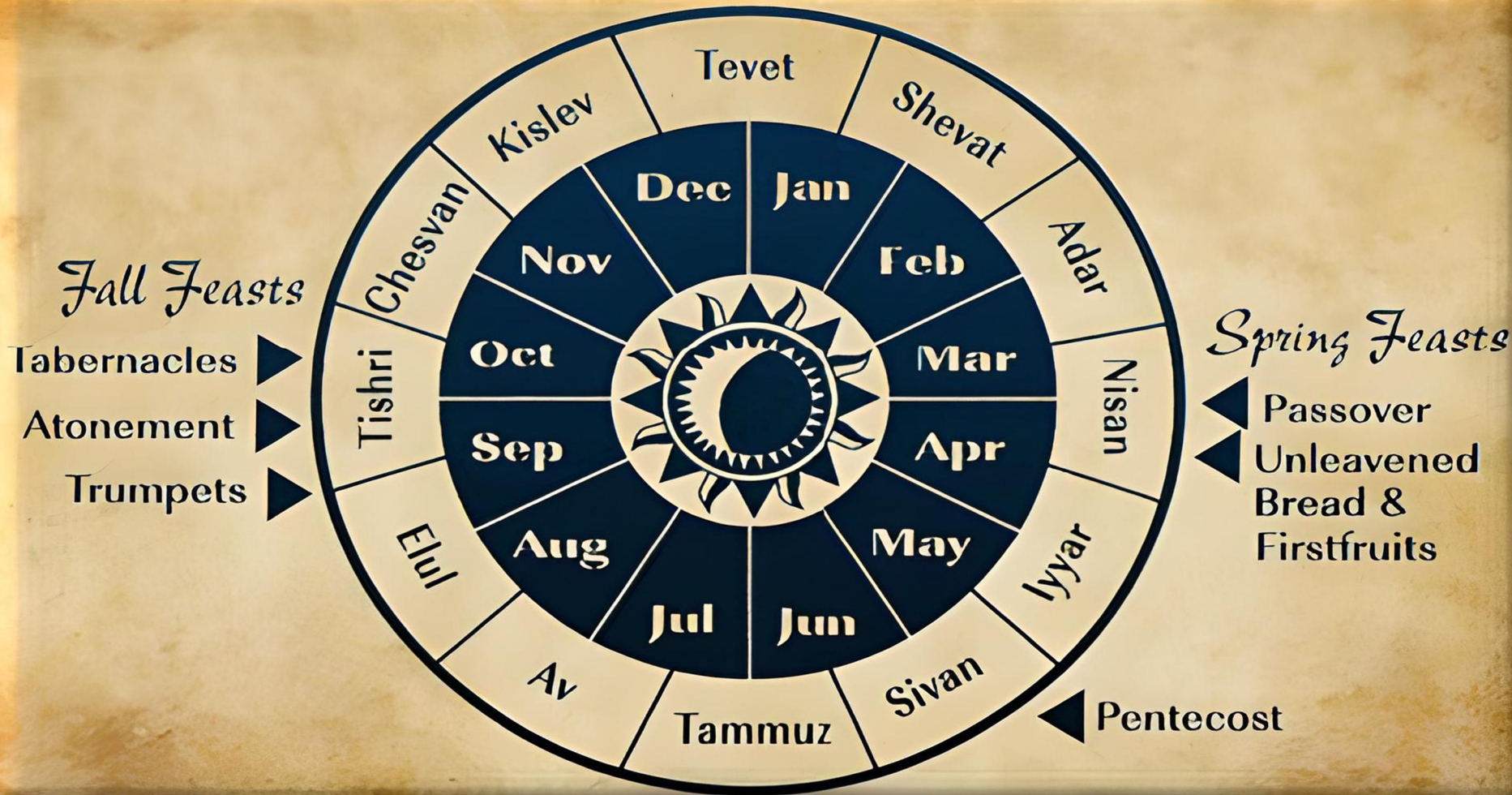


# SUKKOT AND THE FALL FEASTS



# BIBLICAL FEASTS OF IMMEASURABLE VALUE FOR CHRISTIANS

- We must approach this slowly and carefully
- We must do it for the right reasons
- We must NOT disrupt our families
- Ancient Jewish Traditions a good starting point
- OK to have our own traditions, with proper meaning



# WHEN JESUS WAS IN JERUSALEM, IT WAS FOR A FEAST



- Also called Appointed Times (mo'ed)
- All the Feasts validated by Yeshua's participation
- Very little info in Scripture on HOW to celebrate each Feast
- Traditions created to fill the void
- Christmas and Easter NOT Biblically ordained Holy Days

# CHRISTMAS AND EASTER OBSERVED BY TRADITIONS

- We don't know day, month, or year Jesus was born
- Christmas is a manmade day.....**not** God-ordained
- We DO know when He died and was resurrected, but don't know what year
- Easter is a manmade day...**not** God-ordained
- **FINE** for Believers to celebrate birth, death, resurrection of Christ



# WHY DO WE DISMISS CELEBRATING THE BIBLICAL FEASTS?

- If NOT celebrating the TRADITION of Christmas and Easter is unthinkable, then neither should we dismiss God-ordained Biblical Feasts

- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said:

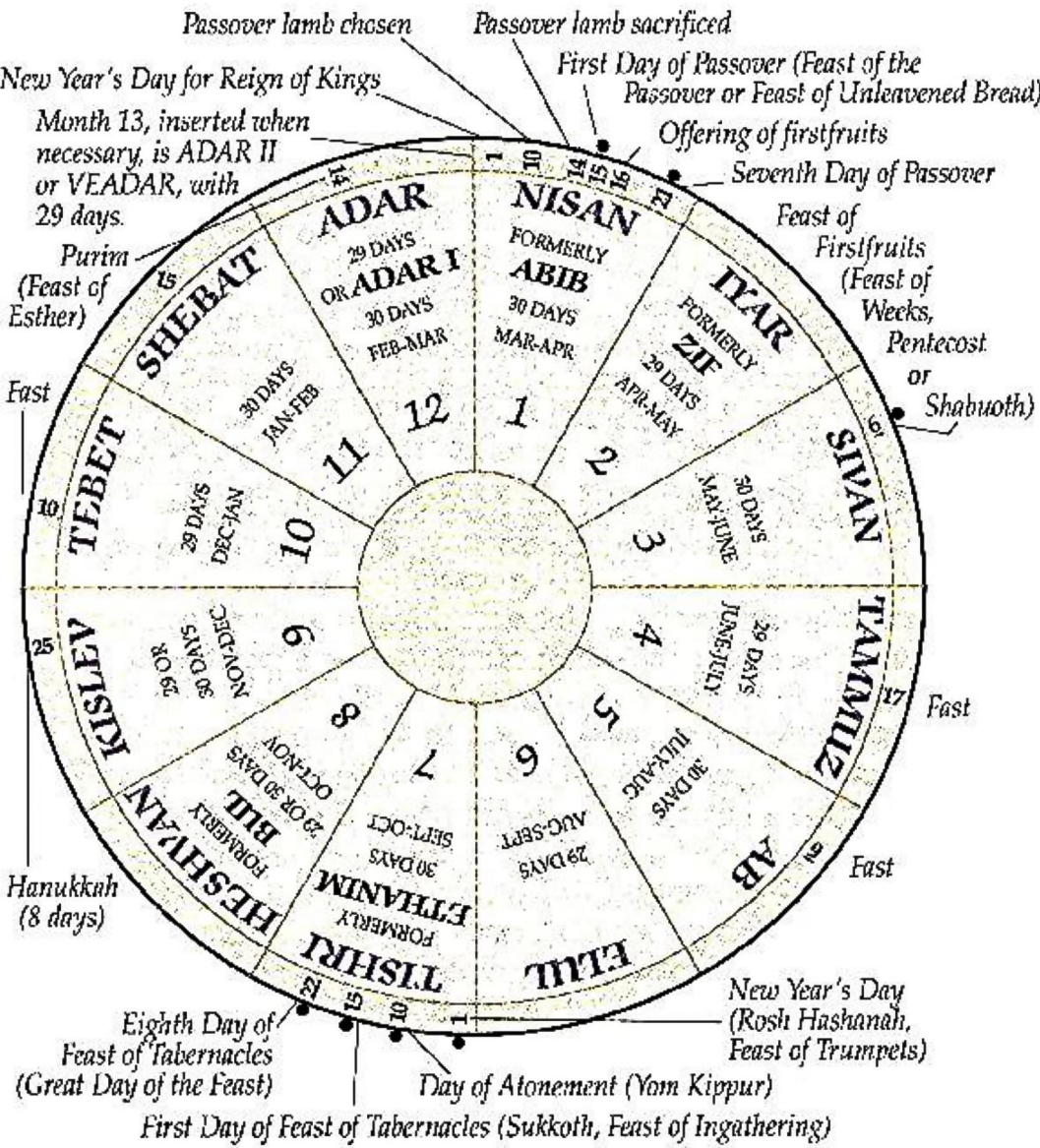
**NAS Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished. 19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**

# SALVATION IS NOT DEPENDENT ON OBSERVING THE FEASTS



- The Biblical Feasts are for us!
- Torah has NOT passed away
- We observe the Feasts in obedience, to please God, because we WANT to
- They remind us, teach us, demonstrate the work of Messiah

# 7 FEASTS LAY OUT GOD'S PLAN



- Timed with the agricultural seasons
- 3 Spring Feasts
- 1 Summer Feast
- 3 Fall Feasts
- **Pesach, Passover Redemption**
- **Matza, Unleavened Bread**
- **Absence of decay**
- **Bikkurim, Firstfruits Resurrection**

# Israel's Seven Biblical Holidays

Month #1	Month #2	Month #3	Month #4	Month #5	Month #6	Month #7	Month #8	Month #9	Month #10	Month #11	Month #12
3 holi-days		1 holi-day				3 holi-days					

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 #1 Passover  
 #2 Unleavened Bread  
 #3 Day of Firstfruits  
 #4 Day of Pentecost/Weeks

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 #5 Feast of Trumpets  
 #6 Day of Atonement  
 #7 Feast of Tabernacle/Booths)

**Pentecost is 50 days after Firstfruits**



# SHAVUOT PENTECOST

- Bikkurim is harvest of Barley
  - Shavuot is harvest of Wheat
  - The day the Holy Spirit indwelled men
  - Christ:
    - 1) Died on Pesach
    - 2) In tomb on Matza
    - 3) Arose on Bikkurim
    - 4) Holy Spirit on Shavuot
- COINCIDENCES!?**



# WILL MESSIAH RETURN DURING THE FALL FESTIVALS?

- I SAY YES!
- Bible says we can't know the year, but we can know "the season"
- The pattern says every Feast is prophetic, and on every Feast the prophecy was fulfilled
- The pattern is NOT going to change, we can count on it!



## Hebrew Months:

תשרי	Tishri	Sep/Oct
חשוון	Heshvan	Oct/Nov
כסלו	Kislev	Nov/Dec
טבת	Tevet	Dec/Jan
שבט	Shevat	Jan/Feb
אדר	Adar	Feb/Mar
אדר ב'	Adar II	Mar
ניסן	Nisan	Mar/Apr
אייר	Iyar	Apr/May
סיון	Sivan	May/Jun
תמוז	Tamuz	Jun/Jul
אב	Av	Jul/Aug
אלול	Elul	Aug/Sep



1st Month of Civil Year



1st Month of  
Religious Event Year

- Rosh Hashana along with Yom Kippur are “Days of Awe”, and “High Holy Days”
- During the 10 days of High Holy Days all are to consider their lives and repent
- NOTE: This is a TRADITION

Rosh  
Hashanah

High Holy Days

Yom Kippur



# ROSH HASHANA ALSO CALLED FEAST OF TRUMPETS



- Jewish New Year
- To be a Sabbath
- NOT a “trumpet”, rather a “shofar”
- Bible specifies the “Teruah” is to be blown
- Teruah = 9 staccato blasts
- Means “ready for battle”

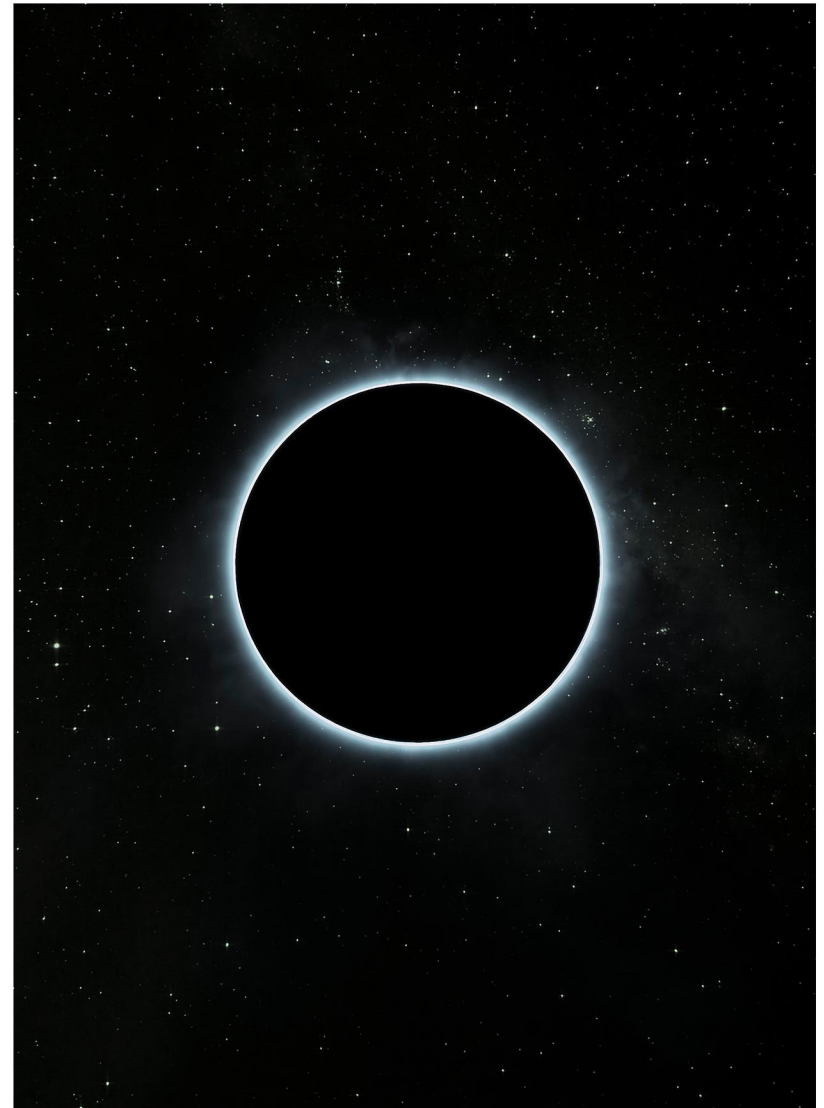
# ROSH HASHANA IS THE DAY GOD SITS IN JUDGMENT ON MEN



- NOT eternal judgment
- Earthly judgment
- Hands out merits and curses
- Exemplifies God's JUDGING attribute
- Tashlikh = casting off

# ROSH HASHANA ONLY FEAST TO OCCUR ON THE NEW MOON

- A new moon is a fully dark moon
- Talmud, Rosh Hashana 11b: *“.....in the month of Nissan....redeemed... but in Tishri (Rosh Hashana) they will be redeemed in the time to come....”*
- Signals The Day of the Lord



# THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

- Rosh Hashana prophetic of the day Messiah returns
- Amos 5: “...a day of darkness”
- Zeph. 1: “....day of darkness AND day of trumpets..”
- Rev.: John says the sun becomes black and moon red as blood



# **YOM KIPPUR: THE HOLIEST DAY OF THE YEAR**

***“For the sin which we have committed before thee by impure speech; for the sin committed before thee by our evil inclination; for the sin we committed before thee wittingly or unwittingly; for all of these, O God of Forgiveness, forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement. In the Book of Life, blessing, peace and good sustenance, may we be remembered and inscribed before thee.”***



# YOM KIPPUR IS ABOUT NATIONAL ATONEMENT

- Not about individuals EXCEPT that it is individuals who make up a nation
- 10 days after Rosh Hashana
- Tradition says that on Yom Kippur a person's fate is sealed for the next year
- A Sabbath (cease from work)



# HIGH PRIEST ENTERS HOLY OF HOLIES



- High Priest sprinkles blood on the Ark of the Covenant
- Later, Scapegoat ceremony
- Sins put on Scapegoat and sent far away
- A day to recognize our complete dependence on God



- Yom Kippur symbolizes the day all Israel will be saved
- Messiah will come as our Kinsman Redeemer
- Battle of Armageddon, end of the rule of Anti-Christ
- Will occur within the Fall Feasts (my opinion)

