

YOM KIPPUR

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Greetings RHM Family and Friends

Yom Kippur, which begins at Sundown and ends at Sundown on Tishrei 10.

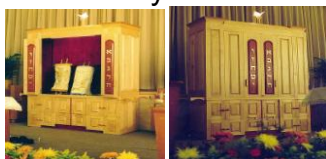
The feasts are the “Moedim of God” (appointed times) when the Lord wants to meet with us. Hebrew history teaches that on Rosh Hashanah inscriptions are made in the books and then sealed on Yom Kippur. Let us consider what inscriptions and sealed means to our eternal future. The first list is the books that ancient and modern Hebrews believe inscriptions are made in on Rosh Hashanah and then sealed on Yom Kippur. The second list is the actual books that are mentioned in the Old and New Testaments. Which of these books will have inscriptions about us is not fully known, but we have history and the bible to give us clues. We do know that when we appear before Him books will be opened! (A=Jewish tradition / B=bible books).

- A1. The Book of the Righteous.
- A2. The Book of the Unrighteous.
- A3. The Book of the Lukewarm.

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- B1. The Book of The Living or Destiny; Ps 69:28, Psa. 139:16
 - B2. The Book Tears; Ps 56:8.
 - B3. The Lamb’s Book of Life; Rev 20:12, Rev. 3:5.
 - B4. The Book of Remembrance; Mal 3:16.

Before Yom Kippur comes to completion I suggest that you define 3-5 goals for spiritual and natural growth for the coming New Year. Let these become your prayers and petitions before the Lord. On Atonement (Yom Kippur) bring your petitions (goals) before the Lord in a day of prayer and fasting.

A special time called Neilah happens on Yom Kippur. This is where the ark holding the Torah is left open while the prayers and petitions of the people are made to the Lord. Then at the Sunset or the close of Yom Kippur the ark is closed. Neilah is the final or concluding service of Yom Kippur. The Hebrew word, Neilah, means locked, and is meant to symbolize the closing of the “Gates of Heaven.”



(ARK: place where the Torah scrolls are kept)

Israel has understood the importance of the appointed times of the Lord for thousands of years, they look to the Fall Feasts as the time when the Messiah will return for them and so do we. The feasts are appointed times of the Lord. The Hebrew for appointed times is “Moedim.” The Hebrew word “Miqra” means rehearsal practice for a future event.

“Awaiting and looking for the [fulfillment, the realization of our] blessed hope, even the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).” Titus 2:13 AMP

I suggest that you take full advantage of God’s “Appointed Times.”

- ✧ Elul 1, Set your life in order / 30 days of traditional trumpet from the Synagogues are the warnings to reminding us to Teshuvah (return) prepare your heart and embrace God’s Mercy before the great days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- ✧ Tishri 1, The Trumpet sounds / Jewish tradition says the inscriptions are made in the books. We enter the 10 Days of Awe and open heavens.
- ✧ Tishri 10, Atonement / Judgment, Judgment Seat of Christ, The books are opened and what is in them is sealed.
- ✧ Tishri 15-22, Tabernacles, we dwell with the Lord.

This day, or any day, is a good time to approach the Lord with the fear and awe He deserves, to Teshuvah (return and repent) of our misdeeds and sins. To thank Him for His Son’s sacrifice that gives us continual “at-one-ment” with our Maker and allows our names to be recorded forever in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

Blessings, Pastor Bob Hill

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