The Autumn Feasts of Israel

Yom Teruah - the Day of Trumpets

Lev_23:23-25

When?

- 1st day of the 7th month (within days of the autumn equinox on Sep 21st)

What?

- A day of rest
- A memorial by blowing, a holy convocation
    - A memorial? Unlike the Spring moedim, Trumpets has no historical event to remember. To this day, this memorial is a mystery.
    - Instead, could this 'memorial' refer to something we look forward to, or bear in hopeful prayer?
        - In Exo_28:12, 29, the high priest Aaron carried Israel's names before Yahweh as a "memorial." Same H2146, *Zikrone*
- Bring an offering by fire near to Yahweh

Symbolism?

- Regathering of Israel's Exiles?
    - In Jewish tradition, the "Tekiah gedolah" is the 100th, concluding, long trumpet blast, referred to in Isa 27:13
    - Isa_27:13
- Resurrection of the saints? These verses all include trumpet blasts:
    - 1Th_4:16-17
    - 1Co_15:51-52
    - Mat_24:29-31
    - As a result of these verses, many believe the resurrection of the saints will occur on a future Yom Teruah

- What about Mat_24:36, No one knows the day or hour?
- They say this phrase was a common 1st Century idiomatic saying about Yom Teruah, because it required the sighting of a new moon.

Yom Kippur - the Day of Atonement

Lev_23:26-32

When?

- 10th day of the 7th month (10 days after Trumpets)
- vs 32, from evening to evening you shall keep your Sabbath

What?

- v27 Humble your soul
- v29 Anyone who will not humble himself will be cut off from his people
- Bring an offering by fire near to Yahweh
  - Lev_16:1-34 Required sacrifices detailed
  - High priest makes atonement for himself first, then the people and the sanctuary
  - From Abel onward, every individual can only approach God by faith.
  - After the Exodus, God established Israel as His covenant nation. So that He could dwell among them, He instituted Yom Kippur to ritually cleanse the priesthood, people, and sanctuary every year.
    - When the new tabernacle was completed, God's glory filled it. Exo_40:17, 34-35
    - Yom Kippur was an annual 'reset' to ritually cleanse the priesthood, people, and sanctuary. Lev_16:29
- v28 You shall not do any work on this day
- v30 Anyone who works will perish from his people

Symbolism?

- Humble your soul

    - Psa_51:17 Luk_18:13-14 Dan_9:18

- Bring an offering by fire to Yahweh
    - Jesus already fulfilled Yom Kippur's sacrifices Heb_9:11-14 Heb_9:24-26
    - Will Armageddon and Israel's repentance and cleansing happen on Yom Kippur? Zec_12:8-9 Zec_12:10-11 Zec_13:1
        - **Tie to Yom Kippur?**
    - Rom_11:25-27

- Do absolutely no work
    - Heb_10:14 Jesus paid it all
    - Eph_2:8-9 Salvation is 100% the gift of God, not of works, so that no one may boast

Sukkot - the Feast of Tabernacles

Lev_23:33-43

When?

- v34-36 starting on the 15th day of the 7th month, for 7 days, followed by the 8th day holy convocation and assembly. Sukkot starts approximately on October 5th each year, depending on the Sun or Moon signs.
    - Israel commanded to live in booths 7 days (v42) "when you have gathered in the produce of the land" (v39)
    - v36 Then, hold a holy convocation on the 8th day
    - Only the 1st and 8th days are Sabbayh days

What?

- Seven days in a sukkah (or booth, tabernacle) reminds Israel of God's care for them during the wilderness journey.
    - Their security and provisions came totally from God for 40 years
- The feast also thanks God for all that year's harvests. (v39)

Symbolism?

- Joh_1:14 (YLT) God became incarnated as a man and "tabernacled" among us. G4637, *skenoo*, to tent, or tabernacle
- Joh_7:2, 14, Joh_7:37-39 Jesus promised the Spirit, who 'tabernacles' in us now
- In our future:
  - Zec_14:16-19 Sukkot will be celebrated annually after "The Day of the Lord"
  - Rev_21:1-8 **The Tabernacle of God will be among redeemed mankind in a new heaven and earth**
    - Compare Rev_21:6 and Joh_7:38
    - Will the present Heaven and Earth be replaced or renewed?
      - In Rev_21:1 the word new is kainos, emphasizing newness in quality.
      - Rom_8:19-23 suggests renewal and transformation, free from sin, death, and the curse.

Moedim Summary:

The Sabbath Rest in God Heb_4:1-11

1. Passover Deliverance from judgment and bondage 1Co_5:7

2. Unleavened Bread Leave the old life behind 1Co_5:7-8

3. Firstfruits Christ's resurrection guarantees the resurrection of those who belong to Him 1Co_15:20-23

4. Pentecost The Law (Sinai) and the Holy Spirit (Acts 2) given during this feast

5. Trumpets Connected with Christ's return and our resurrection 1Th_4:16-17

6. Day of Atonement Jesus paid it all. We are to humble ourselves and do no work to earn salvation. Heb_9:11-14, 24-28

7. Tabernacles/Sukkot God will dwell with His redeemed people in a globally restored paradise. Rev_1:1-4

Conclusion:

The moedim in Leviticus 23 reveal God's plan of redemption.

- The significant events in mankind's redemption, in symbolic terms
- The sequence and relationships between those events

Finally, since the symbolism of the Spring moedim (#1-4) were all fulfilled on their exact anniversaries, it's likely the symbolism of the Autumn moedim (#5-7) will likewise be fulfilled in the future.