



BERGER'S BUGLE

Ministry Update

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Dear Friends and Supporters:

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet, but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:13-14 NASB).

Shalom and greetings in the name of our Lord, *Yeshua HaMaschiach*, Jesus the Messiah. Reflecting upon my Savior's mercies this year, I thank Him for each one of you—for your faithfulness through your love, prayers, and financial support—for enabling me to press on by standing with me in your steadfastness for the salvation of Israel during these challenging times.

Again?

Recently, I had another medical setback—hospitalized with pneumonia again. This is beginning to sound like *déjà vu*. However, I praise God for how He uses such events to magnify His glory. Please pray for the spiritual growth of “A,” a nurse and brand new believer in Jesus. She was assigned to walk with me through the halls during my hospital stay, also giving me the privilege of encouraging her in her new faith and walk with Jesus. Similar to my past hospital stays, not only did God grant me opportunities to share the Gospel, but some believers on staff blessed me with their testimonies. Please pray for the 12 unsaved Jewish and Gentile individuals God brought into my life and with whom I try to keep in touch—for God's perfect timing in bringing them to His saving grace.

The Feasts of Israel

As we approach the fall season, having celebrated the first four feasts and Purim (not a feast, but a holiday), our Messianic fellowship, Tikvah BaMidbar (Hope in the Desert), and I look forward with anticipation and joy to celebrating and teaching the last three of the seven feasts of Israel, yet to be fulfilled. The fifth feast is Rosh Hashanah: Feast of Trumpets (the Jewish New Year). The sixth feast is Yom Kippur: Day of Atonement, and the seventh, and last feast is Succoth: Feast of Tabernacles (which I will highlight in my November newsletter). The Seven Feasts of Israel were not meant to be observed only as memorials for Israel, but to be understood as the foreshadowing of prophecy—fulfilled by none other than Messiah Jesus, according to God's redemptive calendar and “the appointed times of the Lord” (Lev. 23:4). The fall feasts all occur within a 30-day period.



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Rosh Hashanah

Biblically, the fifth feast of Israel is known as “The Feasts of Trumpets” (Lev 23:23-25). Its purpose was to usher in the Jewish New Year and to remind Israel of God's goodness. In the fulfillment of this feast, the shofar (ram's horn) will be used to announce our Messiah's appearance in the clouds, known as “The Rapture.” The *Tekiah Gedolah* (the long, last blast of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah) will be the “Last Trumpet” sounded at the Rapture of all true believers (1 Thess. 4:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:51-52).

Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement

The sixth feast of Israel falls 10 days after the Feast of Trumpets. The 10 days in between are known as *Yamim Nora'im*, the Days of Awe, and are the most profoundly significant days to Jewish worshipers worldwide. It is a time of repentance, fasting, and self-examination to see how they could be more pleasing to God. They believe that the annual atonement for sin is necessary so that through prayers and good deeds (*mitzvot*), their names may be written in the Book of Life. The future fulfillment will come at the end of the Great Tribulation (the Time of Jacob's Trouble). Jesus will return in all His glory at the Second Coming (Zech. 12:10), and a permanent cleansing will take place when Israel's sin is removed (Rom. 11:26-27). The Lord called my husband, Barry, home on Yom Kippur, September 24, 2015. I praise God that he, in his own words, was "at-one-ment" with the Lord.



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Thank you!

I pray that these feasts instill in our hearts an urgency to pray for the salvation of Jew and Greek alike (Rom. 1:16). Thank you, always, for being my partners in ministry and partakers with me of grace. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all" (Phil. 1:3-4).

In Messiah's love and mine,

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