

Hanukah

Let's talk about the Jewish Feasts. The ones I want to talk about are Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles, Hanukah and Purim.

We will start with Passover. This is the Feast of unleavened bread, an eight day feast; the meal is called a Seder. The story goes that when Moses was trying to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, out of bondage, the last plague, the Hebrew children were commanded to put blood on the door post to prevent the death angel from taking their first born. This is when the death angel PASSES OVER you.

Now this feast is for Christians. This is when you have spiritual salvation. When you let Jesus into your heart. The scripture says ye MUST be born again. This is required. If you want to live as a Christian, you have no choice.

II Kings 23: 21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the Passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant.

Jesus was crucified during Passover. He was the Passover Lamb.

1 Corinthians 5:7 For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

This is a corporate feast. The whole community participates. This was the birth of a nation. Symbolizing the birth of a child.

Next we will talk about Pentecost, or in the Hebrew language, Shavuot. The story that goes with this one is, when Moses went up the Mountain and got the Ten Commandments, he got the word of God. This is Pentecost. In the New Testament, after Jesus died, they all gathered together in the Upper Room. This was the room over King David's tomb. They were there for Pentecost. And the Holy Spirit came upon them and they all spoke in tongues.

Acts 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, 4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

This is when we speak the Word of God. This one is also a command. We are told to do this.

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

This one is also a corporate feast. Yep the whole community participates. This parallels Bar Mitzvah. Twelve years old.

Forty days after Pentecost is The Feast of Tabernacles, or in the Hebrew language, Succoth.

Leviticus 23:42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days.

This booth or canopy is to symbolize a tent that was used during the forty years in the wilderness. This is when you speak to God man to man, mouth to mouth, face to face. You don't need an intermediary, you don't need a preacher. The parallel for this one is marriage. Remember when they get married, they stand under a canopy.

Now this feast is private, this is just for you and your family, not the whole community. And guess what if you don't want to participate in this one you don't have to.

Moving right along we come to Hanukah. This is the Feast of Dedication. The apocrypha will tell you this was when Judah Maccabees and his family were martyred. Jerusalem was under siege. No one went in and no one went out. Supply lines had been cut off. But there was a miracle. The oil for the candelabra in the temple burned miraculously. The oil didn't run out, for eight days! This is why they call it the Feast of Lights. Jesus kept this feast.

John 10:22 And it was a Jerusalem the feast of dedication, and it was winter. 23. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

This is a wonderful party! Kids receive a gift from Father every day for eight days, regardless of their behavior. It is a lot of fun, kids play with a dreidel. The names of God are written on the dreidel. So this is the time when you literally play with the names of God!

I believe we are in the time of Hanukah right now. Some of my preacher friends say that we are now in the Feast of Tabernacles. But I don't think so. Let's look at the earth from outer space. Have you seen the pictures? They take pictures of the earth and you can see lights all over the planet. They outline the continents. There is another picture where there is a ring around the earth, like a ring around Saturn, but our ring is made of satellites. More lights, like lights on a Christmas tree. It is beautiful. Let's go to the park, watch the children run. Their shoes light up. There is light up jewelry. Lights are everywhere. I believe we are presently in the Feast of Lights. This feast is not required. You don't have to participate in Hanukah if you don't want to. But if you want to you can. It is your choice. You can stay in Tabernacles if you want to.

Haggai 2:18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it. 19. From this day will I bless you.

Their ninth month would be our December. The 24th day, pretty close to our Christmas. This is when the foundation of the temple was laid. That would be when Jesus was born!

1 Corinthians 3:10 I have laid the foundation, 11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Ta da! This is the day you should dedicate your house to God.

So what is next? Purim, Esther's feast. Remember her? King Ahasuerus got mad at his queen, so he got rid of her. Surprise, surprise! Then he held a beauty contest. The winner would get to marry him. He was just a little conceited. Esther entered the contest, and won! She became the next queen. But there was this bad guy Haaman who wanted to kill all the Jews. Esther went to her King and told him that Haaman wanted to kill her and all of her people. So....

Esther 8:11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people, and the province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,

This is when we get written permission, from the King to actively go out and seek and destroy our enemies. For us that would be all disease, sickness, and death. In our spirits, souls, and bodies. In our jobs, homes, and finances In our politics and governments, and schools, etc.

And guess what, they won! The Jews hung that bad guy Haaman and his eight sons' on the gallows previously prepared for Esther's Uncle Mordecai.

This is war! And this war is started by us! This feast starts out as a private feast, but as it continues it grows into a corporate war. Don't worry, we will get victory over the enemy. We will not loose our freedoms.

I believe we are presently in Hanukah. During Hanukah you can ask the Father for any gift you want. The scripture says ye have not because ye ask not. So, I ask the Father to allow me to be in Hanukah and Purim at the same time. You see, I love getting out of bed in the morning, and saying Father, I love what you gave me yesterday. I am so excited, what do you have for me today? For my next gift, Father, I would like to have the gift of immortality. I want to be in Hanukah and Purim at the same time.

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