



The Bible tells us that God created the world in six days, and on the seventh day He rested.

Did you ever ask yourself why He did it this way? Why did He work for six days, and rest for one? Why not work for five, or fifteen days with three days of rest? Our answer? We believe the seven days mean something—that each creation day represents 1,000 years of projected human history. For the first six of these days God will work to rescue the world from Adam's Fall. The seventh day represents a 1,000-year Day of Rest for mankind, when Jesus will return to rule and reign on a peaceful earth over those who have not rejected Him.

The sixth day is almost over. That means Christ is about to return for the seventh day. Time is almost up.

The Bible says that "with the Lord, a thousand years is as a day and a day is as a thousand years." (See Ps.90:4, 2 Peter 3:8.)

Jesus said the generation that saw the "Fig Tree" bud would see the end of the age.

The "fig tree" is a symbol for Israel and it budded in 1948 when Israel became a nation again after almost 2000 years in exile. Jesus said the generation that saw this miraculous event *would not pass away* before everything He prophesied (in Matthew 24) came to pass, including His return. That generation will end in 2018. (Ps. 90:10.)

1948 AD + 70 years = 2018 AD

We believe the Second Coming will occur then before the year 2018 ends, probably in the Fall of 2017.

God also instituted seven prophetic Feast Days.

Seven memorial and prophetic feasts also tell and fore-tell the story of Redemption. The first four of these feasts occur in the Spring of each year and were fulfilled at the first coming of Christ. Jesus died on **Passover**, was buried on the feast of **Unleavened Bread**, rose on **First Fruits** and birthed the Church on the feast of **Pentecost**.

There are exactly 16 weeks, or four months, between the end of the Spring feasts and the start of the Fall feasts.

In the Bible, four is the number of testing. Will mankind repent and receive its Messiah between the Resurrection and the Rapture? If not, judgment will follow.

The last three feasts, in the Fall, will be fulfilled literally on the very day, just as the Spring feasts were, but over a ten-year period, starting in 2008 to the Fall of 2017. (This is our best guess at present.) They are the feasts of **Trumpets**, **Atonement** and **Tabernacles**.

1 The **Feast of Trumpets** (Jewish New Year) occurs on Tishri 1-2 each year. It pictures the Rapture or "catching away" of the Church (all those have repented of their sins and made Jesus Lord) and the wedding of the Messiah. Christ will come and take His Bride home to heaven (and to safety) just before the Tribulation begins one earth, seven years prior to His return. Many trumpets are blown on this feast. The Rapture occurs at the "last trump" of a future RoshHashanah. (1Cor.15:52)

There are ten "Days of Awe" each year from the **Feast of Trumpets** through the **Day of Atonement**. A solemn period of self-examination, repentance and reconciliation during which observant Jews acknowledge their offenses and try to make things right, it is also called the "birthpangs of the Messiah," a painful period before Jesus is recognized and received as Israel's own Son. The seven days *between* the two feasts symbolize the seven years "Jacob's trouble," when unconverted Jews and the followers of Anti-Christ will endure God's wrath over sin, His last-ditch effort to bring them to repentance.

2 The **Day of Atonement** on Tishri 10 pictures Israel's national judgment. Just before His death Jesus told the Jews they would not see Him again until they say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." During the Tribulation, one-third of the Jews (the Remnant) will believe and be saved. Then Christ will return, rescuing them from annihilation by Anti-Christ's forces.

3 The **Feast of Tabernacles** begins each year on Tishri 15. A seven-day feast, it symbolizes God one day dwelling with man on a redeemed planet. Also called the "Ingathering," it pictures God gathering His Elect from the four winds and bringing them into His Kingdom.

So, before Jesus returns to the earth in power and glory, there will be seven years of great suffering: fierce plagues, famines, pestilences, nuclear wars, fires, incurable sores, extreme weather events, geologic upheaval, inflation, scorching heat and great violence. Why all this? Because God is very angry at man's relentless sin and rebellion and will vent His wrath on all those who have refused His mercy (offered through Jesus Christ). Bottom line? Sin has to be paid for. Either we pay for it or we let Jesus pay for it—but there is no escaping God's justice. One way or the other, it will be satisfied.

The fact is, you will pay for your sins *unless you ask Jesus to pay for them*. He's already made that provision by dying on the cross in your place. By humbling yourself, confessing your sins, accepting His payment and surrendering to His Lordship, your sins can be wiped away, forgiven, never to be brought up again.

God does not punish the righteous with the wicked (Gen.18:25) so if you want to be among those who are removed from this earth before judgment begins, you must receive Christ's righteousness by faith. Call out to Him now, confess your sins by name and ask Him to forgive you and to take control of your life. Then start learning how to live in obedience to Him as your new Lord. Make your relationship with God your first priority. If He finds your faith convincing, you will be removed from the earth before He destroys it, this time with fire.

Time is running out!

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