

Rosh Hashanah Part 2 Sep 18 5781

Part 1 – Beginnings & Celebration

Rosh Hashanah begins the New Biblical Year of 5781 at nightfall tonight as the Biblical Calendar flips to Tishrei 1. It will continue until nightfall Saturday (although some will observe it thru Sunday afternoon to compensate for time changes and completely set apart as holy. It's filled with great foods, trumpets, and rest.

Greetings:

Row-SHA ShaNAH

Shanah tovah [sha-NAH toe-VAH] ("good or happy year")

Shanah tovah Oo'metukah [oh-MEH too-KUH] ("for a happy and sweet year").

[eat apples and honey].

Shanah Tovah Tikateivu (tee-KUH tay-VOO) ["May you be inscribed for a good year".]

Rosh Hashanah ushers in the Ten Days of Awe, ending on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. The most holy day of the Jewish year. The name "Row-SHA ShaNAH" is not used in the Bible, but it's called "A Day of Remembrance" or Memorial and of the sounding of the shofar.

Last week, I came in to share about Creation, "The Gospel in The Stars" that God wrote on Day 4 when He made the stars and planets, the history of the Magi who followed the stars, and the Birth of Jesus at Ephrata. I came in on September 11th because I believe that was the birthday of Jesus 2,023 years ago.

Today we will dig into the significance of this date: how to celebrate Rosh Hashana; get you prepared for the Days of Awe coming for the next 10 days, as well as the Day of Atonement; we will study the Hebrew numbers behind the year of 5781 Peh Aleph; I'll look at the Four Horseman Glimpse from Summer and talk about the Black Horse riding out; I will show you how 2020 and the life of Job compare and take a prophetic look at the year ahead.

Rosh Hashanah means "Head of the Year." The reason it's called the head of the year is because it marks the literal creation of man. Just like the head controls our body, our actions have a great impact on our life. **So, what we do on this day can make a big impact on the rest of the year.**

Rosh Hashanah is also called The Feast of Trumpets

God says in Leviticus 23 to have a **"holy convocation commemorated with trumpet blasts."**

So, **it's called Yom Teruah** - The Day of Shouting/Blasting -

100 blasts of the shofar are blown over the course of Rosh Hashanah morning services.

The Feast of Trumpets marks the end of the summer harvest

The Day of Atonement is near when you stand before God.

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!

The Hebrew root of the word shofar means to beautify...when we turn to God, we are made beautiful. The shofar is 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. It reminds us that God is constantly drawing us near so that we might receive His strength and comfort.

2. **She'va'rim** - Three consecutive blasts signaled some significant event – usually it meant good tidings. Likewise, God rejoices over us with singing and dancing.
3. **T'ru'ah** - Nine rapid bursts, was the sound of alarm. It meant you were under attack. We encounter that with the Holy Spirit - Ever feel your skin crawl during temptation or when danger was near?

Other Ways to Celebrate Rosh Hashanah:

Food: Eat apples dipped in honey and raisin bread dipped in honey.

Eat honey for a sweet year. Eat fruit to have a fruitful year.

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

Casting Off: There is a custom called Tashlikh (tash-lick) - it means to cast off.

Small pieces of bread are put in a pocket, and you empty your pockets in a stream, or collect pebbles from the bank and toss them in the stream.

It's to symbolically cast your sins into the depths of the sea or to leave your past year behind.

Just like at our Jan 1st New Year, you might make resolutions. [You might want to change behaviors to avoid temptation or sin, pray and prepare for anything God shows you about the coming year]

Tashlikh is normally observed before afternoon services of the first day unless it's Shabbat, when they'll observe Tashlikh on Sunday afternoon, to avoid carrying (the bread) on Shabbat.

Tashlikh prayers:

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.

Let us cast away the sin of vain ambition, which prompts us to strive for goals which bring neither true fulfillment nor genuine contentment.

Let us cast away the sin of stubbornness, so that we will neither persist in foolish habits nor fail to acknowledge our will to change.

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.

Let us cast away the sin of selfishness, which keeps us from reaching out in love to others.

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.

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.

Up next: 10 days to change everything

Part 2 – The 10 Days of Awe

Leviticus 23 says “And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘The Feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My Feasts ...which you shall proclaim **at their appointed times**” [In their seasons].

Time isn’t just flowing along randomly. We are on a journey to somewhere with a purpose. We are told to: “**Set up signposts, make landmarks; set your heart toward the highway, the way in which you went. Turn back, O virgin of Israel, turn back to these your cities.**” Jeremiah 31:21

These Feasts are markers on the road.

- The Sabbath Rest reminds us that Jesus is our rest – **Are You Resting or Striving?**
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread, Passover, & Feast of Firstfruits – Our **Salvation** from Sin
- The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) – He **Empowers** Us
- The Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) - He Is **Our Father** and **The Breath** Inside Us
- The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) – Judgment Is Coming – **Obey - Proclaim**
- The Feast of Tabernacles – He is preparing a place for us – **The Best Is Yet to Come**

The Feasts are a shadow of Christ;

The earthly Jewish temple was a shadow of the Temple in Heaven;

Jesus is that Temple, in the same way that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit here on earth.

We are the hands and feet of Jesus on the earth - so these Feasts are part of us.

These Feasts were given to the Jews so they could recognize Jesus as Messiah.

They all point to Jesus. Many Jews saw and followed Jesus, but the Jewish nation missed it.

Jesus revealed Himself to us Gentiles as well, which means these Feasts are also connected to us, they mark us with the fragrance of Jesus. Our daily lives are supposed to be an extension of the Feasts that points the Jews to Jesus. The heart and message of these Feasts should always be alive in us because they are revealing Christ (or revelations of Him). The Feasts are living testimonies of what He did and is doing in us. They are more than history; they are the story.

Why should Christians observe Holy Days. If we are not under the Law (and we are not), then why rest on a Holy Day or treat it like a Sabbath?

Holy Days are appointed days, set apart for repentance:

They are days God did something significant or will do something significant for our Salvation, so, it’s the wrong time for doing what we want or acts of self-righteousness. Resting honors Him, and shows we are not trying to do works of righteousness that will save us.

Rosh Hashanah was the **6th Day of Creation** when **God made Adam and Eve and when Jesus was likely born.**

The Feast of Trumpets kicks off the Ten Days of Awe which are days for us to repent and humble ourselves in His presence. **Adam and Eve made it till Day 10 when they brought sin into the perfect world and were tossed out of the Garden. That’s Yom Kippur.**

God had a plan to fix their sin, failure, and rebellion. **He created Feasts to prepare the people for two things: His First and Second Coming.** They mark the Beginning of the **Tribulation**, the **Rapture** and **Second Coming**. It reminds us to lift up our voices like a trumpet to bring in a harvest of souls.

The Jews obviously don't celebrate the First coming of Jesus during the Feasts, but they do believe the Fall Feasts will mark the Judgment of the world. Rosh Hashanah is also called **the Day of Remembrance & Day of Judgement**. God is said to **inscribe the fate of every person for the upcoming year in the Book of Life or the Book of Death**.

It is the beginning of the Ten Days of Awe, when they are to focus on their sins of the past year - how they violated God's laws and injured other people. They are to confess their sins to God and seek to make things right with those they have hurt in hopes of influencing God's final judgment Before **their fate is sealed on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement**.

Obviously with Jesus we have a much better deal: "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, **we have an advocate** with the Father - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins**, and not only for ours but also **for the sins of the whole world**. We know that **we have come to know Him if we keep His commands.**" 1 John 2:1-3

As Christians, we are born again. Because of Jesus every day is our Day of Atonement. We have a New destiny and a new eternity that are determined by our relationship with Jesus As we repent of our sins and put our faith in Jesus, He saves us by grace through faith.

And because we do still sin, we need an advocate. "**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**" 1 John 1:9

The Days of Awe are actually a wonderful picture of confession and repentance that that leads to forgiveness which is available to us every day so we can live out the hope we have in Jesus.

These 10 days are all about focusing on our choices and how they determine our destiny.

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

Every time we repent - we are turning around and turning away from a sin that we are committing. So we are changing our destiny by changing our direction.

These 10 days help set the course for our year - The choices we make and directions we choose.

The 10 days are like a preview of the year ahead or a snapshot of trends.

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

I'll be back next Friday to share on Yom Kippur to teach in detail about that Awesome Day. It occurs on Sunday night September 27th thru Monday afternoon the 28th.

A Quick Preview: Yom Kippur is a day of total fasting, rest (absolutely no work), and prayer.

It 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.

Part 3 - End Times Jewish vs Christian Traditions

All of the End Times events were written about by Old Testament prophets so
The Jews have traditions or beliefs about how it plays out just like Christians do.

The Feast of Trumpets/Yom Teruah is seen as A Day of Judgment:

It's when God evaluates our deeds to determine whether He will write our name in the Book of Life for the coming year.

According to Jewish Tradition, Three Books Are Opened Before God in Heaven.

- One Book Is for The Absolutely Wicked
- A Second Book Is for The Perfectly Righteous
- The Third Book Is for Those Who Aren't Perfectly Evil or Perfectly Good

They believe people then have the Ten Days of Awe to do good deeds to merit being placed in The Book of Life for the coming year.

Compare that with the Book of Revelation

The Wicked are destroyed as Jesus treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God

The Millennium is kicked off, and then Satan is bound,

The Martyrs are raised in the First Resurrection to rule with Jesus,

Everyone else Waits for the Second Resurrection.

Similarities:

1. In both scenarios The Wicked are destroyed by God's judgment
2. And The Perfectly Righteous (the Martyrs in Revelation) receive special reward
3. Those Who Aren't Perfectly Evil or Perfectly Good
 - a. The Jews believe they have 10 days to repent
 - b. Prophetic Scriptures clearly say non-martyrs will be on the earth during the Millennium (those who have not taken the mark of the Beast)
Their motivation may not be to choose Jesus, but they still refused
Most of these will likely be destroyed in the Last Battle.
 - c. The average righteous (non-martyrs) are sleeping (Likely in Paradise / but not on the Earth) during the millennium.

We are invited to celebrate The Feast of Trumpets to make sure we are ready

Leviticus 23:4 "These are the feasts (Appointments) of the Lord, holy convocations (Dress Rehearsals) which you shall proclaim at their appointed times (Appointments)."

Teruah

The Feast of Trumpets is also known as Yom Teruah which literally means the "Day of Blowing or the sounding of the shofar".

This is the Day when the shofar is blown during the service 100 times!

They are blown in a set pattern of 3 different sounds, blown 3 times each for a total of 9 blasts. This series of patterns is repeated 11 times for a total of 99 blasts.

The 100th blast is set apart and this is the blast that is known as the "Last Trump"!

Leviticus 23:24 "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.'" (Dress Rehearsal)

The Hebrew word for “blowing of trumpets” is “Teruah” a battle-cry; especially a clangor of trumpets, as an alarm.

1 Thessalonians 4:16,17 “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” (Referring to Psalm 47)

Psalm 47:5 “God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. “
The Hebrew word for shout here is “Teruah”! And the word trumpet is “Shofar”.
This is not a manmade trumpet or it’s sound.

Psalm 89:15 “Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound.”

Here the Hebrew word for “sound” is also “Teruah” which is why we want to hear and be able to know and discern the sound of the Shofar on Yom Teruah!

A Thief In The Night

1 Thessalonians 5 – “The day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day.”

Who is getting stolen?

The alive church on fire for Him.

To those who are serving, loving and wise.

The Bride of Christ

Who is the Thief leaving behind for judgement?

- The Dead church: Revelation 3:1-3
- The Lukewarm church: Revelation 3:14-17 / Revelation 16:15
- The Evil servant: Matthew 24:48-50
- The Foolish virgins: Matthew 25:11-13
- Those living in darkness: 1 Thessalonians 5

Rosh Hashanah begins what is known as the “10 Days of Awe” until Yom Kippur (the Day of Judgment).

We know God will judge every man, woman, and child for every word, thought, and deed they have had. No one will miss their divine appointment.

Part 4 - Peh

Last Fall as we began 5780 we stepped into the decade of the 80's (5780-5789).

80 is the 17th letter/number in the Hebrew alphabet –

So we looked at the number 80 as well as the number 17.

We are now entering 5781. So, the 80 is still just as relevant. So let's revisit it, and then go forward.

We are now adding a 1 which is aleph, the most important letter/number in the Hebrew language.

Let's re-examine 80 and then add the 1 to determine the prophetic significance of the year ahead? What should we expect to see? What should we do to be in the plan of God?



80 – Peh (pay) - The pictograph looks like a mouth so Peh means mouth, breath, and speech. It is about the power of agreement or declaration

The meaning of Hebrew letters comes from the first time they are used in Scriptures. The first use of peh in the Torah is Genesis 4:11

“Now you are cursed because of the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.”

The ground was cursed at Adam and Eve's sin.

Genesis 3:17 **“Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake;”**

In Genesis 4, Cain is **cursed** because of **that cursed ground**, that **opened its mouth** to receive **Abel's blood** from Cain's hand. **So, the 1st use of mouth (peh) in the Torah deals with murder, curses, death, and the grave.**

Looking back on 5780 and 2020, **we saw the mouth thru breath carry a deadly disease, the mouth speaking in accusation and protest bring terrible destruction. Murder, curses, death, and the grave were all companions of ours in the past year, thanks to those who, like Cain, did not weigh the cost of their words or actions.**



It is believed by some that the letter **peh is composed of the letters kaf (20) and yod (10).**

The meaning of yod is an arm or hand (possibly reaching to heaven or someone in prayer.) It is the smallest letter, so it is the first and last dot a scribe makes on a paper when he is writing, so it is actually a part of every other letter/number.

The **yod** reminds us that every life is important and significant to God. It is the number 10 which means complete. We are complete in Him.

Yod is the first letter in the name of God, Yahweh and it's the first letter in the name of Yeshua (Jesus).

It was 2020 so that's kaf. The meaning of kaf is palm (hand). It's why we face our palms toward someone when we pray for them so they will be blessed. The meaning of kaf also includes what is contained in a hand, since it is often used to scoop water of food into our mouth.

Sadly, we saw more cursing than blessing, and weapons and violence was in hands.

The word Face is Paniym (pah-neem)

God wants to be face to face with us and to seek His face, where He can bless us. He will even look away to avoid harming us till we seek Him.

“For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, **will tear them and go away**; I will take them away, and no one shall rescue. **I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; in their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.**” Hosea 5:14-15

The word we use for Command (blessing and cursing) - The root **amar** A-M-R

It means “to be visible, “to see,” “to make visible”, “to command.”

“emir”(ruler) comes from the root.

The English word “admiral” (naval commander) derives from this root.

Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching [ready] to perform My word.”
Jeremiah 1:12

Likewise, while some masks were obviously beneficial, most were not, they simply veiled faces, and this continues to be a work of the enemy. Masks embolden you to whatever you want, especially bad, like rioting, stealing, and killing, all works of the devil.

We will add aleph to peh to see what the year ahead holds next.

Part 5 – Adding Aleph for 5781

Aleph is the first letter and the number one in Hebrew. There is **no zero** in Hebrew - **since God is one and He always existed, apart from doing math (and they use Arabic numerals for that) God is first and there is nothing before Him.**

The Hebrew word for God is 'El,' written with א Aleph and ל Lamed. The word Elohim is a plural word that speaks of the Trinity. Many words related to Aleph point at divinity.

The word **Aleph** אֵל is written with an Aleph א, Lamed ל, and Peh פ or פּ.
Aleph א is the number 1, since it is the first letter.

Lammed ל (which is exactly in the middle of the alphabet) has the value of 30.
It is the word for learning and also a staff or goad.

Peh פ or פּ has the value of 80. So if you make add 80 + 30 + 1 you have 111 or three Alephs in one - the trinity. Symbolically this means that Aleph combines the divine, the spiritual and the physical world.



Aleph has a **yod** (י) above and a **yod** (י) below, connected by the mediator vav (ו) that is called ben Elohiym (Son of God). One **yod** is (the right hand of God on the earth), the other **yod** (the left hand of God in the heavens).

What's interesting is the hands of God are **connected by the vav** (the mediator ben Elohiym – The Messiah/Anointed One), **which means the nail.**

Aleph is associated with the air, with the wind. If you spin the letter in order to make the vav vertical, the vav looks like a throat with the two yods beside like lungs. "God... breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and Adam became a living soul." Genesis 2:7

The Aleph denotes the first position in all things.

Aleph is depicted as an ox head. The ox head became **the symbol of leadership and strength.**

Words like mighty, awesome, all the El word are aleph words.

All the family relational words are aleph – father, mother, etc.

Aleph represents the creation of **something from nothing.**

It is the symbol of **beginnings** and of **God.**

One cannot be divided and represents **perfection.**

The three letters in Aleph (Aleph-lamed-phe) are pictured as the ox head, the shepherd's staff, and the mouth or voice. Which means: **the voice of the chief shepherd.**

Each letter is also a number. The Aleph includes a **yod, a yod, and a vav.** Yod is the number 10 and **vav** is the number 6, so Aleph equals 26. What other word equals 26? Yahweh and Jehovah.

Peh-Aleph

Since it is the symbol of leadership, look for God to **transform upright leaders into powerful Godly leaders.**

Combining Peh, the mouth or word, with Aleph, God, we have **the Word of God or God speaks.**

Limitless Power: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was

God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind." John 1:1-4

Purpose: "Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? **"It is I, proclaiming victory, mighty to save."** Isaiah 63:1

His word in our mouth brings a similar result: "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For **the accuser** of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, **has been hurled down**. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by **the word of their testimony**; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." Rev 12:10-11

Part 6 – The Third Horseman - It's The Economy

These Feast days are crucial because they're often when God moves in unique ways on the earth, especially ways that have something to do with our salvation or the end times.

Since the Spring Feasts I have sharing about what I believe has been happening during the Feasts since Purim when these brief but powerful Glimpses of the Four Horsemen of Revelation first began. There are some important lessons for us to learn about the end times since the real Horsemen will ride during the Great Tribulation.

It began with The White Horse Glimpse at Purim,
The Red Horse Glimpse at Passover, Unleavened Bread, and Firstfruits.
The Black Horse Glimpse came at Pesach Sheni and Ascension Day;
The Pale Horse Glimpse on Pentecost.

A Second Wave began this summer during the
The White Horse Glimpse during the Three Weeks Fast in July/August
The Red Horse Glimpse during Elul.
The Black Horse Glimpse returns tonight as Tishrei begins with Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and the 10 Days of Awe.

And I would expect The Pale Horse Glimpse will follow for Shavuot and beyond.

So what does this glimpse mean for us now? Well, we know what happened during Second Passover and Ascension Day when the First Wave occurred. Let's check out the scripture involved:

The 3rd Seal & The Black Horse: "When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a **black horse!** Its rider was holding a **pair of scales** in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds of wheat for a **day's wages**, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and **do not damage the oil and the wine!**" Revelation 6:5-6

There are several important phrases:

A Pair of Scales

Looking back, **by Second Passover (in early May) it was becoming clear that the Economies of the world had been destroyed.** The entire world faced the worst recession since the Great Depression. The stock market lost 30%, and 40% of low-income Americans lost their jobs due to the pandemic. Countries were placed on lockdown with no travel. Industrial production and sales plummeted. **In many cases those restrictions continue.**

Do Not Damage the Oil and The Wine – It's all about Guarding your Anointing

Holy Oil and Wine Diluted?

At a time of economic chaos, the temptation would be to **damage or dilute the wine or oil** to create more wine and oil, but it would be worthless - **impure** to use in the temple, to sell, and would taste bad. It's worth-less. One way to dilute oil is to mix last year's olive oil with the new fresh oil. There is nothing comparable to spending time with God. Otherwise the prophetic voice is silent.

We Are Tested When We Have Less

Wheat, barley, wine, and oil are the same materials that Solomon traded with the King of Tyre when

he was working to acquire materials to build God's house. We are now His house and we supply so the work can be done there. Hard times test our giving.

When it comes to prophetic events, the most important country to watch is Israel.

Ironically, we already know that Israel is being proactive with shutdowns despite the Feasts:

The Fall Feasts Lockdown: Just like at Passover, for the first time in their history, Passover took place in quarantine. This week, Israel announced they would enter a 3-week lockdown beginning on Rosh Hashanah. The schools, malls, and hotels would be closed, and all celebrations would be in homes. Israeli ministers on Sunday approved a three-week nationwide lockdown to contain the resurgence of coronavirus. Israelis are barred from traveling 500 meters from home.

The Spring Passover Lockdown in March and April when the Black Horseman first rode, plunged Israel into a recession.

How significant is this Quarantine in Israel for Fall Feasts?

One of the most important observances of Rosh Hashanah is hearing the sounding of the shofar **in the synagogue**. No work is permitted on Rosh Hashanah. **Much of the day is spent in synagogue**, where the regular daily liturgy is somewhat expanded.

Another popular practice is Tashlikh ("casting off"). They walk to flowing water, such as a creek or river, and empty their pockets into the river, symbolically casting off their sins.

As the Second Wave begins with the Black Horseman again, the Finance Ministry projected the lockdown will result in a 6.5-billion-shekel loss to the economy (\$1.8 billion dollars).

On a world-wide level, the Black Horseman will bring devastation to a world already in ruin.

The UN World Food Program (WFP) suggested that coronavirus measures will lead to an additional 130 million people being pushed to the brink of starvation by the end of 2020. "That's a total of 265 million people," globally.

Part 7 - Pilgrimage Road

The Spring Feasts are considered significantly separate from the Fall Feasts. It's commonly believed that Jesus fulfilled the Spring Feasts, while the Fall Feasts will be fulfilled in the End Times with His second coming.

However, I believe that both the Spring and Fall Feasts have already been fulfilled with His first coming and **will likewise be fulfilled again at His second coming**, and that the Great Tribulation will take place in conjunction with all the Feasts.

All the Feasts had their beginnings as shadows and types of something about Jesus (or something that He would accomplish). Understanding them helps us encounter Him better and anticipate what's next and why here on the earth and in the heavenlies.

In terms of the Fall Celebrations of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, they are closely connected to The Spring Celebrations of Second Passover and Ascension Day. Here's how:

Three days after Passover in the Spring is the Feast of Firstfruits, which was when Jesus rose from the dead. Beginning with the next Sabbath they began Counting the Omer (or counting 50 days or 7 weeks) until the early summer when the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost occurred.

Originally, before it was part of the Law of Moses, those 50 days was the time it took to walk from Egypt to Mount Sinai following the first Passover in Egypt. But 1,500 years later, following the Resurrection, Jesus used that same time to walk and talk with His disciples, ascending on day 40 and pouring out the Holy Spirit at Pentecost 10 days later.

Interestingly, there is a similar 50-day period from the Summer to the Fall that seems to relate. Beginning with the 1st day of the month of Elul through the end of the month at Elul 30 is a time called, "The King is in the Field", which is a time of repentance when God draws near to look closely at how you are tending the fields - the specific blessings and responsibilities that He has given you, in much the way that Jesus walked with the disciples to prepare them for their individual ministries after He left.

Rosh Hashanah follows on the 31st day, much as Second Passover follows Passover in the Spring. Second Passover is a special do-over for those who miss Passover doing to be unclean because of touching a dead body. While Rosh Hashanah is also called **the Day of Judgement**, because God is said to **inscribe the fate of every person for the upcoming year in the Book of Life or the Book of Death**. So, both days connected to life and death.

In the Summer, ten days after Second Passover is when Jesus climbed to the top of the Mount of Olives and Ascended into heaven. In the Fall, ten days after Rosh Hashanah is The Day of Atonement when two goats are involved in a sacrifice. The blood of the first goat was placed on the mercy seat while the other, or "scapegoat" was led through the Eastern Gate toward the Mount of Olives where it would disappear from view, as it fulfilled the removal of sins from the people. It's the exact same location of the ascension of Jesus showing that our sins are removed as far as the east is from the west! So, these two days are intimately connected.

If we continue, ten days after the Ascension is Pentecost, and ten days after the Day of Atonement is the Last Great Day of Sukkot. Just as the other Spring and Fall Feast days, they too are linked. Why is there all this connectivity, especially the long periods of counting and waiting?

The counting is connected to repentance. If we have done it well, then a change should have occurred in our lives. **“So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom...establish the work of our hands.”** Psalm 90:12,17

Counting also keeps us focused on a destination, while we deal with the present. **“Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.”** Psalm 84:5

The problem is that we are never satisfied with what we have. We are forever on the wrong pilgrimage, thinking that the end is the goal. But the blessed man **is the man on pilgrimage**, not just when the man arrives. **“For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it lingers, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.”** Habakkuk 2:3

Counting the Omer from Firstfruits to Pentecost includes a lot of lingering and waiting because it takes us from one Pilgrimage Feast (Unleavened Bread) to the next Pilgrimage Feast (Pentecost). The journey of the 50 days is part of the pilgrimage, but the real pilgrimage begins when you arrive in Jerusalem at the Pool of Siloam with your offering, and then cleanse yourself in the pool.

As you exited, you took the first steps onto **the “Pilgrimage Road”** that led up to the temple where your sacrifice would be received. Every step could be taken with the expectation of grace and forgiveness pouring out on you. **“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”** Ephesians 5:15-17

And all of the Feasts are just a picture of what He will do in the End times.

In the end times, the type of miracles and judgments seen in the Exodus and in the early church will be multiplied worldwide as prayer becomes like the staff that Moses held. As Jesus leads, the church will demonstrate His power. **“The works that I do he will do also and greater works than these he will do.”** John 14:12

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

“Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. Then you shall flee through My mountain valley...” Zechariah 14:3-5

Part 8 – Job’s Sorrows

As I have been watching both waves of the Four Horsemen Glimpses and how the world has responded in 2020, there was plenty of room for concern. As I sought God for what was next as 5781 approached, He showed me 2020 in relation to Job’s experiences and suffering.

Job 2:7 **“So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job...”**

Much of the suffering we face is the result of unseen, spiritual conflicts between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan - between the power of light and the power of darkness.

5780 has been the year of the mouth, breath, and accusation. **It could have been a year of unparalleled blessing, but the world didn’t choose to bless. If we are not blessing, then we are cursing, and God says not to curse. We need to stop cursing (the police, leaders, our enemies).**

We greatly underestimate the power of our words. Heaven’s armory is NOT filled with weapons. It’s filled with truth – with words.

Hell’s armory is NOT filled with weapons. It’s filled with lies – with words.

Genesis 3:1 **“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”**

The serpent was an animal that permitted the devil to possess it and use it to further Satan’s purposes. That’s why it was cursed. We assume that before sin, animals could speak, so it wasn’t odd that Eve was talking to the snake, or that it was talking back. (notice there is no shock from Adam or Eve that it could speak).

Fallen angels/Demons need a body and a voice. They can possess as in the case of the snake, or they can oppress externally, using the same suggestions and lies. All they want or need is a conversation. This is the warfare of the spiritual realm.

Romans 7:21-25 **“So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me...So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.”**

We are under constant attack by words and thoughts in an attempt to control our thoughts, words, and actions. Hebrew 11:14 tells us, **“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”**

How do they minister to us? By words of encouragement, truth, and direction. By releasing grace and strength.

How then do demons “minister to” (attack) us? By words of discouragement, lies, and misdirection. By releasing fear and weakness.

2020 and America parallels the basic theme of Job

America was on the rise, becoming great again with the best economy in history.

Enter the 4 horsemen glimpse with covid-19 and anarchy/race riots. Life in America came to a sudden end – it was all about loss, suffering, dying, fear, freedoms, and restrictions.

Job had three comforters, who provided no comfort, only accusation: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite

Temanites, were famed for their wisdom (Jeremiah 47:7). At least two months passed between Job's affliction and their arrival. They Sat with him for a week in silence.

Quarantine.

Job 2:12 "When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads."

America didn't and doesn't look the same

In Job 3, he wishes he had never been born and says death would be better than suffering.

Great suffering.

Job 4:2 "If someone ventures a word with you, will you be impatient? But who can keep from speaking?"

No one can hold their peace. Much talking, accusation, protest, counsel

Who are America's False Comforters: Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar?

The Medical Elite – the wisdom and counsel of Dr. Fauci and the CDC continually left us worse off.

The Politicians - The battle of politics in an election year caused the Government to be as harmful as helpful.

The Protestors/Anarchists – The attempts to misdirect the narrative and destroy America made a terrible year a time of anguish.

The Media – Continual lies and biased journalism caused confusion and exacerbated everything.

The Invisible Money – Behind everything bad that happened was someone financing it. There is an enemy that wants only to destroy.

2020 thru September has been Job chapters 1-37.

Man has spoken and the result of peh (the power of our words) in 5780 has been bad:

Politics, Covid-19, riots, media, lies...

In Hebrew 20 is the letter Kaph which is a hand. Hands could have been hands for blessing. We often lay hands on people to pray so, it could have been (bless - bless). But June thru September instead was filled been riots and violence. Hands have done harm. The great exception, was the workers in medicine and policing who rescued and saved lives battling covid. Since May, every rescuer has been marked, fought and resisted. So blessings were not withheld, they were rejected.

What's ahead for 5781 /2021 is next.

Part 9 – Job’s God



We are now entering 5781. So, peh, the 80 (mouth, breath, word) is still just as relevant. **But we are now adding a 1 which is aleph, the most important letter/number in the Hebrew language.**



The year ahead is 81 Peh-Aleph (the spoken word of God) 5780 / 5781.

Like Peh, Aleph is associated with the air, with the wind. If you spin the letter in order to make the long vav line vertical, the vav looks like a throat with the two yods beside like lungs. **“God... breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and Adam became a living soul.”** Genesis 2:7

The Aleph denotes the first position in all things. **Aleph** is depicted as an ox head, which became the **symbol of leadership**. Aleph represents the **creation of something from nothing**. It is the symbol of **beginnings** and of **God**. One cannot be divided and represents **perfection**.

The three letters in Aleph (Aleph-lamed-phe) are pictured as the ox head, the shepherd’s staff, and the mouth or voice. Which means: **the voice of the chief shepherd**.

Combining **Peh** (the mouth or word), with **Aleph (God)**, we have **the Word of God** or **God Speaks**. The most powerful use of peh and aleph was when Jesus reveals Himself as God.

Isaiah 63:1 **“Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? **It is I, proclaiming victory, mighty to save.**”**

“Behold, I have created the blacksmith Who blows the coals in the fire, who brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the spoiler to destroy. No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and **every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me,”** says the Lord.” Isaiah 54:16-17

The Peh is the mouth – the power is there. Choose to speak life, blessing, and prosperity over our cities and nation.

“We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 6:12)

In Job 38 and 39, we hear from God who challenges their questions, and every opinion changes.

Job 38:1-4 **“Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: “Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?**

Brace yourself [‘azar – gird or tighten your belt for action] like a man (geh-ver - it means an able warrior);

I will question you, and you shall answer me. “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand...”

Job 40:1-8 **“The Lord said to Job: “Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him? Let him who accuses God answer him!”**

Wisely Job chooses humility, realizing that God is always for Him.

Then Job answered the Lord: “I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. I spoke once, but I have no answer - twice, but I will say no more.”

Then God challenges their understanding of justice and injustice:

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm: “**Brace yourself like a man**; I will question you, and you shall answer me. “Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?”

Job 42:1-12 “Then Job replied to the Lord: “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

What is Job’s response to God challenging his understanding of justice? Job realizes that when we complain or murmur, we exalt situations, and so insult God’s ability and justice, making Him our enemy. So, quickly he concludes that we can’t comprehend justice or injustice. God is greater.

God says twice to brace ourselves [to recognize who we are as warriors, and the ability He has given us, which clearly is sufficient for our suffering]. He tells us **to hear His words so we will have ears to hear**. You can have your own opinions, but you can’t have your own truth.

5781/2020 has been about truth being withheld by men. It’s been about misdirection. Covid, anarchy, the media, racism, and political power, have been the primary focuses.

37 chapters of Job are misdirection and opinions. The last 5 are about truth.

Part 10 – Job’s Friends

“After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has. So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves.”

What should friends be like:

“Anyone who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty.” Job 6:14

“My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God.” Job 16:20

“All my intimate friends detest me; those I love have turned against me.” Job 19:19

What does action look like:

“All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver[a] and a gold ring.” Job 42:11

What doesn’t comfort look like:

“You, however, smear me with lies; you are worthless physicians, all of you!” Job 13:4

“I have heard many things like these; you are miserable comforters, all of you!” Job 16:2

There are genuine believers and there are those who genuinely believe that they are believers. It’s suffering that reveals what on the inside of us and who is on the inside. Richard Wormbrand

5781 will bring judgment, but not **“End times judgment or wrath”**. **We will have opportunity to deal with ourselves by our own actions, and there will be mercy.**

“My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly.”

No one wants to reap what they sow, but if we sow to the wind, we will reap the whirlwind.

Proverbs 14:24 “The wealth of the wise is their crown, but the folly of fools yields folly.”

Proverbs 26:11 “As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly.”

Psalms 38:5 “My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly.”

Proverbs 5:23 “For lack of discipline they will die, led astray by their own great folly.”

Proverbs 16:22 “Prudence is a fountain of life to the prudent, but folly brings punishment to fools.”

Proverbs 19:3 “A person’s own folly leads to their ruin, yet their heart rages against the Lord.”

Ecclesiastes 10:13 “At the beginning their words are folly; at the end they are wicked madness.”

There is also a warning for those who don’t practice forgiveness. You will be trapped.

Proverbs 26:4 “Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him.”

You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.” So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite **did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.**”

Mercy is so much better than folly!

Part 11 – Job’s Redemption

What will change as aleph is added to peh? Truth. The mouth of the Lord will speak.

In heaven, the swords come from out of their mouth. The words we speak, and the power of life and death are in the tongue.

Speech has tremendous power.

A king rules with his words. An ordinary person also has great power in his mouth.

With words of praise (that flow from God) we can raise a person to great heights, and with a bit of gossip (that flow from Satan) we can destroy a person’s reputation.

- **“The word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments...” Deuteronomy 30**
- **“The Word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,”** that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: **If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”** Romans 8
- **“...Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it [the tongue] will eat its fruit.”** Proverbs 18
- **“Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil so that I take part in wicked deeds...Let a righteous man strike me—that is a kindness; let him rebuke me—that is oil on my head...”** Psalm 141
- **Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. (Abortion)**
- **“Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.”**
- **“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”** Isaiah 61:1-3
- **“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”** Revelation 12:10-11

The Epilogue of Job’s life is as profound as his suffering!

“After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters [aleph words for this year ('ach - awch) /

(achowth – ah-kowth] and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. **The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part."**

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What's coming is much better than what has been!

What does 5781 hold? Who knows! We could never have predicted covid or riots or America's government stripping its citizens of basic democratic rights, or that we Americans would yield them so quickly or so easily.

5781 will not be a "new normal" or more of the same that we saw in 2020. The voice of the Lord will be louder than before. May we have ears to hear.