The Days of Awe and Yom Kippur

God's Favorite Day

God has made an appointment to meet with you to hang out

As Rosh Hashana was the creation of man

Yom Kippur was the Fall of Man

This was the day that Adam missed his appointment with God

This was the day God killed animals to make skins for Adam and Eve

This was the day that was spoken of as Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world

Before the Jews, before Moses, before the law there were days that would become the fall feasts

And these days are eternal in the sense that you will celebrate them on into eternity

Jesus celebrated them

Yom Kippur is probably the return of Christ

It has 25 hours (no one knows the hour)

3 Spring Feasts

Think holy week - Palm Sunday - Good Friday - Easter Sunday

Passover - Begins the first day of the spiritual calendar

It's Jesus on the cross - We're born again

First Fruits Resurrection Day (this Sabbath is when you begin counting 50 days to pentecost)

Pentecost Holy Spirit was poured out

(Moses received the first set of 10 commandments - after fasting 40 days)

He broke them at the golden calf but also interceded for the people telling God to strike his own name from the book of life rather than killing all the people (beautiful picture of Jesus).

3 Fall Feasts

Actually begins on the 1st day of Elul (exactly 30 days before Rosh Hashanah when Moses started his 2nd 40 day fast)

Rosh Hashanah - New Year - first day of the civil calendar

Again think holy week - the priest was separated out 7 days before Yom Kippur

The 10 Days of Awe (Awesome Days) end on Yom Kippur with fasting and prayer all day

This is the only holiday that fasting is explicitly commanded by the Lord - you shall afflict your souls (afflict doesn't mean to punish yourself but to humble yourself) The Jews wear white (or burial clothes) - to live all day as if they were dead (fasting) It's humbling yourself before God and reminder that you are mortal

It's a day to encounter God personally

(Moses received the second set of 10 commandments - his face was glowing)

These days are for repentance - so they determine your destiny

Every time you repent - you change your destiny

Leviticus 10:11 "distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean"

As a Christian you might say these days help set the course for your year

The choices you make and directions you choose

These 10 days are like a preview of the year ahead or a snap shot of trends

What you conquer now - impacts your entire year ahead - decision count more now

Marsha Burns: If you are going to move ahead in spiritual progression, you cannot allow the past to define your future... Deliberately deal with things that distract you from seeking My face with a whole heart... Consider where you have been, where you are now and where you are headed. If your life seems to be on a path that has departed from spiritual commitment and consecration, you will need to make a course correction before it leads to destruction. Let Me direct you in the way of righteousness and peace so that I can bless you.

Intro Prayertime:

Yom Kippur is all about the sacrifice and forgiveness of God - first we repent - then He makes a way for our forgiveness

Yom Kippur represents judgment day when all men will stand before God The word Satan (letters are numbers in Hebrew) adds up to 364 -Yom Kippur is the 365 day when he can't accuse you (like in heaven at the judgment for Christians).

Sukkot - Feast of Tabernacles (prefigures the new garden, the new heavens, and the new earth)

World Events during the Days of Awe this year
U.S Attorney General Eric Holder Resigns (Sept. 25)
Director of the US Secret Service Resigns (Oct 1)

A very prominent head of an international ministry stepped down yesterday due to a moral failure

New world record is set in the Berlin Marathon

Ebola continues to rage in West Africa but First U.S. Ebola Case Confirmed (Sept. 30)

Russia and Ukraine are at war
Hong Kong pro democracy rallies
Volcano in Japan
ISIS - the war in Iraq and Syria
America is at war
Rebel groups united to fight against ISIS
UK approved air strikes
Woman in OK was beheaded by a Muslim man

The Day of Atonement

The day the high priest sacrificed a bull that would cover the sins of the priesthood (he would be covered in blood) and went in to the holy of holies to pour the blood on the mercy seat (kapporet - the cover of the mercy seat where the blood ran - from the word kippor)

Then he would take 2 goats to cover the sins of the people
1 to be the sin offering (blood on the mercy seat)

and 1 the scapegoat who would carry their sins into the wilderness
so that the people's sins would be forgiven

Jesus tore the curtain forever

Holiest day of the Jewish year - Yom ha-kadosh Kippur comes from kafer - ransom or redeem (the cross)

<u>Written Plural</u> - Yom Kippurim (a day like Purim) It cleanses us from a multitude of sin Ester/Haman - Purim was a day of deliverance and salvation Really referring to Passover when Jesus died

5775 - Grace (God opening doors)

The Hebrew alphabet isn't just letters.

Each character is a letter, number, word, picture, and story

Ayin "70" - The ayin is described as having 2 eyes – the choice of using good or evil to perceive things

We are literally right in the middle of a ten year period that is all about learning to see.

Think "glasses". The Lord is correcting vision impairments. How you see Him, how you see yourself, how you see others, how you see obstacles, how you see blessings, how you see life.

"One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek." "Do not hide Your face from me; do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." Psalm 27: 4-13

Some seek His power, others His glory, still others His favor. But He has invited us to seek His face because His face reveals His heart, thoughts, desires and hopes. It's great to worship at His feet, but you will miss the sight of His desire on you.

"God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it...Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance..." Hebrews 12:10-16

Hey "5" - Hey is the picture of a 4 dalet (tent door - brokenness) with a yod(pronounced yode) (means hand).

A hand opening a door or closing a door. Or God coming into a heart - salvation.

The letter "hey" represents the "grace" and "goodness" of God As a word, it's often translated behold (see - look)

"Therefore I exhort first of all that <u>supplications</u>, <u>prayers</u>, <u>intercessions</u>, and <u>giving of thanks</u> be made for all men." 1 Timothy 2:1

Supplication is asking for grace, mercy and favor to be given you so you can receive something from Him, like strength, courage, etc.

Prayer, is humbly asking for judgment – for God to intervene and mediate because of a situation, enemy, or weakness that is stronger than us.

Intercession is engaging or meeting to plead for some change or to make a deal.

To Give Thanks is to have faith that God is sovereign and able to make all grace abound to you. We are commanded to give thanks in all things.

Therefore I exhort first of all that you ask for grace, ask for judgment, meet with God and give thanks.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning YEHOVAH God [Elohim] created the heavens and the earth." it's the first verse and introduces God by name.

"Hey" is considered a holy letter because it's in God's name twice. It comes from Jehovah YHVH

When God changed Abram's name to Abraham (Gen 17:5), the change was made very simply, but very significantly by inserting in the middle of it the fifth letter of the alphabet, h (hey), the symbol of the number 5, and Abram, became AbraHam.

God inserted Himself in Abram's name.

Abram, no son. God, inserts Himself (h) to Abram to transform him into Abraham (father of nations.) Interestingly, 4 is the number of creation. 5 = 4+1 or creation plus God (a simple equation for grace).

The name of Abraham's wife, Sarai became "Sarah". The name "Sarai" literally means "my princess." The "yod" [y] as a suffix denotes possession. Thus Sarai was by name Abraham's princess. But her new name Sarah simply "princess" -- that is, she is now a princess in her own right. "Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her" (Gen. 17:15-16).

***Hey is dalet with you added. You is the first letter in God's name as well as Israel, Jacob, Jews, and lots more.

Hey as a prefix points to the object - man becomes "the man" As a suffix it feminizes it or makes it fruitful or reproductive.

Pictograph of Hey - The earliest form of written Hebrew is known as the pictograph.

The pictograph symbol for hey is a man with arms upraised. It means "Behold!"

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

WHAT IS THE ENEMY USING TO BEAT YOU?

What freedom has become a strong hold?

What is the devil's argument based on?

What has become important and in the way of your walk with God?

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60:1-3

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:18-19

If we have all the power, than any power Satan uses has been stolen from us!

He is using your power against you. Your fear is your courage unused, your faith untested, and your love un-extended.