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## Time to Be Watchful

Shalom,

“Speak to Bnei-Yisrael, saying: ‘In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you are to have a Shabbat rest, a memorial of blowing (shofarot), a holy convocation. You are to do no regular work, and you are to present an offering made by fire to Adonai’” (Leviticus 23:24-25 TLV).

The fall feasts of the Lord are about to begin on the first day of the seventh month (September 19, 2020). Three events — Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles — make up the last of the yearly feasts, and they are very significant in that they rejoice at the gathering of the final harvest of the year, as well as being a time of repentance, thanksgiving, and expectation as the crops for the next year are planted.

The first feast is called “Yom Teruah” – “Day of Trumpets”. With the sounding of trumpets and shofars (ram’s horns), the Head of the Year is ushered in. **There is great celebration and thankfulness, and a spirit of expectation resounds as a call to wake up and pay attention.** Throughout scripture, the trumpet sounds as the Lord’s Voice, gathering His people for worship, for journeys, and for battle. His trumpet will announce the coming of the Bridegroom for the bride. At the sound of the shofar, the coronation of the King as He ascends His throne to rule will be announced, for the whole world to behold. The Trumpet Voice of the Lord has been heard through the writings and the prophets, proclaiming the “Good News” of the blood of the Lamb, the power of His Spirit, and the promise of His Presence. It is time for all to hear the joyful sound. **Our redemption draws nigh!**

“Behold, I tell 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 shofar. **For the shofar will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed**” (1 Corinthians 15:51-52 TLV).

This year has been a year of amazing changes. Most of us would be challenged to think of a time when so many things have occurred in such a short time that have had such profound effects on mankind. We can face this time with assurance, and even excitement, when we recognize that every challenge we face has been foretold in scripture; and we know, that as we yield ourselves to God’s loving protection, we are guarded and kept by Him from all harm. Listen to the sounds of the shofar that call us to gather and trust the Lord with all our hearts. His love will never fail!

“Now we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28 TLV).

He’s coming soon,  
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