

Realignments Coming for Those in the Body of Christ

Rosh Hashana is one of the highest holy days on the Jewish calendar. God works in times and seasons and never does anything haphazardly.

Over the last 14 years since God first launched us out into the prophetic healing ministry, I always noticed that each year September would be a significant month spiritually for us. It was in September 2002 that our ministry was birthed and each September following God has brought a significant change and transition.

September marks the first month of the original Jewish calendar with Rosh Hashana marking the first day of the New Year. The Jewish Feasts and Holy Days mark important times and seasons in the Spirit. God still works in line with His original calendar.

Realignments Coming

September, coming into the Jewish New Year, is often a time of transition and change. When the Lord brings change, there comes a realignment of things and there is a cutting away that happens. This brings a realignment of the body so that we are in the right place at the right time for the purposes of the kingdom.

I believe for many in the body of Christ they are entering into a new season in their lives where God is calling them to leave the old behind and step into the new. Things of the past that have hindered and impeded our forward motion must be left behind if we are to move upward in God's purpose and call. It truly is a time where God is stripping and removing everything that would hinder our race in Him.

As we transition into the new we must understand what He is doing and what things He is requiring us to leave behind. This transition will be different for each one of us, depending on God's unique plan and destiny for our lives. We must have an ear to hear Him in this season.

Avoid Old Patterns

God is breaking out of the box. We must be very careful in this next season not to pattern ourselves after models of the past, even good models. We must not carbon copy ourselves after patterns of ministry that worked in the last season. God is doing a new thing. To move into the new wineskin we must remain very pliable and sensitive to what God is doing and how He is moving. This will require a keen sensitivity to His voice and a boldness not to blend in and go with the flow. It will require a heart of total obedience and death to self.

Prophetic Significance

Leviticus 23:23-32 shares about the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement. There is both historical and prophetic significance in each feast. The first three feasts deal with the first coming of Christ while the last three look forward to His Second Coming. Each feast will be fulfilled historically through the life of Christ.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:17, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish, but to fulfill."

Colossians 2:16-17 also indicates that these feasts are a "shadow of things to come." Things that have been concealed in the Old Testament have now been revealed through the life of Christ.

The Feast of Trumpets—Beginning a New Year

Spiritually

Sept. 13, 2015 marked the day of Rosh Hashana, beginning the spiritual New Year. This day begins the period known as the Ten Days of Awe and ends in Yom Kippur and the Day of Atonement.

Rosh Hashana is also known as the Feast of Trumpets. According to the *World Book Encyclopedia*, during this festival the Jewish people pray for God's forgiveness, for a good new year and for long life.

During this spiritual season, the eyes of God are searching our hearts. It is a time to humble ourselves before God and let Him search and judge our hearts. We must have a contrite attitude and repent of all sin. It's a time of fresh consecration.

- Pray God's blessing over the New Year.
- Pray God's blessing for a long and healthy life in Christ.

The *World Book Encyclopedia* indicates that Jewish services on Rosh Hashana emphasize judgment, penitence and forgiveness. A shofar is blown to call the people to a place of repentance of sin and to be awakened to holy service to God.

Determine the Direction for the Coming Year

The position we take before God will determine the direction of the rest of the year. What we sow now will release a harvest for the coming year. Rosh Hashana is known as the "Head of the Year." Jewish tradition says this day marks the anniversary of the creation of the world and is the day when God takes stock of creation. Just as the head directs the body, so God's judgments on Rosh Hashana direct the events of the coming year.

I shared earlier that it is very important what we sow during this season. The decisions and choices we make will set the

course for the coming year. The seeds we sow now in our lives will determine the harvest we experience in the year to come.

When I talk about God's judgment some will jump on that and say 'Yeah! Man is so sinful God is just going to destroy the world!' When I say judgment I don't mean God's destruction. God's judgment is always redemptive and His discipline is always in love and with encouragement. Correction that comes without encouragement is not from God's heart. His discipline always encourages us to rise higher; it never discourages us nor knocks us down. That is usually the work of a critical, judgmental spirit.

A Good Time to Take Stock

It's a good time to go before the Lord and ask Him to search your heart and purge out everything that has crept in that could offend Him.

As we move into the next season God has for us, the position to take is that of humility, searching and judging our own hearts so that we ourselves are not judged. It is also a time to pray for God's blessing and favor on the New Year.

Following Rosh Hashana is the Ten Days of Awe leading into the Day of Atonement.

The Day of Atonement is the day the high priest would go into the holy of holies and apply the blood of the sacrifice to the mercy seat to atone for the sins of the people from the previous year. There was no barrier between the high priest and the full manifested glory of God.

I believe that as we humble ourselves before God and embrace the sacrifice of the cross in a new way in our lives, we will experience a depth of intimacy and communion with God deeper than we have ever known before. There will be no barrier between us and the glory as we embrace the work of the cross. Humility opens the way for us to go deep into a pure

communion with God.

It will be out of this place that we reap the amazing harvest awaiting us. Not only a harvest of God's mercy and love in our own lives, but a harvest of global proportions as we see the heart of humanity turn towards God in this last hour. Get ready to move in His extraordinary power based in a life of holiness, humility and extraordinary love.

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