

"God's Prophetic Clock"

I want to read a story to you from the Bible....It might take a while so just sit back and let God's words soak over you.

Genesis 1:14–15 (ESV) 14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

Psalms 19:1–4 (ESV) 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

Genesis 3:4–7 (NKJV) 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Genesis 3:13–15 (NKJV) 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Matthew 1:20–22 (ESV) 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Isaiah 9:6–7 (NKJV) 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Matthew 27:35–37 (NKJV) 35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." 36 Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. 37 And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS

Matthew 27:41–43 (NKJV) 41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, 42 "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. 43 He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' "

Luke 23:44–46 (ESV) 44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

Matthew 28:5–7 (NKJV) 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

Luke 24:25–27 (NKJV) 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Luke 24:46–48 (NKJV) 46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things.

Acts 1:6–11 (ESV) 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

2 Timothy 3:1–5 (ESV) 1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.

Matthew 24:3–14 (ESV) 3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not

alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Joel 2:30–32 (ESV) 30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Matthew 24:29–31 (ESV) 29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24:32–44 (ESV) 32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Luke 21:25–28 (ESV) 25 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming

in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Revelation 6:12–17 (ESV) 12 When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. 14 The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

Revelation 5:1–5 (ESV) 1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

Revelation 11:15–19 (ESV) 15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." 16 And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

18 The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

Revelation 19:6 (ESV) 6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Revelation 21:1–4 (ESV) 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:5–8 (ESV) 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Revelation 22:1–6 (ESV) 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

6 And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." Revelation 22:7 (ESV) And Jesus said.... 7 "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Introduction to the Series. We were chosen for times such as these. God has placed us on this planet for this time. We are the End Times Holy Warriors for Christ. We are not from here but we were sent here. We fit into this story just like those in Scripture. Our events in the world today were just as foreshadowed as some that we just read. We are living out big time prophecy every day. We are closer to Jesus' return than any one has ever been. Right now in this moment.

Yet those who don't know the story...Those who don't know Jesus....Don't know His promises...Don't know His mission....wander from event to event asking...What in the World is Going on? Israel...Palestine...The Gaza Strip...Hammas....ISIS...The Taliban... Turkey, Syria, and Iraq move toward chaos Iran seeking nuclear capability North Korea...China....Russia...Ukraine...Turkey... .What it going on? Everything seems crazy... Earthquakes...Tsunami's... Back to Back Hurricanes Tornadoes....Wildfires... Ebola....Covid....

You can feel it can't you? The times they are not normal... It seems that we are headed to something... Something global...Something Big... Something Historic Something oddly final Something that seems like it will start and end In the Middle East. It feel like we are on a moving sidewalk toward something catastrophic.

Preppers prepare.... Hollywood speculates...Armageddon, Wal E, Contagion, Annihilation, This is the End....and many other movies speculating on where we are headed. Virus gone bad, Meteor strike, Exploding Sun Spot, Global melt down, Aliens, Nuclear Destruction. Zombies. A pandemic. There are thousands of predictions on how it could happen... But it seems odd that so many seem to sense that it will happen So many wonder to a God that they may not know... God what is going on? But what if...we already knew the answer?

What if we didn't have to speculate? What if God gave us clues...signs...prophecies... To show us what is to come? Jesus told the Pharisees.... Matthew 16:2-3 (ESV) 2 He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' 3 And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

Signs of the Times....Signs of...the times... Jesus said there would be signs...that we would know.... That we should be able to interpret. Jesus essentially telling us... Signs...signs...everywhere a sign...can't you read the signs? But where are the signs? They will be in the Heavens.... Eclipses...Blood Moons They will be on earth...

Signs on earth...famine, disease, earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, pestilences, wars, rumours of wars Signs among people...arrogance, pride, rebellion, worship of money, worship of self, Lust, pride Signs recorded in God's Word... The words of the prophets...promises from the Father The words of Jesus...spoken directly from the Son The words enlightened and revealed by the Holy Spirit. God wanted to make sure... That His people...knew what in the world was going on.

That is what this series is all about... Our future is full of Appointed Times God has given us clues...dress rehearsals if you will...for events that are to come Special Days..that foreshadow and tell of the days to come There were special days....Set aside by God That were His days...His Holy Days He describes in Leviticus 23...7 Holy Feasts The word in Hebrew translated as Feasts... Means..."Appointed Times"

These special days...commanded by God...are actually signs... Pointing to the Messiah and Outlining God's plan of Redemption By studying these 7 feasts...and some other signs... We will understand what is going on.... And what God is doing.

We are going to learn that God has a prophetic clock in the 7 Feasts. 4 pointed to events in Jesus' life that have already been fulfilled...and then 3 point to future events...events perhaps in our lives..that are to be fulfilled. What is going on? God is keeping His promise exactly as He revealed in the Holy Scriptures. We know what is going on because He told us. That is what we will be studying for the rest of this year.

We are going to spend the rest of this year.....learning about what God's Word says about our future. We are going to make sure that we all know what in the world is going on.

We are going to start with 7 weeks looking at the Appointed Times....the Feasts of the Lord...and we are going to see that they actually tell the story of Jesus...and thus of us.

Then we are going to discuss what is truly going on around us. How Satan plans to destroy us and how that is being manifested in the new every night.

Then we are going to open the Book of Revelation and learn line by line what God wanted to show us about the days ahead.

It is going to take a year and it begins today. Please invite your friends and neighbors. I don't know a single person on this planet that isn't curious about what is truly going on around us and in the days to come.

Introduction to Today's Topic

Leviticus 23:1–2 (ESV) 23 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my appointed feasts.

These were special Appointed times given to the Jewish People They were ordained by God...
Not man's idea...not man's holiday...God's Special Days

Holy Convocations... Convocation means a Gathering Of People... For the purpose of rehearsing something The Hebrew word for feasts is the word "Moed" Which means an appointment...a fixed time an exact time...

These Feasts were given to the Nation of Israel... So that they would know the pattern of events yet to come In these 7 feasts, God revealed His plan for Redemption... Each one signifying a key component of the life of the Messiah Each one a Dress Rehearsal...a foreshadowing...of events yet to come

God's Holidays..Appointed by Him Hebrew word for feasts means "Appointed Times" 7 Feasts that Collectively tell a Story 7 Feasts for man to meet with God for "Holy Purposes" Key Points... First given to the Hebrew Nation..Jewish nation are God's covenant people Second, they relate to the spring and fall agricultural seasons Third, timing bases on Jewish Lunar Calendar Fourth, 7 feasts typify the sequence, timing and significance of the Major Life Events of the Messiah Fifth, the Messiah Jesus fulfills the feast so all who follow Him are invited to participate Sixth, Every blessing that we hope for comes from the promises found in the OT. As believers, we are linked to Israel And the Jewish Nation

7 Feasts- The Number 7 Biblical number for perfection and completion When all 7 are completed... This age comes to a triumphant end The Golden Age will follow

7 Feasts Ordained by God

Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Feast of Weeks, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles.

They occur in order throughout the year.

4 Feasts are in the Spring...

They are completed prophetically We can look back 2000 years and see God's fulfilment Passover speaks of redemption... Predicts the Messiah's Death on Calvary for the sins of the World Unleavened bread speaks of Sanctification Depicts that the Lord's Body would not decay in the grave Firstfruits speaks of Resurrection Depicts Jesus' triumphant resurrection over death Feast of Weeks speaks of Origination Depicts the birth of the Church, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the New Covenant through Christ The 4 Spring feasts all deal with the First coming of the Messiah and have been fulfilled prophetically.

3 Feasts are in the Fall

Yet to be completed. These three are associated with Jesus' Second Coming
Trumpets...Return of Jesus at His Second Coming Day of Atonement...Salvation of Israel
Tabernacles...Establishment of the Messianic Kingdom

These feasts predict with certainty events that will yet unfold. The first 4 feasts were fulfilled literally and right on Schedule in Connection with Jesus' First Coming Thus it is very likely that the last three will also be fulfilled literally, on schedule and in connection with Jesus' Second Coming

These 7 Feasts are some of the strongest propetic claims in all of Scripture. They point to Jesus as strongly as anything Isaiah, Ezekiel, or Daniel said. Yet very few Christian churches teach on it. They want to ignore most things that are Jewish. It occurs for two reasons.

First, Satan Hates God's People- Historically Jews and now Christians. He is trying to start a civil war between the two.

Satan has influenced church leaders to embrace a sinful approach to Scripture.

Some churches teach that Christians today...should have nothing to do with the feasts That Jewish celebrations should be left in the Old Testament That they have been replaced by the New Covenant They teach a Theology that unfortunately is prevalent It is called Replacement Theology

It basically goes like this.. The Jews rejected Jesus.... Jesus got mad... The Jews killed Jesus and lost their status as God's favored people Jesus destroyed their temple and ended their promise This false teaching states that the Followers of Jesus... Have become the new vine And that Jews are condemned forever With no hope...because they killed Jesus.

"Replacement Theology" has tried to discount Jewish roots and practices It built a separation between the Christian Church and Israel A separation that is NOT supported in Scripture Promises in Scripture are made to both and it is clear... Between the Church and Israel that there is a contiguous relationship Every blessing the Christian church enjoys comes out of covenants and provisions... That God made with Israel

The really sad part...is that this position... Has represented the Christian Church for hundreds of years... Christians often speak of Hitler's persecution of the Jews But he learned it and supported it based on the teaching of our church fathers As soon as Rome converted to Christianity in the early 300's.....Jews had been persecuted by the Christian Church

In 1290 King Edward I expelled all Jews from England In 1492 Queen Isabella and Ferdinand expelled all Jews Who would not convert to Catholicism From Spain...confiscating all that they earned We will come back to that later

Early Church leaders... Augustine argued that the Jews should be left alive and suffering as a perpetual reminder of their murder of Christ. Martin Luther, In his book

On the Jews and their Lies, he excoriates them as "venomous beasts, vipers, disgusting scum, canders, devils incarnate." He continues to say "we are at fault for not slaying them" Hitler would later reference Martin Luther's teaching to justify the Holocaust

Anti-semitism is a cancer.... In the History of the Christian Church Yet the clear teaching of Scripture is that Christ followers.. Are to love and honor Jewish People In Romans 11 we are told that blindness in part came to the Jewish people But that clearly the time would come when all Israel would be saved God's relationship with Israel and the Jewish people is everlasting

Had the early church fathers understood this very clear message from the beginning The sad legacy of anti-semitism in the Christian church might have been eliminated And Replacement Theology could have died the death it deserved

A Second reason some churches don't teach on the feasts is a misinterpretation of Scripture. That has been mistakenly taken out of context Let's look at it

Galatians 4:9-11 (NIV) 9 But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? 10 You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! 11 I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.

On first blush it seems like Paul is telling them that celebrating the special days is wasted effort But the context is what they base their salvation on Paul is telling them that routine participation in the Feasts does not save them

God had already made it clear That some of these feasts were to be celebrated forever What Paul was teaching was this... When it comes to your salvation...depend on Jesus and Jesus alone It is your faith in Him that brings Salvation...John 3:16... God Loved, God Gave...We believe...We receive Not your attendance and participation in the feasts

But The Galatians were working their way to Salvation They thought what saved them was their rigorous participation In the Sabbath and the Feasts. Paul is asking them why they would put themselves under legalism since the Messiah, Jesus, freed them from trying to earn their salvation

He would tell us today... Don't think attending church on Easter and Christmas is going to save you What he would not be saying...is don't celebrate Easter and Christmas I do not believe that Paul prohibits Christians from the observation of these Appointed Times and Special Feasts. But what he does say is that the observation of special days does not make us righteous before God. It is the blood of Jesus and only His blood that makes us righteous

I personally believe that all Christ Followers Will be blessed by considering the feasts and adding some form of observance with the focus on Jesus These 7 Feasts... Like everything else in the Bible...is to point us to Jesus. Every Scripture and story...points to Jesus. Paul tells us in

Colossians....that the feasts... Are a shadow of the things to come But the real Appointed Times will be Jesus Himself

Colossians 2:16–17 (ESV) with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. 17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

As we study these feasts... In my view it is unfortunate.... That the Christian Church has so little knowledge of our Jewish Roots. It is after all the origin of Christianity...

The early Christian church was completely Jewish Jesus was Jewish and in His life He kept the Jewish Law His Heritage was traced through the Messianic Jewish line. He fulfilled all the prophecies about the first coming of the Messiah He died as a Jew and was resurrected as a Jew

He never converted to anything else. He will return as a Jewish bridegroom to "steal away" his Bride (believers in Jesus) We forget as Gentiles, that we were grafted into the Jewish Heritage We became descendents of Abraham only through what our Jewish Messiah did for us Once we understand Jewish culture...the Scriptures begin to really "pop" Christianity does not exist...and God's salvation plan makes not sense...if we reject our Jewish roots

That is why... As a nation..founded on JUDEO Christian Principles We have supported Israel since its birth as a Nation It has not been a political thing...but rather a Biblical Thing In the mid 1960's Russian Minister Krushchev... Asked President Lyndon Johnson...a TEXAN Why the USA is willing to risk so much to support an insignificant little country like Israel There are 80 million Arabs And only 3 Million Israelis Doing so Krushchev said, could cost us everything.

LBJ Told Krushchev... "We do it...because it is right" Because Our God says those who bless Israel will be blessed." Crazy! In My lifetime a President quoted and acted on Scripture.

Genesis 12:2–3 (ESV) 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

LBJ Continues to Krushchev...

"Our society is illuminated by the spiritual insights of the Hebrew prophets. ..Most if not all of you have very deep ties with the land and with the people of Israel, as I do, for my Christian faith sprang from yours the Bible stories are woven into my childhood memories as the gallant struggle of modern Jews to be free of persecution is also woven into our souls."

The USA has been a blessed Nation I believe because we have always supported Israel And God's Promise in Genesis 12:2 is true American Presidents have strongly supported Israel.

Warren Harding It is impossible for one who has studied, at all.... the the Hebrew people to avoid the faith that they will one day be restored to their historic national home and there enter on a new and yet greater phase of their contribution to the advance of humanity.

Eisenhower The teaching of their ancient belief is filled with truth for the present day. The health of our society depends upon a deep and abiding respect for the basic commandments of the God of Israel."

JFK "Let us make it clear that we will never turn our backs on our steadfast friends in Israel, who must be admired by all friends of freedom." "Israel was not created in order to disappear—Israel will endure and flourish. It is the child of hope and home of the brave. It can neither be broken by adversity nor demoralized by success.

Jimmy Carter The United States...has a warm and a unique relationship of friendship with Israel that is morally right. It is compatible with our deepest religious convictions, The survival of Israel is not just a political issue, it is a moral imperative.

George W Bush "Our two nations have a lot in common, when you think about it. We were both founded by immigrants escaping religious persecution in other lands. We both have built vibrant democracies. Both our countries are founded on certain basic beliefs, that there is an Almighty God who watches over the affairs of men and values every life. these ties will never be broken."

Barrak OBama "The United States was the first country to recognize Israel in 1948, minutes after its declaration of independence, and the deep bonds of friendship between the U.S. and Israel remain as strong and unshakeable as ever."

Donald Trump was very pro-Israel and Biden is dramatically less so....the tide is currently turning in the US against Israel. Anti Semitism is being encouraged and promoted in our leadership.

As a result, I believe our nation, this wonderful experiment in Judeo Christian Democracy is finished. Not because I said it...but because God said it. Its happening....It happened to the Roman Empire...It happened to Germany and it is now happening to us. America is under the righteous wrath of God.

God's word is crystal clear...Those who support Israel will be blessed Those who don't will be cursed Not a political thing...a biblical truth

Jerusalem is the City of God It is the place where Abraham almost sacrificed Isaac It was King David's City Solomon's temple was there It will always be God's City. According to Biblical Prophecy...Jerusalem... Is the past...present..and future of the world. From Jerusalem...Jesus will rule planet earth And His kingdom there shall never end. God never made that promise to the USA.

So our attention to this little country in the Middle East Seems to always be amped up... This year...like many years before...Tension is rising in Israel... But there is something different this time There are signs in the Heaven that lead many to believe That an Appointed Time is very near.

Now since this in an intro to our series, there is one more logistical thing I would like to make clear from the start.

God created the heavens and the earth and they reveal His glory. We are to embrace Astrology....the study of the stars, planets and universe. It is part of God's creation and we learn to worship Him by studying it. You can be fully centered in God's will, fully engaged in worship of Him while gazing through a telescope and learning about Astronomy.

Did you ever notice these words in the creation story? Genesis 1:14–15 (ESV) 14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,

Jesus told us... Luke 21:25–28 (ESV) 25 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, ...28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

But the Prophet Joel that has everyone stirred up Joel 2:31-32 (ESV) The sun shall be turned to darkness (Solar Eclipse), and the moon to blood (Lunar Eclipse) before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

We are to learn about God through the study of Astronomy....However, Astronomy is completely different from Astrology.

Astrology is not the study of God's Creation...it is believing that the created things are your God. It is believing in some source other than God from your future, your hopes, and your understanding.

Deuteronomy 4:19 (ESV) 19 And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

The fascination with astrology and horoscopes undoubtedly reflects people's desire for wisdom beyond their own and direction for the future. Astrology is the ancient belief that a person's destiny can be found in the pattern of the stars and planets at the time of one's birth. The "horoscope" is the chart that attempts to describe that destiny. The Bible mentions the astrologers in the royal court at Babylon and their inability to tell or interpret royal dreams (Daniel 2:10-11 and 4:7).

Astrology is offensive to God because it attributes to planets and stars the power that belongs to God alone and because it tries to find the will of God by other means than God has appointed. Throughout the Bible God tells us that He will guide us;

Isaiah 47:13–14 (ESV) 13 You are wearied with your many counsels; let them stand forth and save you, those who divide the heavens, who gaze at the stars, who at the new

moons make known what shall come upon you. 14 Behold, they are like stubble; the fire consumes them; they cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame.

So that is the backdrop for how we will, Lord Willing, Spend this year.

The signs seem to be everywhere God is working out His plan...just as promised in His Scriptures
Some of the keys to what happens next... Lie in a thorough understanding of the 7 Feasts of the Lord
7 Jewish Feasts... Revealing God's Plan of Salvation

Four Spring Feasts Fulfilled Sacrifice of the Passover Lamb Died and Buried in a Tomb
Resurrected Gift of the Holy Spirit

Three Fall Feasts Coming Jesus' Return with a Trumpet Shout The Repentance of Israel and
their Surrender to Jesus The Final Ingathering of all those who love Jesus...forever

Next week we dive deep into Passover And what it means for those who follow Jesus

Luke 21:25–28 (ESV) 25 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

What is going on? God is finalizing His plan...doing exactly what He said He would do....the signs are everywhere for those who are looking. So.... straighten up...raise your heads.... Your redemption is drawing near... Lets Pray