

## Seven Feasts of Israel – part 6

The long summer of grace is passing and we are entering the season of the end times.

--How do we know when Summer is over? Is there a way to know?

1. Its keeps getting hotter – this true in a physical and spiritual sense.

--There truly is a global warming going on; maybe not from the perspective of weather but surely from the perspective of end times and prophecy. The world is warming up and will sooner than later be on fire.

2. Things begin to die! Leaves (the Fall colors are actually the leaves dying), crops, birds begin to leave, animals quicken the process of preparing for winter (the coming season of death - winter).

Is our summer of grace coming to end?

### Seasonal Indicators:

1. 2,000-year cycle of biblical ages: 2k from Adam until the Abraham (Age before Jews); 2K from Abraham to Jesus (Age of the Jews); From Jesus until today??

2. Reunification of the Roman Empire – Required by the vision in **Daniel 2** of the statue (ten toes of that statue represented 10 kings to reign over a newly constituted Roman Empire).

**Daniel 9:26** (“the people” who destroyed the temple were the Romans and from them comes the “Prince”); The Beast that was and is not and is to come in **Revelation 17:8**.

--The political landscape of Europe (the former Roman Empire) is, for the most part, reunified—something that hasn’t been true in more than 1000 years.

3. One world religion – Catholic church since Pope John Paul has been holding prayer meetings with world religions. Pope Francis is furthering John Paul’s efforts:

Pope Francis in his first ecumenical meeting stated:

“I then greet and cordially thank you all, dear friends belonging to other religious traditions; **first of all the Muslims, who worship the one God**, living and merciful, and call upon Him in prayer, and all of you. I really appreciate your presence: in it I see a tangible sign of the will to grow in mutual esteem and cooperation for the common good of humanity.

The Catholic Church is aware of the importance of promoting friendship and respect between men and women of different religious traditions – I wish to repeat this: promoting friendship and respect between men and women of different religious traditions – it also attests the valuable work that the Pontifical Council for interreligious dialogue performs.”

4. One world government/economic system looms on the horizon.

--Globalism, World economy, global monetary system, We’ve never been more together around the globe.

--The US has been a tremendous contributor to globalism: the world’s police; world’s money, world’s economy, world’s leadership.

--Precipitating events that give rise to world socialism: Global warming; wars; pandemics, etc.

5. The rise of the East: China has already eclipsed the GDP of the USA.

6. Israel is in the land again and

--is losing the battle for world favor **Zechariah 12:1-2**;

--is a strong nuclear power;

--is hated by the countries and peoples that the bible predicts will attack them in the end times **Ezekiel 38:1-7**

Where are these places? We know where **Persia** (Iran), **Ethiopia**, and **Put** (lower Egypt) are.

--**Rosh** was an area in what is today northern Russia.

--Today the land of **Magog (scythians)** includes the former Soviet Republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and possibly even northern parts of modern Afghanistan.

--The region of **Meshech** is often identified as being north of the Black Sea (southern Russia and Ukraine and possibly the Republic of Georgia), and **Tubal** was an area in central Turkey.

--**Gomer** was the old name for the general region of Asia Minor.

--**Beth-togarmah** is the region of Armenia

--is making preparation for the third and final Temple (required in **II Thess. 2:1-4**).

**Lev. 16; 23:26-32**— We don't have a date for the rapture but we do have a date for the cleansing of Israel: 10<sup>th</sup> of Tishri or 10<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month in Jewish religious calendar. **Romans 11:25-27**

--**Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement**, is the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar. The Bible prescribes Yom Kippur as a day of affliction.

--In the ancient world, the High Priest woke up early, donned his priestly garments, and sacrificed a bull for both himself and his family. He then cast lots over two goats, choosing one for the Lord and designating the other as the goat to remove sin (the scapegoat).

--Only on this day did the High Priest enter into the Holy of Holies in the Temple to offer incense and sprinkle blood on the ark of the covenant.

--Before concluding the sacrifices by burning both the bull and the goat, the High Priest placed blood from the Lord's goat onto the second goat. He then sent the second goat into the wilderness, thus symbolically removing Israel's sin.

## **2. At what point will the return of and salvation of Israel take place?**

--There are many indicators:

--It will be preceded by great mourning on the part of Israel: Yom Kippur is preceded by a 7-day period of humility which some believe is indicative the 7 years of the Great Tribulation.

--Bible predicts a great humbling for Israel that will be greater than the Holocaust. **Jer. 30:7 (Matt. 24:4-22); Dan. 7:19-27**

--Great mourning on the part of Israel will occur: **Zech. 12:10-13:1, Hosea 5:15-6:3;**

--So, Yom Kippur is the feast of mourning and humiliation; what's the chances of Israel's restitution being on that very day?

--Traditionally, the Jews read **Hos. 14:2-3**, and the book of **Jonah** during the feast of Yom Kippur.

--Yom Kippur War in 1973 was the closest modern Israel has come to defeat and the closest the world has come to nukes used in war since WWII (Golda Meir had jets fueled, armed with nuclear weapons and sitting on ready to strike the major Arab cities if the tide of war did not change).