

WATCHERS

Luk 12:37-48 "Blessed [are] those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down [to eat], and will come and serve them.

2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Rev 3:3 "Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Rev 16:15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed [is] he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

Matt 24:42 "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Matt 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, [fn] but My Father only.

Thes. 5:2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

SIGNS

Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night and let them be for **signs** <owth>, and for **seasons** <mow`ed>, and for days, and years:

#226. 'owth, (in the sense of appearing); a signal, an alarm

Joe 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

(There will be a total solar eclipse and a total lunar eclipse before the great and terrible day of the Lord.)

(A watch vs a warning)

also Acts 2:20



Matt 27:45-47 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness (solar eclipse) over all the land unto the ninth hour.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias

God uses the sun, moon, and stars as signals to us to warn us of significant divine appointments scheduled for us.

Matt 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (this verse, referring to sun and moon no longer giving light, because Christ will be the light.)

see also Mark 13:24

Luke 21:25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

Rev 6:12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair (solar eclipse), and the moon became like blood (lunar eclipse).

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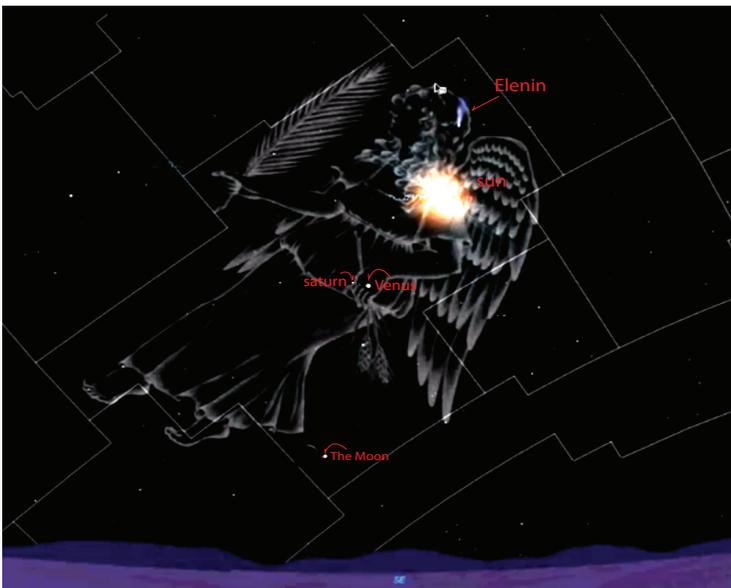
The Mazzaroth

This is the story of redemption told going back to Adam through the stars. It is said that this was passed on to the generations from Adam to Seth to Enosh etc. These twelve Constellations (starting with Virgo (the virgin)- ending with Leo (the lion) Today known as the Zodiac. Back then it pointed to Yeshua. Today it's all about you. Satan takes good things and poisons it.

The twelve tribes of Israel are all symbolized by these twelve constellations.

Gen 37:9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars (the other 11 tribes) bowed down to me."

1 Cor 15:41 [There is] one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for [one] star differs from [another] star in glory.



This is a screen cap. from "starry night" a constellation software. <http://www.starrynight.com/> Another program to use is (stellarium) downloadable for free. You can do a search for a specific day, hour and year and find out where things are: such as.....sun, moon, stars, constellations etc. This is Virgo to the left (the virgin)

What does this mean? I have no idea!!!!!! But it is interesting that this happens in Sep. on the feast of trumpets. It's interesting that there is a lot going on in Sep. this year 2011. Elenin passes between the sun and the earth exactly during the feast of trumpets. Also, notice the position of Venus (the Bright and Morning Star) and Saturn (the dragon). Elenin is on her head like a crown. BE WATCHFUL!!!!!!

Rev 12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

- this is on The feast of trumpets this year 2011, sep 29th

Rev 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

THE GOLDEN CALF

The ox is not God but was created to symbolize God's power. The Ox is a powerful animal. This is believed to be why they made a Golden calf/Ox while Moses was receiving the law up on Mount Sinai.

It was the Feast of Weeks a.k.a Shavuot, Pentecost that Moses came down from the mtn., and found Israel worshipping the Golden Calf/Ox. That day 3,000 were killed when God's Power came down.

THE GOLDEN CALF Continued

Exd 32:27-28 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.' " So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

here is a pic of what this Calf/Ox looked like.



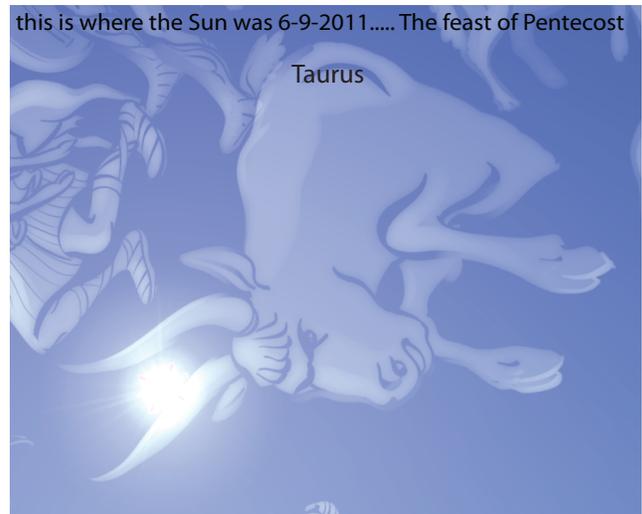
It was on The feast of weeks (Pentecost), some time later, that something else significant happened:

Act 2:4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord [fn] in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and [one] sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 2:41 Then those who gladly [fn] received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added [to them].

Here is where the SUN is in June on the feast of Pentecost. This will give you an understanding of where they got the idea to make a Golden calf/Ox:

1. Only holiday when there is no sin offering given.
2. Considered the marriage of God to the Jewish people.
3. God chose Israel as his people at Mt. Sinai accompanied by signs of thunder and fire on the mountain.
4. On Shavuot, Moses as a baby was removed from the River Nile.
5. Gift of the Ten Commandments: The Commandments were given to Israel as a sign of God's covenant with his people.
6. Gift of the Holy Spirit. God chose the followers of Yeshua to be an extension of his people in Acts 2 accompanied by a great wind and fire on the heads of Yeshua's followers. The Spirit was given to Yeshua's followers as a sign, a seal, and an empowerment.
6. Yeshua (Jesus) is known as the "First Fruits"
7. It is believed that Noah's Ark rested on Mount Sinai and the covenantal renewal of God's promise not to destroy the earth was given to all of mankind.
8. King David was born and he died on the holiday of Shavuot.



BLOOD MOON TETRADS

Applying the Jewish Feasts as described in the Bible as a sort of filter for these celestial events, there is a remarkable correlation between these lunar eclipses and historic events regarding the Nation of Israel.

For example, there are three Tetrads falling within a current 66 year period that all occur on Jewish holidays. This is the last such sequence for over three hundred years. There have been 33 central "bull's-eye" lunar eclipses in the past century, 18 of them fall on Jewish holidays, 6 on high holidays and only one is within a Jewish Tetrads. That one is Passover, Apr 13 1949 which is also the first eclipse of the Jewish Tetrads coincident with the beginning of the Jewish Nation of Israel.

The last Jewish Tetrads happens to be bracketed perfectly by two central lunar eclipses which naturally define both a seven year period according to Daniel 9 and a seventy year period according to Luke 21:32, and Psalms 90:10.

And as a final note ALL of the eclipses that fall on high holidays, happen to be visible from Jerusalem.

HISTORY OF TETRADS

May 15th 1948: The State of Israel is declared beginning a war with six Arab armies.
Jewish Tetrads: 1949 - 1950

1949 Apr 13, Passover "Bull's-eye Blood Moon", // 1949 Oct 07, Tabernacles // 1950 Apr 02, Passover // 1950 Sep 26, Tabernacles

April 3rd - July 20th 1949: The armistice is signed, Israel doubles their landmass.

Jewish Tetrads: 1967 - 1968

1967 Apr 24, Passover -- 1967 Oct 18, Tabernacles -- 1968 Apr 13, Passover -- 1968 Oct 06, Tabernacles

7 June 1967: Jerusalem captured in the six day war.

And future events...

2011 June 15th, central lunar eclipse, "Bull's-eye Blood Moon", directly in line with Jerusalem.

Jewish Tetrads: 2014 - 2015

2014 Apr 15, Passover -- 2014 Oct 08, Tabernacles -- 2015 Apr 04, Passover -- 2015 Sep 28, Tabernacles

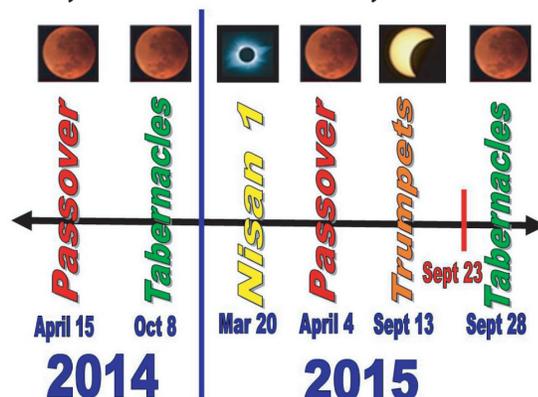
2018 July 27th Tu B'Av, central lunar eclipse, "Bull's-eye Blood Moon", directly in line with Jerusalem.

Time line (Luke 21:32, Psalms 90:10, Dan 9)

1948 + 70 years = 2018 possible generation?

1968 + 50 years = 2018 1967 was last Jubilee
70th jubilee 2017-2018

2011 + 7 years = 2018 possible trib. timeline?



7 feasts of the Lord

These are the 7 feasts of the Lord, their prophetic significance and their different names, found in Leviticus 23

The spring Feasts

Passover: Jesus died Nisan 14

Unleavened bread: Jesus was buried Nisan 15

Firstfruits: Jesus rose from the dead Nisan 18

Pentecost/shavuot/feast of weeks: 50 days after firstfruit.

Christ's First Advent
Fulfilled/accomplished

The fall Feasts

Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah/Yom Teruah:

1st day of Tishri/ the Rapture

Yom Kippur:

10 days after trumpets/the second coming of Christ

The feast of Tabernacles/Sukkot/Feast of booths:

1000 year reign of Christ

Christ's Second Advent
waiting in the wings

Col 2:16-17 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holyday, or of the new moon (feast of trumpets), or of the sabbath days: **Trumpets** Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ.

1Cr 5:7-8 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our **passover** is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened [bread] of sincerity and truth.

#5550 chronos

#2540 kairos hebrew translation = moed = divine appointments

1Th 5:2-6 But of the **times** and the **seasons**, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober.

What does this mean? Times and seasons is specifically talking about God's divine appointments. Paul used (chronos and kairos) which is the same translation in the Septuagint of seasons in Gen 1:14. What are his divine appointments? Lev 23..... His seven biblical feasts. These are dress rehearsals/shadows of things to come in God's biblical time line.

PASSOVER TO PENTECOST

The 1st advent of Christ

Lev 23:2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim [to be] **holy convocations**, these [are] My feasts.

Convocation: (Mem-Koph-Resh-Aleph) miqra'
strongs #4744 from 7121; something called out, i.e. a public meeting, also a dress rehearsal:
Gods 7 feasts are dress rehearsals for His big events. That's why Paul said in **Col 2:16-17** that they are shadows of things to come.

these four feasts were fulfilled to the day in Yeshua's first coming.
the summer is known as the Harvest. We are in the Harvest the age of the church, or age of grace.
there is a summer break between the spring and the fall feasts.

Since the spring feasts were fulfilled on the exact day in order. It would be a reasonable assumption that the fall feasts would as well.

The next thing to happen.....the feast of trumpets!!!!!!

Jesus died on passover,

1 Cor 5:7,8 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened (Matzah). For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Should we keep passover? That's for you to decide, but I think Paul is saying that we should.

Jesus was buried on Unleavened bread

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Rose from the dead on firstfruits,

1Cr 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, [and] has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Cr 15:23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those [who are] Christ's at His coming.

Holy Spirit came down on the 120 on Pentecost

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TIMES AND SEASONS

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Seasons: **Mowed**

#4150 (Mem-Vav-Ayin-Dalet) mow`ed, properly, an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season; specifically, a festival;

Da 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change **times** and laws:

Mowed

FEAST OF TRUMPETS

Le 23:1,2 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts. (not Israels feasts, but the Lords feasts) **God gave his feasts to Moses to give to Israel, to give to those that belong to the Lord.**

Feast of Trumpets : REPENTANCE
Feast of Yom Kippur: REDEMPTION
Feast of Tabernacles: REJOICING

Below are the names, themes and idioms of the Rosh Hashanah celebration.

- Teshuvah (repentance)
- Rosh HaShanah (Head of the Year, Birthday of the World)
- Yom Teruah (the Day of the Awakening Blast [Feast of Trumpets])
- Yom HaDin (the Day of Judgment)
- HaMelech (the Coronation of the Messiah)
- Yom HaZikaron (the Day of Remembrance or memorial)
- The time of Jacob's (Ya'akov) trouble (the birthpangs of the Messiah, Chevlei shel Mashiach)
- The opening of the gates
- Kiddushin/Nesu'in (the wedding ceremony)
- The resurrection of the dead (rapture, natza1)
- The last trump (shofar)
- Yom Hakeseh (the hidden day) (the day where no one knows the day or hour)

Lev 23:23,24 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

As a reminder of Divine Mercy every year on this day the Jews read the story of the binding of Isaac. They blow the ram's horn to remind God of His mercy.

Feast of Trumpets is likened to a day of Judgment with mercy extended and the Feast of Yom Kippur is a day of Mercy while atoning for our sins with Justice.

It is a day to remind people to repent of their sins and to remind God of His mercy.

TIMES AND SEASONS

Ps 47:5 God is gone up with a **shout**, <teruw`ah> the LORD with the sound of a **trumpet**. <showphar>

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trump** of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Zec 9:14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the **trumpet**, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

Ps 89:15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful **sound**: <teruw`ah>

Matt 16:3 "and in the morning, '[It will be] foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot [discern] the signs of the times

IDIOMS FOR YOM TERUAH:

The Time of Jacobs trouble

Jer 30:6,7 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the **book**.

Zeph 1:14-16 The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, A day of the **trumpet** and **alarm** against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. <yowm> <showphar> <teruw`ah>

COMES AS A THIEF to those that are not watching, asleep, dead, lukewarm.

Re 3:1-3 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

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Unleavened Bread (Nisan 15) = Full Moon

Feast of Tabernacles Tishri 15 = Full Moon

Feast of Trumpets Tishri 1 = New Moon

Because of the Diaspora it was celebrated for 2 days and was known as one long day.

Why is it 2 days long? It fell on the 1st of tishri, the new moon, and they wanted everyone to know, especially in the Diaspora. It was regarded as One Long Day. This Feast fell on the first, consequently it was known as the Feast where no one would know the day or the hour it came! It was to be a day symbolically hidden even from Satan so he would not be 100% aware of its arrival. They never know when it was to begin because they had to wait for that first silvery sliver of the moon to show. When it did, that was the start of the feast.

1Cor 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Because it's the first day of the month, was 2 days long, and was based on the sighting of the New Moon by two witnesses it's known as the Feast where no one knows "The Day or the Hour" it would begin!

On the Feast of Trumpets the Shofar is blown 100 times. There are three sounds made with the shofar:

Tekiah - One long straight blast.

Shevarim - Three shorter blasts.

Teruah - 9 quick blasts in short succession

This series is blown 11 times for a total of 99 blasts and the final blast is known as "The Last Trump"!

1Cor 15:51-53 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trump**: for the **trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality

God always has desired to forewarn before He brings judgment. The number 40 has always been a time for testing and warning.

40 days of repentance: 40 days for Ninevah, for Moses after the golden calf, the Lord in the wilderness, the 12 spies

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Feast: **Moed**

#4150 an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season; also a signal (as appointed beforehand) appointed (sign, time)

TABERNACLES / SUKKOT/FEAST OF BOOTHS

Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

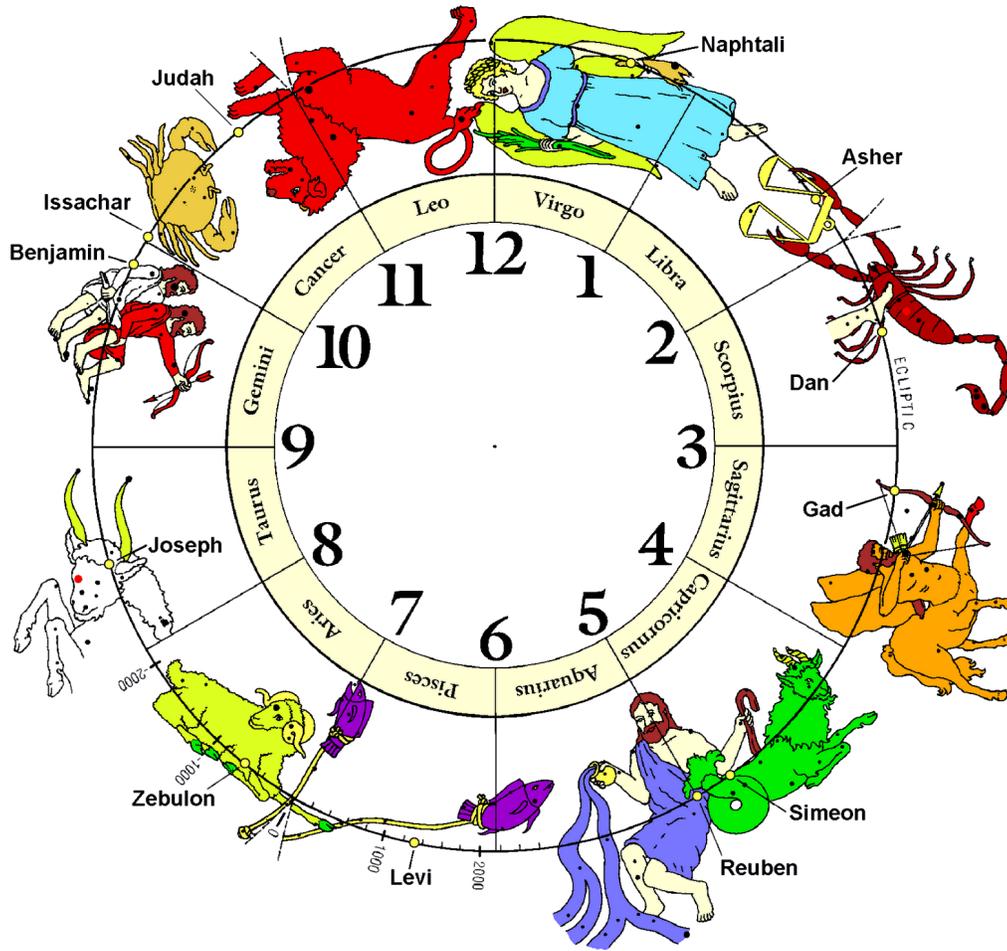
Zec 14:16-19 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

- Sukkot is like the Sabbath of Biblical Festivals. Just as the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week
- Sukkot is the Seventh Festival of the year in the Seventh month. It is the culmination and completion of the annual festival cycle in the plan of God.
- Like the Sabbath Day Sukkot is a celebration of the messianic Kingdom on Earth!
- He will also again reinstitute the Biblical Sabbath as the first order of business because the Sabbath is the picture of the Messianic Age; the 1,000yr Sabbath rest!

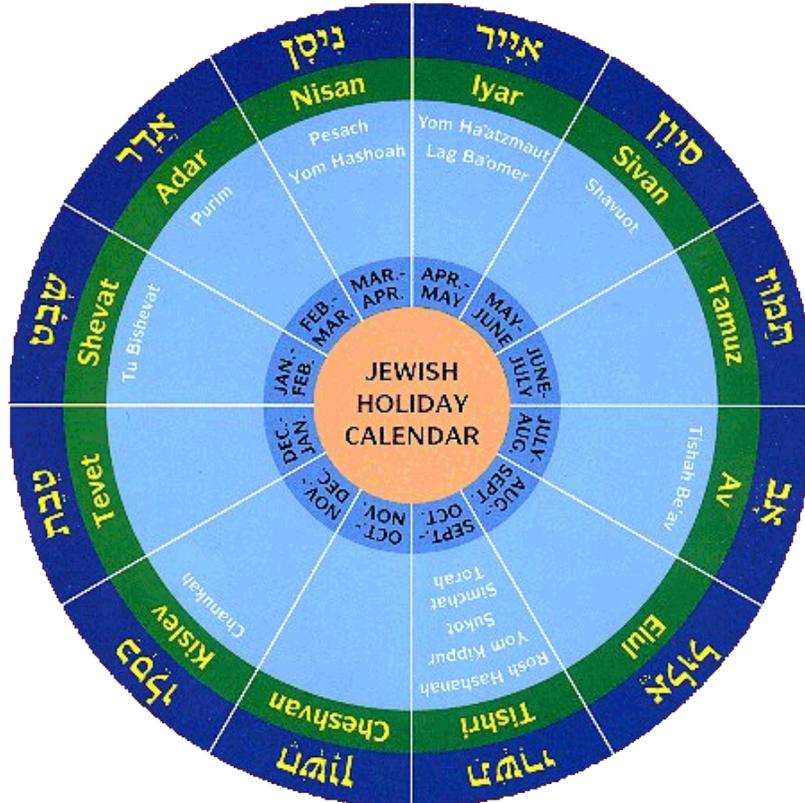
Le 23:34-36 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD. On the first day shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no work of labor. Seven days you shall offer a fire offering to the LORD. On the eighth day shall be a holy convocation to you. And you shall offer a fire offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly. And you shall do no work of labor.
The Feast of Tabernacles is surrounded by Rest!!!

Heb 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as [in] a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

The Mazzaroth



hebrew and gregorian calender



A Thief in the Night - No one knows the Day or the Hour

Why does Jesus want us to keep our eye on the biblical calendar? Jesus wants those who are watching for His return to be ready when he comes to take the church out of the world. The only way one can do that is to know what they are looking for. It is clear as day what Christians are to look for, but I would say most Christians don't have a clue as to what the sign is.

Why don't they know? I can see two reasons, first they are in a church where their pastor never teaches about the signs of the times and, second Christians are not studying the word themselves and they therefore would not know the signs. Let's try to understand a very important message from Christ. If you understand what Jesus was talking about, it will become clear to you what you and your family should be watching for.

Many people have asked, why waste time trying to figure out when Jesus is going to come back when, Jesus himself said no man knows. Jesus in Matthew 24:36 said. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. Now I want you to take notice what Jesus is saying here in relation to the Jewish thoughts and Jewish traditions.

The phrase "but of that day and hour no man knows is a common Hebrew idiom for the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah. Rosh Hashanah is the fifth Jewish Holiday, and it is known to the Jewish people as the feast of trumpets. The Feast of Trumpets takes place in the fall. In Leviticus 23 you see these feasts are appointed times established as yearly rehearsals that taught both historically and prophetically the whole plan of God. This plan included the coming of Christ and how Christ would bring redemption to all who received him.

In short, God has given us his biblical calendar. Out of the seven biblical holidays the only ones left to be fulfilled are the fall feasts which are Rosh Hashanah also known as the Feast of Trumpets, Yom Kippur, a.k.a. Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles (Feast of Booths.) Let's center on the Feast of Trumpets because on God's calendar this is the next in line to be fulfilled.

Knowing this information, let's get back to Jesus' statement in Matthew 24:36 where he said "no man knows the day or hour".

This verse has to do with the Jewish wedding. The father had to make sure the Son had everything prepared and ready for the wedding. If anyone would ask the Jewish man when is the wedding, he would say, "ask my father only he knows." This was the normal practice for the Jews.

That statement was a traditional response. When it came time for this wedding to take place the man would go out at midnight sound the blast by blowing the shofar letting his bride know he had come for her. The Feast of Trumpets, or Rosh Hashanah points to the Jewish cultural evidence that Rosh Hashanah will be the appointed time of the rapture of the church. As proof of this let me now show you what has already taken place with this Jewish wedding in relation to Jesus Christ and his bride the Church.

A Thief in the Night - No one knows the Day or the Hour

In a Jewish wedding, a Jewish woman indicates she will marry him by accepting his proposal by drinking a cup of wine he gives her. What did Jesus do with the last supper? Jesus passed a cup of wine at the Last Supper and those who drank the wine accepted being his bride.

Secondly, the Jewish man would have to pay a price to the bride's parents. What did Jesus do and what was the price he paid? Jesus paid the price for us as His bride with His own life by dying on the cross for us.

The next thing a Jewish man would do to prepare for the wedding was to give His bride a gift. What gift did Jesus Christ give His bride the Church? Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The next thing the Jewish man would have to do to prepare for this wedding was go and prepare a place for both himself and his wife to live in when they were married. Do you remember the words of Jesus Christ in John chapter 14: 3?

Jesus said, "and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also". This is where Jesus is right now, he is preparing the home for His church, the bride of Christ.

The next thing the Jewish man would do to prepare for the wedding is this; he would take a host of people with Him at midnight go out shouting and blowing the shofar for his bride. The shofar is a horn. Now read what Jesus told the Apostle Paul to write in First Thessalonians chapter 4 verses 15 through 16. Paul mentions the exact timing of this event twice! In verse 15, he says that this occurs at the coming of the Lord, and in verse 16, Christ comes down from heaven with a shout with the voice of an ark angel, and with the trumpet of God.

This is the point at which time Jesus will come for us, the church, just the same way a Jewish man would go out at midnight and call for his bride. This will be the next thing to take place on God's calendar. Possibly on the Feast of Trumpets.

The next thing that would take place after a Jewish wedding, which came after the man went out to get his bride, would be to spend seven days alone with his bride in the house he had built. There they would consummate the marriage in their wedding chamber. When Jesus comes back for his bride, the church, he takes the church to heaven for seven years. If you notice, this is the exact length of the seven-year tribulation. One may believe in a pre, mid, post, pre-wrath, pan-trib, no rapture eschatological P.O.V. There are good arguments for most of these. I'm simply pointing out the striking similarities between the two.

A Thief in the Night - No one knows the Day or the Hour

Listen to what it says in Isaiah chapter 26:20-21 "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." These are the chamber's Jesus will keep his church in while the seven-year tribulation is taking place on earth.

The church, bride of Christ, will be hidden from these terrible times that will befall the earth during the tribulation.

As you can now see, everything that Jesus has done was in accordance to the traditions of the Jewish wedding which is also based on the holidays of the biblical calendar.

Let get back to what the Apostle Paul had to say in 1 Thessalonians chapter 5:1-4 when he stated the following, "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief".

Paul was a Jew and he understood the signs of the times would be taking place during the Times and Seasons, or the Jewish holidays. In the above verse Paul eludes to the sign of peace and safety and he tells the reader they won't be in the darkness because they would be watching for these events to take place during the Jewish holiday season. When you read Genesis chapter 1 verse 14 we see the word seasons which is the Hebrew word for an appointed time.

The seasons, appointed times, Paul was referring to was the actual day that Jesus was going to return on the feast of trumpets which would take place in the fall. When Paul told the Thessalonians, "you have no need that I write and to you", they understood exactly what Paul was talking about, because Paul had already taught them about the biblical feasts and there meanings.

The only people who will be in the dark when Jesus comes on this feast will be those who do not have the understanding of the word of God in them, and do not have any understanding of these biblical matters.

In part of Rev. 3:3, Jesus tells the church at Sardis, which was considered a dead church to repent from their ways and to watch. Notice what happens when you aren't watching? Rev. 3:3, "Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Christ will come as a thief to the lukewarm and dead church. To those that are not watching or are sleeping. To unbelievers.

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In Revelation 3:17-18 Jesus is now speaking to the Church of Laodicea. This is another church that is not ready and Jesus calls this church Neither hot, nor cold. What happens to a lukewarm church?

Jesus tells us this answer in Revelation 3:16 where he says, "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth". Notice in those verses Jesus tells them to go and buy white raiment that "that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear."

What most people don't understand is what this white raiment really means. Stay with me and you'll understand exactly what it is. Rev. 3:18 is another key to understanding what Jesus is showing us. I quote "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see".

Let's go back to the Jewish traditions for a second, and I will show you how all this ties together. During the time that the Jewish Temple was standing when Jesus was here the first time, the high priest and the captain of the guard were known as the "thief in the night" and, this is why. There were watch posts at the Temple where the priest had to be watching. One of the things they had to watch for was that the fire on the altar would not go out. This was a Godly fire that fell on the altar and it was commanded by God that this fire never go out. The priest had to watch this fire. If the priest was found to be sleeping when the captain of the guard checked on his rounds, the captain of the guard would take his torch, which was next to the altar fire, and set the priest's garment on fire with the torch. The priest would be awakened by the fire. He would get up run through the Temple tearing off the garments that were on fire, and the shame of the priest's nakedness would appear.

Now you see how Revelation chapter 16 verse 15 ties into what Jesus said about the Church that was dead. Now, when you go back and read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 Paul says the following: "for yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night" you now know what is meant by this phrase, "as a thief in the night".

In other words, when Jesus comes back and finds you sleeping like the priest in the Temple, and obviously not on the watch, you'll end up like the priest, running in your nakedness and in shame because you were not ready for his visitation.