

The Prophetic Impact of This Year's Teshuvah Season—Part 1

This week, we enter into a special season known as Teshuvah. Teshuvah comes from the Hebrew root word *shuv*, which means to turn or return. It coincides with the Hebrew month called Elul. This month-long period of introspection ends with the Feast of Trumpets (which begins Sept. 20 at sunset).

During this month, I encourage believers to spend time turning to God to compare where your life is to where it should be. It is a time where we examine ourselves, as Paul instructed us in 2 Corinthians 13:5. "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified."

We need to take serious time and compare our lives with the example of Christ. Where are we falling short? Ask God to forgive you for where you are falling short, but also ask for more of His grace and strength. Ask God to impart more Holy Spirit power into your life so that you can overcome your areas of difficulty.

This period is also called the season of the open windows of heaven. "Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near" (Isa. 55:6). This is the time of the year to make serious petitions to God for areas where we have need in our lives. Do you have family members who are lost? Have they strayed from God? This is the season to ask for God to bring them back. Of course, our nation definitely needs prayer at this time.

Does your family or marriage need repair? Really begin to seek God about how it can be turned around. Do you have other needs such as health or finances? I encourage you to make a list of areas you need God's provision and begin to declare God's

provision over them. Make goals and plans to achieve the areas that need attention. After all, God wrote down His plans in the Holy Bible.

As we enter this special time of the year, you will see more and more people online sharing understanding on the season of Teshuvah. What you may not be aware of is the special prophetic meaning concealed in this time.

We will finish this two-part series next time! {eoa}

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