:
- “The names of the months came up with them from Babylonia.” (Jerusalem Talmud, Rosh Hashanah 1:2 56d)
- Esther 3:7 reads: “In the First Month, which is the month of Nissan, in the twelfth year of King Achashverosh.”

- Just as the Jews of America have been influenced by Christmas, the ancient Rabbis were influenced by the pagan Babylonian religion
- This is similar to the way that American Jews observe Hanukkah as a Jewish version of Christmas.
- the seemingly harmless custom of giving gifts on Hanukkah; until the Jews arrived in America this custom was unknown and it is still a rarity in Israel where Hanukkah does not need to compete with Christmas.

- Yom Teruah often fell on the same day as the Babylonian New Years festival of “Akitu”; the 1st day of Tishrei which coincided with Yom Teruah on the 1st day of the Seventh Month. When Jews started calling the “Seventh Month” by the Babylonian name “Tishrei”, it paved the way for turning Yom Teruah into a Jewish Akitu.
- The Rabbis did not want to adopt Akitu outright so they Judaized it by changing the name of Yom Teruah (Day of Shouting) to Rosh Hashanah (New Years).

- Of course Rosh Hashana literally means “head of the year” and not new year.
- In short; Yom Teruah is NOT the Jewish new year!

What Yom Teruah Is....

- Leviticus 23; 23 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial* of blowing of trumpets**, an holy convocation.25 Ye shall do no servile*** work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.
- *זָכְרוֹן (tzkron, from the root tzrkri – to mention)
- **תְּרוּעָה (teruah; to shout or make a loud noise. As in the walls of Jericho)

- *** **SERV'ILE**, *adjective* [Latin *servilis*, from *servio*, to serve.]
- **1.** Such as pertains to a servant or slave; slavish; mean; such as proceeds from dependence; as *servile* fear; *servile* obedience.
- **2.** Held in subjection; dependent.
- Ev'n fortune rules no more a *servile* land. *Pope*.
- **3.** Cringing; fawning; meanly submissive; as *servile* flattery.
- She must bend the *servile* knee.
- עֲבֹדָה – abodah; Strongs 5656

- Numbers 29; 1 And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.
- No Heavenly reason was offered for the feast of Yom Teruah.
- It is the only feast that begins on the first day of the month; a day that we are to be waiting and watching for. A day that if we know what signs to look for we would be ready for it.

SO WHY ALL THE FUSS?

- The sighting of the renewed light on the moon; “Rosh Hodesh” became a Temple service that was rehearsed every month but no one knew the reason why.
- When 2 witnesses had sighted the new moon, they would go to the Temple, first the Sanhedrin would question them and when they were satisfied then the High priest would examine them. When he was satisfied they had seen the new moon the shofar was blown and the watchfires were lighted from mountain top to mountain top.

- These fires would light the night sky across Israel, shofars would blow and people would shout in celebration.
- They had no idea what they were rehearsing.....

- Matthew 24; ²⁷ For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*
- ²⁸ For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.
- ²⁹ Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
- ³⁰ And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- *Watchfires lighted mountain top to mountain top.

- Matthew 26; 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
- 1 Thessalonians 4; 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- THIS CAN NOT HAPPEN UNTILL EVERY THING THAT YESHUA TOLD US WOULD HAPPEN BEFORE HE RETURNS HAS HAPPENED!

- We must be waiting and watching, the next parable is about the ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom; the ones who were watching were ready, the others were not, they were comfortable in their ignorance. They were complacent with their situation.

- If we have interpreted this correctly; Yom Teruah is the rehearsal for the coming of the reigning Messiah. Which will usher in the ten days of awe while God's angels pour out the bowels of His righteous wrath onto the earth.
- This rehearsal was so important it was practiced on the first evening of every month during both Temple periods.
- Then on the first evening of the seventh month an even larger rehearsal and celebration, not for the new year but a new reigning Messiah.

- Depending on the siting of the new moon; this year, 2015 Yom Teruah will be on either 14 or 15 September of our calendar.
- Yom Teruah will still be the first day of the seventh month of the Creators Calendar.