

**ARE YOU READY?
OCTOBER 2, 2016**

1 THES. 4:13-18

INTRODUCTION: Many believe the next event to occur in God's plan for man is the rapture of the church. An event involving a two-fold operation that occurs in an atomic moment. First is the resurrection of the bodies of those who died in Christ. Second is the glorification and the translation of the living saints. This event will bring the time of the gentiles to a close and resume God's dealings with the Jewish people. The impact will be global as multitudes will disappear in an instant.

ISRAEL'S SEVEN FEASTS

God chose to hide His redemptive plan for man in the seven feast days the Israelites were to observe annually. There are four in spring and three in fall.

FOUR SPRING FEAST DAYS

1. **Passover. LEV. 23:4-5**
 - A. Celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian slavery and is a type of Jesus delivering everyone from the slavery of sin and death.
 - B. **1 COR. 5:7** – It's no coincidence Christ was sacrificed on Passover.
2. **Unleavened Bread. LEV. 23:6**
 - A. Another type of Christ: Unleavened bread is pure, plain, pierced and striped and termed the Bread of Afflicaiton.
 - B. The Passover custom of burying, hiding and resurrecting the second of three pieces speaks of the burial of Christ.
3. **Firstfruits. LEV. 23:10**
 - A. The resurrection of Jesus is referred to as the Firstfruits. **1 COR. 15:23.**
4. **Pentecost. LEV. 23:15-17**
 - A. **ACTS 2:1-4** – On the Day of Pentecost the Spirit fell in the upper room and baptized all the believers with fire.
 - B. The two loaves represent the church being comprised of Jews and Gentiles.
 - C. The summer harvest is the time from Pentecost to the first fall feast, or the end of the church age.

THE FALL FEASTS

5. **Trumpets. LEV. 23:23-25**
 - A. The trumpet was the signal for the field workers to come into the temple and worship. The high priest blew the trumpet, the workers stopped harvesting to worship.
 - B. **1 COR. 15:51-53** – The church will be taken out.
6. **Atonement. LEV. 23:27**
 - A. This is the highest of holy days when the High Priest enters the Holy of Holies and makes the atonement for sin.
 - B. Jesus already did this for the church. At His second coming, the Jews will accept His atoning blood for their sins.
7. **Tabernacles. LEV. 23:34**
 - A. God's desire has always been to tabernacle with man. In the wilderness He did so in the Ark of the Covenant.
 - B. When Jesus comes again in His second coming, He will set up His earthly kingdom and dwell on earth with man for 1000 years.

CONCLUSION: Oct. 3-4 is this year's feast of trumpets, are we ready?