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What Happened to the OT Promises Regarding Israel?

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God made a promise to Israel that someday He would bring them back to their land and they would never leave that land again (cp Dt 30:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Jer 23:3, et al). And then He told them that He would put His Spirit within them. It hasn't happened yet. Some people say that God is finished with Israel. Some say that God's covenant promise in Jer 31:31, 32, 33, 34 really belongs to the Church and not to Israel. (**Ed:** See related resource Israel of God)

What does God's Word really say? Will all Israel be saved when the Gentiles all come in? Will a Deliverer really come from Zion and save all Israel?

Ezekiel 36 opens with a prophecy to the mountains:

Ezek 36:8 'But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come. 9 'For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be cultivated and sown.

So here God is promising that the mountains of Israel will again bear fruit and will be prepared for His people to return. We see a return of all Israel prophesied in

Ezek 36:10 'And I will multiply men on you, **all** the house of Israel, **all of it**; and the cities will be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt. 11 'And I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and will treat you better than at the first. **Thus you will know that I am the Lord.** (one of the KEY PHRASES all the way through Ezekiel).

So FIRST God will get the MOUNTAINS ready for the people and NEXT the people will come and ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL will dwell on these mountains. Ezekiel is writing from captivity, having been taken captive in the second siege of Jerusalem in 597 BC along with 10,000 other Jews captured by Nebuchadnezzar. So both Ezekiel and Daniel are prophesying from captivity. Ezekiel is prophesying a return to the land and in fact after 70 years a remnant returned to the LAND of Israel. So is the Prophecy in **Ezekiel 36** talking about this return or is there another yet to come? Careful observation of the text indicates that this prophecy is yet future, even after the death of Jesus Christ. Kay believes we began to see this prophecy fulfilled when we began to see the Jews return to Jerusalem in 1948, so that it is a prophecy that is being fulfilled in front of our very eyes!

THEY WILL NEVER
BE DISPERSED AGAIN

Ezek 36:12 'Yes, I will cause men-- My people Israel-- to walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their inheritance and **never again** bereave them of children.'

(**Ed:** The time phrase "never again" in this verse is why Kay believes this prophecy awaits a future fulfillment and is not fulfilled in the return of the Jews after the 70 years of exile in Babylon. Kay goes on to explain her logic.) After the return from 70 years captivity the Jews were kicked out of the land in 70AD (they were "bereaved of children").

When the Jews return
certain things have to happen

Ezekiel 36:24 "For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into **your own land.** (a prophecy of Israel coming back into her own land... if you want to understand prophecy DON'T FORGET THE JEWS & don't write off the prophecies for the Jews as having been "spiritually" or allegorically fulfilled but look at them as literal fulfillment and your eyes will be opened to truth.) 25 **"Then** (When? After they are brought back.) I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Doesn't this sound like what has happened to the CHURCH? This sounds a lot like 2 Cor 3:1-18 where Paul describes the believers there as no longer under the old covenant but under the new covenant. But this promise is given to THE JEWS so the question is WHEN DO THEY GET THE SPIRIT? In the context of this passage it would be after they are brought back into the LAND.

Ezekiel 36:28 "And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; **so you will be My people, and I will be your God.** 29 "Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you. 30 "And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations. 31 "Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

So if you take God's Word LITERALLY, not trying to allegorize it or spiritualize it, His Word clearly says that He is going to prepare the MOUNTAINS, they will bring forth FRUIT and then God will bring the Jews back to the mountains. Then God is going to CLEANSE the Jews of all filthiness and idolatry. Then He will take away their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh and put His Spirit within them and they will live in the land. Then they will be God's people and He will be their God.

Ezekiel 36:29 "Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a **famine** on you. (Revelation describes coming FAMINES) 30 "And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations. 31 "Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations. 32 "I am not doing this for your sake," declares the Lord God, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!" (Most of Israel today does not believe in Messiah.) 33 'Thus says the Lord God, **"On the day** that I cleanse you from all your

iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt. 34 "And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passed by.

Yes today the cities of Israel are inhabited... but although they will never be kicked off of their land, they are yet to undergo a great judgment--the great tribulation--which we read about in Rev 12-13.

Zechariah 14

Zech 14:2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 **Then** the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a **day** of battle. 4 And in **that day** His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south... eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.... 9 And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only One, and His name the only One.

So there is a time coming when even the cities that have been inhabited will be destroyed and yet the Jews will not be kicked out of the land.

ISRAEL WILL BE LIKE THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Ezek 36:35 "And they will say, 'This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate, and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.' 36 "Then the nations that are left round about you will know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted that which was desolate; I, the Lord, have spoken and will do it." (So what God speaks He will perform!) 37 'Thus says the Lord God, "This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock. 38 "Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her **appointed feasts**, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. **Then** they will know that I am the Lord."

COMPARISON OF EZEKIEL 36, THE END TIMES & THE APPOINTED FEASTS

Jeremiah 31:31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, (**Ezekiel 37** described "two sticks" being reunited predicting the reunion of the Northern Kingdom of Israel -- taken captive in 722 BC-- & the Southern Kingdom of Judah--taken captive in 586 BC-- this is what **Ezekiel 36** refers to when it says all of Israel will come back to the land, not just the Southern Kingdom of Judah but the Northern Kingdom of Israel) 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, (the Law or Mosaic Covenant) although I was a husband to them, "declares the Lord. 33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel (here "Israel" is referring to the re-united Northern & Southern Kingdoms) after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 "And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." (In Ezekiel when He brings the Jews back to the Mountains He cleanses them from their sin and idolatry and takes away their heart of stone replacing it with a heart of flesh and places the Spirit within them Ezek 36:26, 27.)

Jeremiah 31:35 Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for light by day, And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The Lord of hosts is His name: 36 "If this **fixed order** (natural, cosmic order of the sun, moon, etc) departs From before Me," declares the Lord, "Then the offspring of Israel also shall cease From being a nation before Me forever."

In **May 14, 1948** they are brought back and yet the Jews returned in **UNBELIEF**. So what will bring Israel to the point that they recognize their Messiah and everyone knows Him? That's what we are studying about in Revelation! Yes Revelation was a message to the churches that she would know the things which would shortly come to pass but after John is told "Come up here" in Rev 4:1 at that time he is shown the things that are to come **AFTER THESE THINGS**. Thus we see 2 WITNESSES in JERUSALEM calling down fire from heaven for 3.5 years after which they are killed and lay dead in the streets of Jerusalem until the whole world sees them caught up to heaven. Right after that the 7th TRUMPET sounds and the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah. Then the BEAST that kills the 2 witnesses causes all who dwell on the earth to take a mark without which they cannot buy or sell. In Revelation 12 the woman (Israel) flees into the wilderness (Rev 12:13, 14, 15, 16, 17).

**ISRAEL WILL NOT BE
OVERTHROWN ANYMORE**

Jeremiah 31:37 Thus says the Lord, "If the heavens above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out below, Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel For all that they have done," declares the Lord. 38 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the city shall be rebuilt **for the Lord** from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. 39 "And the measuring line shall go out farther straight ahead to the hill Gareb; then it will turn to Goah. 40 "And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the Lord; it shall not be plucked up, or overthrown **anymore forever.**"

So there will be an end and Israel will not be overthrown anymore. But "when"? Let's look at the FEASTS.

THE FEASTS OF ISRAEL

The FEASTS tell us about the SALVATION OF THE GENTILES (the coming of the Church) and THE SALVATION OF ISRAEL. Kay believes these feasts prefigure the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Gentiles and to Israel as well as the salvation of Jews and Gentiles. In **Leviticus 23** God described the FEASTS that Israel was to celebrate every year without fail. These FEASTS fell into 3 major categories and all the Jewish males were required to go up to Jerusalem to celebrate these required feasts.

FIRST FEAST: PASSOVER

WHEN? Month of Nisan, the first month to the Jews. On the **14th day** of Nisan, the Jews would slay the Passover lamb in remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt. God had made a covenant of Law the day He brought them out of Egypt. Pharaoh would not let them go so God sent plague after plague and finally one last plague. To be protected from this plague God instructed Moses to tell the Jews to get a lamb without spot or blemish and to keep it from the 10th of Nisan to the 14th. Then they were to slay the lamb and put its blood over the doorpost of the house. Every firstborn male was to be slain unless there is **blood** on the doorpost. Exodus 12:13 says " when I see the blood I will **pass over** you" and thus we have the word **Passover**. The Jews were also to eat the lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world. In 1Cor 5:1-13 Paul is instructing the church to deal with a man there who has been sleeping with his father's wife, telling them to give him over to Satan for the destruction of his flesh. Why? Because that is sin in the church and sin spreads.

1Cor 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven (leaven here symbolizing sin) leavens the whole lump of dough? 7 Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. (Why?) For **Christ our Passover** also has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the **feast** (Of Passover), not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Paul is saying that the **lamb** was a picture of **Christ our Passover**. This OT Feast then was not just for remembering the **past deliverance** of God but also **pointed prophetically to Jesus Christ** Who has been sacrificed for us. When God sees that the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from all sins, death passes over and we pass from death to life, never to die spiritually again. Physically we may die but not spiritually. This feast then pointed to the One Who was to come, the Lord Jesus Christ.

FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

The 2nd of 3 feasts included under **Passover**. This feast instructed the Jews to purge their house of unleavened bread. Why? **Leaven** is a picture of sin and sin spreads. So Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us and we are to keep the feast with unleavened bread. You are no longer a guilty sinner but you have been justified and set free by the blood of Jesus Christ. Now we are to live righteously, putting away sin (get rid of that sin just like Paul instructed the Corinthians lest it spread). Remember that the **feast of Unleavened Bread** is part of the Passover because one happens right after the other. Passover is on the 14th of Nisan when the lamb was slain. The 15th of Nisan marks the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS

This is the 3rd of the feasts related to Passover. The Jews did not celebrate this feast until they got into the Promised Land. This feast was held the day after the Sabbath and was the PROMISE of a harvest to come. Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the very day the Jews celebrated the **Feast of First Fruits**. He was the **FIRST FRUITS** and was the Promise of a harvest to come (1Cor 15:20-23). Because He has risen from the dead, we shall rise from the dead. Because He lives, we shall live.

If we know Christ, we are absent from the body and present with the Lord and some day this mortal will put on immortality and we will be with the Lord with a body. This is the "**FIRST RESURRECTION**" referred to in Rev 20:4, 5, 6. He died to free us from the penalty as well as the power of sin (cf Jn 8:31, 32, 36+, Ro 6:17+, Ro 6:18-+). If you are still living in sin (as your lifestyle) and there is no change in your life and no hunger and thirst for righteousness (Mt 5:6+) and no freedom from slavery to sin and no love for the brethren that flows out of you supernaturally, **THEN** there is **NO SALVATION**. (cf Gal 5:21+, 1Jn 3:7, 8, 9, 10)

2Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new (kainos - word study) creature; the **old** things **passed away**; behold, **new** (kainos) things **have come**."

How do they become **new**? Is it just the fact that Christ died for me? Is it just the fact that He was raised from the dead? No. There is another feast that follows!

FEAST OF PENTECOST

What makes us different from unregenerate people who dwell on this earth? What causes us to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to understand the Word of God, to have a love for other Christians, to be able to forgive and to put away bitterness and anger, to be able to live as more than a conqueror over our flesh? It is the Spirit of God inside of us. If we walk by the Spirit we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. When you hear "Pentecost" you naturally think of Acts 2 and the coming of the Holy Spirit to indwell men.

The FEAST OF PENTECOST was celebrated by taking some grain from the "First-fruits" and storing it. Then they would make bread from the stored grain. When they made the bread they would have one big lump and then they would separate it and have **TWO LOAVES**. On the **DAY OF PENTECOST** they would take those **TWO LOAVES** and the priest would stand in front of the Temple and wave those **TWO LOAVES** of bread in the air. **What were they saying prophetically?** Pentecost came 50 days ("pente" = 50) after the **FIRST FRUITS**. The two loaves of bread pointed to the fact that now we had Jew and Gentile in **ONE BODY, THE CHURCH**. So Pentecost pointed to the end result of the death of Jesus Christ Who saved us from our sin, Who was raised from the dead, Who ascended into heaven and then sent the Holy Spirit (John 16:7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.") On Pentecost the Spirit now came to dwell within and the church was born.

Paul to the Gentile Christians: "Two loaves" One Body

Ephesians 2:11 Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," (THE JEWS) which is performed in the flesh by human hands-- 12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the **covenants of promise**, (Not only were the Gentiles strangers to the Covenant of the Law but also to the Covenant of Promise in Jer 31:31, 32, 33, 34 when God said He would make a New Covenant in which He also gave the promise of the Holy Spirit in Ezek 36:27) having **no hope** and without God in the world. 13 But now in **Christ Jesus** you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups (Jew & Gentile) into **one**, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, (that is what separates us from His Holiness) that in Himself He might make the two (Jew & Gentile) into one new man, thus establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; 18 for through Him we **both** have our access **in one Spirit** to the Father. (What gives us access to God and to the mind of God? It is His Spirit living inside of us.) 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, 20 having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

So at Pentecost in Acts 2 the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:2, 3, 4) came to dwell inside of them (cp Ro 8:9, 1Co 12:13) and Ephesians 2 shows the two becoming one body, the Church. But most of Israel did not come into the Church.

Romans 11:1 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in [the passage about] Elijah, ... 5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a **remnant** according to God's gracious choice.

So has all Israel been saved yet? No. But does the OT say that "all Israel will be saved"? Yes. So when and how? The Jews have missed it. But God in His sovereignty knew what would happen and He knew that the Jews would reject Jesus as a nation, purposely had a third feast. The Jews REJECTION has become our SALVATION.

Romans 11:11 (note)... But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles... Ro 11:25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel **until the fulness of the Gentiles** has come in; 26 and thus **all Israel** will be saved; just as it is written, "**The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.**" 27 "AND THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS"

When will God take away Israel's sins?

Ezekiel 36 says He will bring them back to the land (Ezek 36:24, cp Ezek 34:13), then cleanse them (Ezek 36:25, 26), then put His Spirit within them (Ezek 36:27). This did not happen at **Pentecost**. All of these things are summarized in Hebrews 9-10 where it says that the covenant in Jer 31:31-34 was given and fulfilled in a sense when Jesus Christ died and the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost. Hebrews 9-10 quotes Jer 31:31-34 but that never happened to Israel. That COVENANT was intended for Israel but who got that covenant? The Gentiles through the death of Jesus Christ. So is Israel cut out forever? No. Israel will never cease from being a nation.

Ro 11:28 From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Everything that God has promised about Israel is going to come to pass. When? **At the third FEAST.**

THE THIRD FEAST

There are 3 parts to the 3rd feast

1). FEAST OF TRUMPETS

This feast was used for the RE-gathering of the Jews at the time a TRUMPET was blown. This was also a HOLY CONVOCATION and was celebrated in the month of Tishri, the 7th month for the Jews.

2). DAY OF ATONEMENT

Described in **Leviticus 16**.

Leviticus 16:1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had approached the presence of the LORD and died. 2 And the LORD said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. 3 "Aaron shall enter the holy place with this: with a bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. 4 "He shall put on the holy linen tunic, and the linen undergarments shall be next to his body, and he shall be girded with the linen sash, and attired with the linen turban (these are holy garments). Then he shall bathe his body in water and put them on. 5 "And he shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering. 6 "Then Aaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household. 7 "And he shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting. 8 "And Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9 "Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the LORD fell, and make it a sin offering. 10 "But the goat on which the lot for the scapegoat fell, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the scapegoat. 11 "Then Aaron shall offer the bull of the sin offering which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his household, and he shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself. 12 "And he shall take a firepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of finely ground sweet incense, and bring it inside the veil. 13 "And he shall

put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the ark of the testimony, lest he die. 14 "Moreover, he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; also in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. 15 "Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. 16 "And he shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel, and because of their transgressions, in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities. 17 "When he goes in to make atonement in the holy place, no one shall be in the tent of meeting until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household and for all the assembly of Israel. 18 "Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar on all sides. 19 "And with his finger he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it seven times, and cleanse it, and from the impurities of the sons of Israel consecrate it. 20 "When he finishes atoning for the holy place, and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall offer the live goat. Lev 16:21 "Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel, and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness. 22 "And the goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness. Lev 16:23 "Then Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting, and take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there. 24 "And he shall bathe his body with water in a holy place and put on his clothes, and come forth and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people. 25 "Then he shall offer up in smoke the fat of the sin offering on the altar. 26 "And the one who released the goat as the scapegoat shall wash his clothes and bathe his body with water; then afterward he shall come into the camp. 27 "But the bull of the sin offering and the goat of the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be taken outside the camp, and they shall burn their hides, their flesh, and their refuse in the fire. 28 "Then the one who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body with water, then afterward he shall come into the camp. Lev 16:29 "And this shall be a permanent statute for you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble your souls, and not do any work, whether the native, or the alien who sojourns among you; 30 for it is on this day that atonement shall be made for you to cleanse you; you shall be clean from all your sins before the LORD. 31 "It is to be a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may humble your souls; it is a permanent statute. 32 "So the priest who is anointed and ordained to serve as priest in his father's place shall make atonement: he shall thus put on the linen garments, the holy garments, 33 and make atonement for the holy sanctuary; and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar. He shall also make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. Lev 16:34 "Now you shall have this as a permanent statute, to make atonement for the sons of Israel for all their sins once every year." And just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so he did.

3). FEAST OF BOOTHS (TABERNACLES)

So the FEAST OF TRUMPETS was to GATHER the Jews back. The DAY OF ATONEMENT was enacted taking 2 goats and casting lots. One goat was the SCAPEGOAT on which the sins of the people were symbolically placed and which was then taken off into the WILDERNESS. The other goat was taken in and sacrificed and the blood put on the MERCY SEAT in the Holy of Holies. This was the only day of the year that the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies taking the blood to "**cover**" (Kippur > Yom Kippur) their sins. But the blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin so a body God prepared for Jesus Christ (Heb 10:5-note). So the DAY OF ATONEMENT was the CLEANSING. Do we need the **day of atonement**? At Passover we were saved and at Pentecost got the Holy Spirit but Israel has not been saved. So God was showing the time of the Church, of Jew and Gentile in one body until the fulness of the Gentiles comes. Then God is going to bring His people back to the Land. When Jesus Christ in Mt 24 comes back to earth as the Son of Man (Mt 24:3, 30) and every eye sees Him, He sends His angels to gather His **ELECT** (Jews) from the four corners of the earth. So while we see in 1948 a bringing back of the children of Israel to the land and the land being prepared, there is still even more of a fulfillment when Jesus Christ comes and He gathers His **ELECT**. After He gathers His **ELECT** in the land of Israel what is He going to do? There is going to be a Temple there and the Lord Jesus Christ is going to dwell there with His people.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES POINTS TO THE REGATHERING OF ISRAEL

Zech 14:9 And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one... 16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to celebrate **the feast of booths**. (TABERNACLES).

So prophetically the FEAST OF TABERNACLES pointed to the **REGATHERING OF ISRAEL**, initiated by the calling through the trumpet, after which He takes away their sin and puts His Spirit within them and He dwells with them forever and ever. You and I are living in the midst of all of these things on the horizon. What do we need to do? We need to look up because **our redemption draws nigh** (cf Lk 21:28, Jas 5:8KJV). We need to understand that we make sure today is the day of salvation. Today the fulness of the Gentiles is coming in (Ro 11:25). Then the Deliverer will come out of Zion and all of Israel will be saved (Ro 11:26). Why? Because the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable! (Ro 11:29).

God has laid out the picture and it is as sure as the sun shining, as sure as the waves of the ocean, as sure as the fixed order of day and night (Jer 31:35, 36, 37). God's Word stands and Israel as a nation will be saved (cp Lk 1:37ASV, Josh 23:14). Believe it. It is written in the **feasts** for you and for me to see.

Mt 24:31 "And He (Mt 24:30) will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."

The Son of Man is coming
and
the FEAST OF TABERNACLES is on its way!
Listen and be prepared.
Redemption draws nigh.