**Rosh Hashanah On-Air 2017**

**Break 1 - What is Rosh Hashanah**

Where we have been – 5777 (2017)

Where we are going - The New Year 5778 (2018)

The words Rosh Hashanah simply mean “Head of the Year”, or New Year’s Day
Also called The Feast of Trumpets
It’s the anniversary of the 6th day of creation 5,778 years later
Begins tonight and ends at nightfall tomorrow

Fri Sep 15 – was the anniversary of Day 1 when God said Let there be light
Sat Sep 16 – Day 2 Light and Darkness Separated
Sun Sep 17 – Day 3 Land & Vegetation
Mon Sep 18 – Day 4 Stars, Etc
Tue Sep 19 – Day 5 Today he made the sea creatures and birds
Wed Sep 20 – Day 6 God creates land animals and then creates man
 **January 1st -** Celebrating the New Year on January 1st is a relatively new phenomenon.
Early Greek and Roman calendars only had 10 months in the year
They ignored the 61 days that fell during the winter
(no January or February) so the New year began in March.

September through December, our 9th through 12th months,
were originally the 7th through 10th months -

Septem is Latin for "7", Octo is "8", Novem is "9", and Decem is "10."

It was Julius Caesar, in 46 B.C. that decreed the New year start January 1st.

But Christians in 567AD considered the idea pagan due to the wild parties that were held, so they celebrated New Years on Christmas.

It wasn’t until 1752, just before the Revolutionary War, the British Empire and it’s American colonies still celebrated it in March. So in September they switched to the Gregorian Calendar, which forced them to drop 11 days to sync the calendars. They went from September 2nd straight to September 13th. This led to riots because people believed the government had shortened their lives by 11 days.

1752 was also the year Benjamin Franklin flew hi kite in a thunderstorm to prove lightning and electricity were the same.

There are many calendars:

1. On the Gregorian Calendar most of the world follows we are in the ninth month.
2. On the Original Jewish Calendar, it's the first month going back to creation.
3. On the Biblical Calendar which begins in March/April at Passover it’s the seventh month.
4. On the worlds historic calendar, without January or February, it's also the seventh month.

Nothing happens in the world or spirit-realm on January 1st.
Everything shifts on Rosh Hashanah
Since the Hebrew calendar comes from scripture, it’s not flexible
It gives us the dates God wants to celebrate with us because they reveal something about Him

**Break 2 - Discovering Our Purpose**

Rosh Hashanah is the anniversary of creation -
We study creation to discover our purpose

We have the advantage of having a book that tells us all about the ending – Revelation

So let’s see how it all ends so we can understand how and why it began

This is the ending: Revelation 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

We live in a kingdom - The kingdom of the world

God lives in a kingdom - The kingdom of the Lord

The ending is when that kingdom invades and conquers this kingdom
and the two become one united kingdom

The word kingdom – is the joining of two words – king and domain

A kingdom is the domain of a king – it’s where the king is in control

So, that’s the ending

The beginning - was creation
Why was the world created…according to the ending?

The world was created so that heaven could invade it, or dwell there.

How were we told to pray. Your kingdom come. Your will be done.

There was darkness everywhere – then God spoke and light invaded
In 2017 / 5777, the spoken word was released to destroy but God held its power back

In 2018 / 5778, the spoken word will be released with power to invade darkness, depression, despair, hopelessness, and to bring change where there has been none.

Col 1:13 "For He has rescued us from darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves",

Luke 10 Jesus replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions
and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

If our nature is to live in a united kingdom with a risen, victorious King,

The nature of our enemy is to Fall. His destiny and his eternal condition is Fallen.

So, Satan and his demons want to pull us down with them.

In every temptation, the enemy is present seeking to pull you down with him.

But our calling and destiny are not to fall, it is to rise.
Because our King was resurrected

It's His resurrection life and power that gives us authority

Over demons and victory over sin – to rise above temptation

**Break 3 - Yom Teruah** – The Day of Shouting/Blasting (100 Blasts)

The Feast of Trumpets marks the end of the summer harvest
The Day of Atonement is near when you stand before God.

They are commanded to blow the shofar all day long.

By Jewish tradition, a person who has not listened to the shofar has not observed the day. Hearing the shofar means obedience to one of God's 248 positive commandments.
The Hebrew root of the word shofar means to beautify…when we turn to God we are made beautiful

It’s prophetic - As the Church, we are in the midst of the great harvest just before the Day of the Lord. The Feast of Trumpets is God's wakeup call: We don't have forever!

Leviticus 23:24-25 “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.’”

1. Sabbath Rest – no work
2. Blow trumpets
3. Give an offering
	1. It’s one of the traditional days of the birth of Jesus (also Feast of Tabernacles) so similar to giving Christmas presents – give gifts to God and man
	2. Since the word chai (life) is the number 18, giving gifts in multiples of 18 is like saying L’Chaim - to life – 36, 54, 72, 90, 108, 126, 144, etc is to an abundant life.

The Voice of God -Since God speaks in diverse ways for different situations, the shofar has several distinct blasts.

1. T’ki’yah - In ancient Israel, one long sustained blast was a common reassuring sound that meant the watchmen guarding the city were on duty and all was well. He is constantly drawing us near so that we might receive His strength and comfort.
2. She’va’rim - Three successive blasts signaled some significant event – usually it meant good tidings. Likewise, He rejoices over us with singing and dancing.
3. T’ru’ah - Nine rapid bursts, was the sound of alarm. It meant they were under attack. You can feel your skin crawl during temptation.

**Play recording of the three blasts**

The Torah does not specify why we are to blow the shofar on Rosh Hashanah.

1. It is to coronate/celebrate God as King of the world.
2. It foreshadows the trumpet on Judgment Day, and reminds us the dead will rise from their graves.
3. It’s a symbol of spiritual awakening – It’s the cry of the prophets to mend our ways and return to God. Reflecting on your life during the month of Elul should bring a change in behavior so it serves to awaken slumbering souls that have grown complacent.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day:

The word for “voice” is the sound of a trumpet. That same word is used throughout the Bible for the blast of a trumpet (Mt Sinia). The Hebrew word also means calling out, shouting or even singing.

In the cool is the Hebrew word Ruwach – the word for wind and for the Holy Spirit.
So you could say the voice of God was being carried on the wind of His Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 58:1 “Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet;
Tell My people their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins.

**Break 4 – Traditions of Rosh Hashanah – Prayer time**

Foods – Eat apples dipped in honey or Eat fruit to be fruitful

Eat pomegranates – they have 613 seeds – there are 613 commandments in the bible

Tashlikh – (tash-lick) means casting off

Empty pockets in stream, toss pebbles and bread in stream

Leave your past year behind

Make resolutions around repentance and prepare for changes and the dynamics of the coming year

A Tashlich ceremony:

1. Let us cast away the sin of deception, so that we will mislead no one in word or deed, nor pretend to be what we are not.
2. Let us cast away the sin of vain ambition, which prompts us to strive for goals which bring neither true fulfillment nor genuine contentment.
3. Let us cast away the sin of stubbornness, so that we will neither persists in foolish habits nor fail to acknowledge our will to change.
4. Let us cast away the sin of envy, so that we will neither be consumed by desire for what we lack nor grow unmindful of the blessings which are already ours.
5. Let us cast away the sin of selfishness, which keeps us from enriching our lives through wider concerns and great sharing and from reaching out in love to other human beings.
6. Let us cast away the sin of indifference, so that we may be sensitive to the sufferings of others and responsive to the needs of people everywhere.
7. Let us cast away the sin of pride and arrogance, so that we can worship God and serve God's purpose in humility and truth.

**Break 5 - We are moving or changing from the year 5777 to 5778**

In Hebrew, their alphabet is made up of:
**pictures** (which have meanings or even stories)

If you look at a world map and find Israel – in the center –
the countries to the left have an alphabet like ours –
the countries to the right or east have pictographs

These pictures are also **letters**These letters are a part of **words** and help bring meaning

These pictures and letters and words are also **numbers** that have values

**The number 4 is the letter dah-let**

**It looks like a door (that’s it’s picture)**

**As it sounds, it’s similar to our letter d**

**It’s meaning comes from how it’s used in scripture
It’s very present in creation:
There are 4 directions, seasons, dimensions, rivers in Eden)**

**The number 10 means order**

* **10 fingers – nothing lacking**
* **10 plagues fully judged Egypt**
* **10 commandments sum up the law**
* **10 righteous can save a city**

7 means rest, perfection, purity
The Hebrew symbol for 7 represents a sword
77 is one of those big fighting swords

777 was God holding the sword
Is God holding the sword to bring judgement or protection?

When there was war in heaven, it was between angels who are eternal – can’t die.
Stabbing each other would be pointless.
The sword here is truth versus lies - Obedience versus falling

Since Jesus is described in Revelation as having a sword coming out of His mouth,
The sword is the tongue or words intended to kill.

What was the most prominent thing in the last year?
It was the year of words intended to kill – fake news
no middle ground – you offend me – everything offends me –

Everyone is being labeled (regardless of what they actually believe)
Refusing to stand for the National Anthem as a protest
Morality under attack. Christianity under attack. Trump under attack.

Case in point: a new study from the Media Research Center finds that 91% of the recent coverage of Trump which aired on ABC, CBS and NBC has been negative.”

First president to communicate daily by Twitter.
Everyone was swinging their sword - But God prevented it from destroying.

So what will be the effect of God preventing destruction?
Let’s look at what’s possibly coming in the year ahead.

 **Break 6 - Let’s focus on the last number: 8**
The number 8, means change -
the start of a new order, regeneration, to protect, separation

America is a spiritual spotlight right now.

As the Fall Feasts were approaching, we had a spectacular solar eclipse on the day before the month of Elul began.

For our nation this was the first coast to coast total eclipse in 99 years (1918). It was the first total solar eclipse of its kind for the United States since 1776 when we became a nation.

Every day the sun rises in the East and sets in the West.
But, due to time zones, we watched the eclipse first out in Oregon
as it traveled across the US and ended in South Carolina.
That’s West to East.

And of course the Moon was in front of the sun.
And we had to buy special glasses to see it.
And we have had several hurricanes devastate the southeast and wildfires in the west.

I don’t believe life will be business as usual this year.
God has a special focus on America right now.

Like he did for Joshua, God will make His people great in the eyes of people so that His will can be done, His Word and message and love can go forth mightily

5778k is the temperature of the surface of the sun.
As we move into the year 5778 next month I think in a practical way we will no longer see Him just from a distance but will start to encounter Him in power more

This year is like a giant do-over year but you’ll have a new perspective
Fake news will begin to be obvious even to those with an agenda.
Real change will replace fake change – transgender???

You can’t choose which ever one you want –
you are who and what you are - created by God
Transgender arguments will take a backseat and fall out of favor

There will still be war - 2 sevens remain in 5778,
but change will dominate and the kingdom will triumph.

No proof America can be saved
Republic now a Democracy – The Law vs the majority

Apart from our president - whose name is Trump –
The card that means victory in quite a few games is called the trump card because the word simply means victory

God is at work in America and Israel and the world - in some unusual ways

We just put our first military base with troops in Israel
Could be moving our embassy to Jerusalem
 **Break 7 - Change is Good – Change is Bad**

For some people, even the word “change” sends chills down their spine.

Because in the past they lost someone, or something dear,

which brought unwanted change into their life

All Change is not good change
Much change takes perspective that comes from time to recognize it as goodAfter the destruction of Hurricane Irma,
nearly 6 million people in Florida were without electricity.
For the first time, teens in Florida had to live without a cell phone!
Forced to slow down, unable to text or "Facebook".

Very few people actually like change
If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it
Change for the sake of change is not always a good thing

Whitney Johnson said we must, “disrupt ourselves.”
It’s called Disruptive Innovation
When we decide to make a change in our lives,
we must first undo and unlearn specific patterns.
If it ain’t broke, break it.
Pablo Picasso said, “Every act of creation is first an action of destruction.”

Why does God bring change?
Because if it was left up to you and me -
We wouldn't do it unless we could guarantee every aspect would be beneficial,
Especially for the short term

Don’t be afraid of change - We can be confident in God’s perfect will for us.

It’s why we pray as He taught us.

Our Father who is in heaven, holy is your Name.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

We know His heart and promises to us:

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

**Break 8 - There is a Wall in Our Future**

In the same way that Obama’s message of hope and change gave us a pretty good idea that he would be elected in 2008
As 5778 arrives, Trump is already changing back everything

In fact, the presidency is built to be an agent of change because elections occur every four years
Two terms is 8 years and everyone who has served 8 years has changed the face of America

The Hebrew number and word 8 is Chet – Het (guttural H)

The letter or pictograph looks like a **fence or a wall**

The picture is a combination of the Hebrew number 6 & 7

(Vav and Zayin) connected with a line at the top.
It looks a little like the symbol for pie.

6 or Vav speaks a lot about people and 7 Zayin speaks a lot to time
So you could say about 8 - Chet – speaks to community - spending time with people

Since it’s a fence or a wall, boundaries will be significant
Boundaries enable safety - the right people to be in community together -
For 5778, Trump has the right message for his time

Another word that contains Chet is the word Chen which is grace.
Since Chet is the line that joins 6 and 7,
So grace works like a yoke that helps us minister to people.

So depending on your perspective:
It’s a good year to be a Christian who loves ministering to people
OR

It’s a tough year because people will be facing issues that require ministry

Like immigration – we love people – but we have to have boundaries
Grace will play a big part in the success or failures of this next year

You’ve probably heard the expression – l’chaim – to life – it starts with the Chet.

The word chai is short for life and resembles a lamb – the lamb gives life.

Jesus was resurrected on the 1st day of the week, which is the 8th day.

It’s a new beginning, a new era, Resurrection
We are born again when we are resurrected from the dead into eternal life.

8 is considered to be about the miraculous
7 (think Sabbath day) is a perfect number that ends a normal natural week
So, 8 symbolizes what is beyond nature – supernatural - and its limitations – faith

The miracle of Chanukah was 8 days long – the oil met the need miraculously

Another word for 8 is Shemoneh (shem-o-neh')
Literally to “make fat”.
It means New beginnings, not just complete (like 7), but satiated.

Becoming “fat” is having more than enough. Full to overflowing.
Moving from natural to supernatural.

In a sacrifice that is pleasing, fat has to have been properly developed in the animal.
It’s a mark of its perfection.

It means that the person hasn’t taken a scrawny, inferior animal and tried to pass it off as healthy.
It’s “fat” is in the right places, so it shows the significance of their sacrifice to the Lord.

People would bring the fattened calf to have a feast and celebrate.
“Fatted” in the Greek means “grain fed, stalled requiring time and energy.”
It’s not an afterthought, but a sacrifice of time, money, and energy.

Boys were to be circumcised on the 8th day – it’s a covenant with God – supernatural

The number 8 symbolizes circumcision of the heart through Christ
and the receiving of the Holy Spirit

There are 8 watches of the night – Each watch is 3 hours long
The purpose, power, and urgency of prayer will begin to be revived this year.

**Break 9 - How will the changes affect us this year?**

It’s when we reap what we sow.
You did this - now you do that

Jesus is the Lord of the Harvest.
One kernel becomes an ear of corn.
One seed becomes a plant with many seeds.

Isaiah 54:11-17
“Afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted,
I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise…
All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.

In righteousness you will be established:
Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear.
Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.
If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing;
whoever attacks you will surrender to you.

16 “See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame
and forges a weapon fit for its work.
And it is I who have created the destroyer to wreak havoc **;**
17 no weapon forged against you will prevail,
and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.
This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord,
and this is their vindication from me,” declares the Lord.

Most translations place a semi colon between verse 16 and 17.
A semi colon indicates a pause.

God has done something that appears to be bad but wait

God also placed boundaries and rules in the game so that the outcome would be sure

In the time of the 777’s, we couldn’t always see the boundaries.

This year, they become more visible.
We will have a clearer picture of what God’s specific will is for us
and how He wants to use us.

Those who have been on the receiving end of the sword will reap Isaiah 54

What you can't believe can change, can change.
Hearts that are hardened and fallow can be made new

Preachers always predict breakthroughs. This year they will actually be right.

**You Are The Change**

8 is change

Creation was change - Light was change

And sin was change - Actions were taken.

We have a lot to do with the change we experience this year.

God's job. Create. He spoke and it was so.

Adam's job. Name the animals. He spoke and it was so.

Every choice. Every decision. Will open a door of opportunity.

Every morning He walked with them.
They could hear his voice before they could see him.

But they were curious.

They knew what happened when they obeyed.

But what would happen if they didn't.

And now they were hiding. Afraid of what He would do.

He's going to kill us.

No He was going to lay down His own life for them.

He was slain from the foundation of the world.

**Break 10 - What Is Our Job - Be Fruitful and Multiply**

Deuteronomy 16:16-17 Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles.
No one should appear before the Lord empty-handed:
Each of you must bring a gift
in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.

Notice it’s not bringing a certain percentage,
but give based on the way He has blessed you.

This is a huge principle:
When you celebrate God, never come before Him empty handed.

Corrie gave half when told to give to God.
The law of giving a percentage to God must be taught.
But the understanding of what is right - love and friendship – comes natural.
Sharing should be even.

Notice, this mentions 3 feasts, but it’s the same concept for all seven Jewish feasts, including Rosh Hashanah.

Where does this concept come from, creation?

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth…
“Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it.” He created sea creatures and birds and said, “Be fruitful and increase.

When God makes man in His image, it was, so that they may rule over [every creature].

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” What’s missing. They didn’t rule over each other.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

The Serpent said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

They eat and…Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.”

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and **he will rule over you**.”

To Adam he said, “Cursed is the ground because of you;
It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

Your giving will not be fruitful. Your returns will not be fruitful.
God is removed as the one introducing life.

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

**Break 11 - God is Always Thinking Be Fruitful and Multiply**

God sees the world through the light of fruitfulness

That's why He gives more back when you give.

Every seed produces after its own kind.

It's creation day when God made us, gave us purpose, planned eternity

Be fruitful and multiply

Give and it will be given unto you pressed down and shaken together

What didn't they do in the garden.

Be fruitful and multiply

It happens to Adam and Eve as soon as they get thrown out of Eden
They have Cain and then Able – two very different people

Lots of people give to God.
But what they end up creating and multiplying is Cain.

Selfishness. And anger.

Others multiply Able. They desire to Please God.

Your provision will never outgrow the condition of your heart.
Owning things doesn't imply blessing. Increase does.
It happens when you give. Not when you store up.

Creation is all about something coming out of nothing

It's about being at the right tree

Having the right conversation

It's about giving. Not what you don't have.
But giving into nothingness so that heaven can invade earth.
You open the door with your faith

On Day 1 God commanded them to Be fruitful and multiply
Traditionally they make it till Day 10 (Yom Kippur) till they sin.

10 days and no babies on the way

Were they disobedient?

Is there more to the command, Be Fruitful and Multiply,

then making babies
Are the words here lost in translation to English?

Be Fruitful and Multiply means to:
Rule over everything

Give…and in giving…to cause increase

Planting corn with my dad - It only takes 1 seed to produce a stock of corn

4-5 kernels/seeds per hole

Not every seed germinates - The ground and weather can fail

Giving to God (and others) is the same

Tithing, to me, is like putting one seed in the hole

It’s obedient, but is it as fruitful as we can be?

Does it ensure increase for you and those around you?

**Break 12 - Everything Out Of Nothing**

After sin is introduced in the Garden:
The ground was cursed so their ability to get an increase was changed

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

The ground and the whole earth is cursed except when you give.

It's given back to you with increase.

Not only are we restored to the blessing from before sin,
but we are restored in our power to create.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Everything that is came from nothing.

What can you get from zero? You can only get zero.

If you have three oranges, you can give one or two or three away.

But if you have zero, you can’t give any away because you have zero.

Unless there is God with the power to create

Then what can come from nothing. Everything

It's what our faith is hinged on

Romans 8:19 For the creation waits in eager expectation
for the children of God to be revealed.

Creation is waiting to be commanded by us.

What can you give if you have nothing? I began to pray, “I give you my nothing.”

Running a nonprofit is a great teacher…testimony.

Let there be light. And there was light.

From nothing came light. And everything that was created came from nothing.

Even Nothing must obey and bow its knee.

**Break 13 - Change Will Depend on Faith**I became manager then up for sale then money raised

Can you imagine walking into a room and asking for 1.5 million dollars and by the way I need a promise of it by tomorrow?

I learned to hear His voice in the worst of times.

I learned, not just when He fulfilled His promises,
but when He said wait and wait some more and some more.

Till every scheme was dead.

Till every hope that wasn't God was dead.

Faith for thousands then tens and hundreds and then millions

Captains of hundreds then thousands then tens and hundreds and then millions

That means the leaders faith was infectious enough to infect hundreds then thousands then tens and hundreds and then millions

Faith is progressive

How infectious is your faith?

How much of God's vision and plan can you carry?

Can you get past who is to blame for bad things to trust that all things work together for your good and for the good of others?

So then you can rejoice with the one rejoicing because you are a part of it?
Some of what you went thru helped provide that good.

And you can weep with the one who is weeping because you know it's part of the plan.
Good will come because the plan is bigger than the pain of suffering.

The plan is always bigger than the pain.

And you want to see people saved so their pain is not lost but can turn to beauty.

**1998 – 20 years ago I was Changed in Every Way**
Brownsville

Greentree, Alabama

Rear view mirror fell off

Don't ever look back

I discovered my specific calling that day

God wanted to move thru me outside of the walls of a church

My sanctuary doesn't have walls

I was a youth pastor before I was in Christian radio

I saw my ministry through that lens

I just worked in radio

I didn’t see it has my calling or how God was using me

What if I would have missed that!

There would be no sound of revival

There would be no announcers praying and ministering 24/7.

I discovered if you seek Him you will find Him

What is revival?

To be in position to encounter Him.
To not be at the wrong tree when God wanted to encounter you

The Israelites hearts were still in Goshen with their houses and food

But God was taking them thru the desert to a land filled with even more houses and food.

Change is transition from the old to the new.
From What You Know Now - to what you can't imagine

In 2012 when the station went up for sale it was off my grid of imagination.
I couldn't resolve it. I couldn't see any ending. God's promises didn't help.

**Break 14 - Why celebrate Rosh Hashanah – We’re not Jewish**

There is not a law demanding you to celebrate this day,
but God has extended an invitation to encounter Him.

Rosh Hashanah is the day God has set apart to celebrate the moment
that He first thought of making you nearly 6,000 years ago.
He saw you then and loved you then and chose you to be His bride

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

It’s 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

These 10 days are set apart to encounter God personally

When Moses came down from the mountain, 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