

ROSH HASHANAH: WHAT IT MEANS TO US.

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Leviticus 23:24-AMP

24 Say to the Israelites, On the first day of the seventh month [almost October], you shall observe a day of solemn [sabbatical] rest, a memorial day announced by blowing of trumpets, a holy [called] assembly.

Leviticus 23:27-AMP

27 Also the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement; it shall be a holy [called] assembly, and you shall afflict yourselves [by fasting in penitence and humility] and present an offering made by fire to the Lord.

Rosh Hashanah is also known as Yom Teru'ah, the "Feast of Trumpets"

Yom teruah - "Feast of Trumpets" (Rosh Hashanah) -means "shouting" or "raising a noise."

Psalms 81:1-4-AMP

- 1 SING ALOUD to God our Strength! Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
- 2 Raise a song, sound the timbrel, the sweet lyre with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the New Moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.
- 4 For this is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

Mikveh (ritual bath).

Ephesians 5:25-27-CJB

25 ...just as the Messiah loved the Messianic Community, indeed, gave himself up on its behalf,

26 in order to set it apart for God, making it clean through immersion in the mikveh, so to speak,

27 in order to present the Messianic Community to himself as a bride to be proud of, without a spot, wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and without defect.

Amplified Bible - ...having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, "Tashlikh," or "Casting Off,"

Romans 13:11-12-ESV

11 Besides this *you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep.* For *salvation is nearer to us now* than when *we first believed.*

12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Titus 3:5-6-AMP

5 He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of His own pity and mercy, by [the] cleansing [bath] of the new birth (regeneration) and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

6 Which *He poured out [so] richly upon us* through Jesus Christ our Savior.

1Corinthians 15:52-AMP

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the [sound of the] last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [in Christ] will be raised imperishable (free and immune from decay), and we shall be changed (transformed).

What Rosh Hashanah-Yom Teruah - (Feast of Trumpets-) Means to us as Christians.

1. Rosh Hashanah is a "sanctified reminder" of God's creative authority in our lives.
2. Rosh Hashanah reminds us to be ready for the soon appearance of King Jesus our LORD.
3. The blowing of the shofar is prophetic of the rapture of the church, where those who are part of *the Bride of the Messiah, the church*, will experience everlasting transformation: 1 Corinthians 15:51
4. The "Casting Off" Ceremony (tashlikh) reminds us that our LORD is a God of new beginnings, and even if we have sinned and fallen away from Him, He is faithful to restore us and cast our sins away from us.

How do we apply these principles to our lives?

- 1) Turning to God (tefillah);
- 2) Turning to others we've harmed or offended (teshuvah), and
- 3) Turning to those in need (tzedakah)