

# To Feast or to Fast?

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Last week we discussed Christmas, and continued the discussion regarding true spiritual warfare. We ended off talking about Isaiah 58, and the true key to spiritual warfare which involves letting YHWH fight our battles.

Interestingly, that portion of Isaiah connected being loosed and freed from bondage with fasting.

At first glance, one might ask: What on earth fasting has to do with warfare? Isn't a warrior supposed to be strong and full of energy?

Fasting can make you weak and often depleted of energy.

Well, that is exactly the point. It reveals the true source of our strength and how our battles get won.

That is why Yahushua emphasized "*I have food to eat which you do not know . . . My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to finish His work.*" John 4:32, 34

Recall that Yahushua actually overcame the confrontation with hashatan at the end of a 40 day fast. So, fasting is clearly an important part of the battle that we find ourselves in,

The reason is because it helps us to focus on the spiritual instead of the physical. When we are weak, we have no choice but to draw strength from Him if we wish to succeed.

So, our food should be obedience, and the goal is to finish the work.

The Christmas season, that supposedly celebrates the birth of the Messiah, pays little attention to the actual teachings of the Messiah.

It begins after a grand feast that occurs on Thanksgiving Day in America.

We are right in the middle of this season of feasting and festivities that derives straight from the Roman celebration of Saturnalia.

The eating and feasting then continues until the first day of January, when people make resolutions to lose all the weight that they gained during the holiday season.

Of course, January 1 is not the beginning of the year on the Scriptural Calendar. Last week, we discussed some of the changes that Julius Caesar made to the Ancient Roman Calendar.

It was the Roman king Numa Pompilius who added the month of January around 700 BCE. It was originally called mensis ianuarus – the month of Ianus.

As we discussed last week, there was no letter “J” in existence in ancient languages. That is why it was impossible for the Messiah of Yisrael to be named Jesus.

January is named after Ianus - the Roman god of beginnings, gates and time. That is why Ianus is often depicted with two faces - he sees into the past and looks into the future.

This is where the tradition of New Year resolutions comes from. People, like Janus, look to the past and then resolve to alter their behavior to change their future.

It is amazing the influence that pagan culture has over people, most of whom have no idea that they are immersed and molded by the traditions of Ancient Rome.

Remember how Isaiah proclaimed “Wake up, wake up!” (Isaiah 52:1)

Well, it is really shocking to wake up from the Babylonian stupor that most of us were born into. We have actually been living within an alternate reality, far removed from the reality of the true “God of Beginnings” - YHWH Elohim.

He is the One who existed before anything, and He is the One Who created time.

His time is described in Genesis 1 along with His method of reckoning time. He built a free clock right into creation for all to see - the sun and the moon.

These two “great lights” were set in the heavens “*to divide the day from the night, and . . . for signs and Appointed Times, and for days and years.*” Genesis 1:14

We are supposed to be looking up at the lights in the sky, but most people are looking down at their smart phones to determine what time it is.

As a result, most people have no idea what time it is, without the aid of a device or printed calendar. Whatever resource they use, they are probably being told that we are in Month 12.

Well, as I mentioned last week, we are not in month 12. We are actually in Month 10 on the Creator's Calendar, and that month was never given a name by YHWH. The exiles in Babylon attached the name Tevet to it.

Now you might ask: "Does it really matter? It's just a number or a name of a month. Are numbers and names really that important?"

If you believe the Scriptures they are. We discussed the importance of the name of the Messiah last week. Now read what the text of Revelation has to say about the subject:

*"<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. <sup>13</sup> He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. <sup>14</sup> And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. <sup>15</sup> He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup> and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:11-17*

So, there will be massive control over every strata of society and that will focus on the specific identity of the Beast, involving a name, a number and a mark or stamp.

Now there are some who strictly apply a preterist interpretation to this passage, but it is important to understand that Rome never really went away.

We read in the text of Daniel that Nebuchadnezzar was provided with a vision of the Image of the Beast.

*“<sup>31</sup> You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. <sup>32</sup> This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, <sup>33</sup> its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.” Daniel 2:31-33*

Daniel was later provided more information regarding the successive kingdoms that would make up this Beast.

The Beast described in Revelation 13 is the Fourth Beast revealed to Daniel, that literally horrified him, because it was different from the others in its scope and ferocity.

*“The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.” Daniel 7:23*

We saw from the Image of the Beast that the Fourth Beast would be divided into two legs and feet. With hindsight we can see that it spanned the centuries, transforming and spreading its tentacles throughout the world through a religious system that is now attempting to unite, and corral the people of the world into one religion and under one government.

So, this Beast has ancient origins and it has spanned through the centuries. Like Janus, it extends into the past and into the future. It’s grasp upon mankind is tightening.

The good news is that Yahushua is coming to destroy the Beast that enslaves His Bride. He specifically will strike the Fourth Beast that evolved into feet of iron and clay. Now this aptly describes mixing of man and machine through trans-humanism, and Artificial Intelligence, that is happening all around us. It is though technology that the control system is being implemented upon the world.

*“<sup>34</sup> You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. <sup>35</sup> Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.” Daniel 2:34-35*

We also read the promise of victory over the beast system in Revelation 17.

*“<sup>12</sup> The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. <sup>13</sup> These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup> These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Adon of masters and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.” Revelation 17:12-14*

Before that happens, the Beast will be promoting a mark, and a name and a number, accompanied by amazing signs.

So, the question is: What signs will people look to, and what name and number will they carry?

Yahushua stated *“A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign . . .”* Matthew 16:4

As stated previously, we have already been provided with signs, but most people fail to look to them. Those lights are our daily, weekly, monthly and yearly reminder of time, and they are a reminder of the One Who created time - YHWH Elohim.

Reckoning time as the Torah prescribes keeps us focused, and in synch with the Covenant Plan of YHWH. It is an important part of our awakening, and keeps us on the straight and narrow path that leads out of Babylon and to Tzion.

That leads us back to the title of this message - To Feast or to Fast?

This is a timely message because once we realize that we are in Month 10, we can discern that there is a fast in the Tenth Month that was significant to Covenant People, and it was actually acknowledged by YHWH through the prophets.

There is a traditional fast, known as the Fast of the Tenth month that occurs on Day 10 of Month 10. The fast commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians as described in 2 Kings and Jeremiah.

*“Now it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and they built a siege wall against it all around.”* 2 Kings 25:1 and Jeremiah 52:4

Remember that Nebuchadnezzar was called the servant of YHWH, because he was authorized by YHWH to punish the House of Judah. Jeremiah specifically warned the people of this fact, and their

response should have been to repent, not to try to fight Nebuchadnezzar. Resisting and fighting Nebuchadnezzar placed them squarely in opposition to YHWH.

We discussed last week how the Beast that we currently see rising out of the Nations is also given authority. Remember that Nebuchadnezzar was the head of the Image of the Beast? We are now seeing the Feet. (Revelation 13) We are in a similar position as those in Jerusalem who saw the city being surrounded. How will you respond?

This year, the fast day lands on December 15, 2021 – next week. While the world is feasting, would you instead choose to fast?

The Prophet Zechariah mentions the fast as part of an amazing promise of a future return.

*"<sup>2</sup> Thus says YHWH of hosts: I am zealous for Tzion with great zeal; with great fervor I am zealous for her. <sup>3</sup> Thus says YHWH: I will return to Tzion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of YHWH of hosts, The Set Apart Mountain. <sup>4</sup> Thus says YHWH of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each one with his staff in his hand because of great age. <sup>5</sup> The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. <sup>6</sup> Thus says YHWH of hosts: If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, will it also be marvelous in My eyes? Says YHWH of hosts. <sup>7</sup> Thus says YHWH of hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; <sup>8</sup> I will bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people and I will be their Elohim, in truth and righteousness. <sup>9</sup> Thus says YHWH of hosts: Let your hands be strong, You who have been hearing in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, who spoke in the day the foundation was laid for the house of YHWH of hosts, that the Temple might be built. <sup>10</sup> For before these days*



*there were no wages for man nor any hire for beast; There was no peace from the enemy for whoever went out or came in; For I set all men, everyone, against his neighbor. <sup>11</sup> But now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the former days,' says YHWH of hosts. <sup>12</sup> For the seed shall be prosperous, the vine shall give its fruit, the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew - I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these. <sup>13</sup> And it shall come to pass that just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Yahudah and house of Yisrael, so I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, Let your hands be strong. <sup>14</sup> For thus says YHWH of hosts: Just as I determined to punish you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath, Says YHWH of hosts, and I would not relent, <sup>15</sup> So again in these days I am determined to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Yahudah. Do not fear. <sup>16</sup> These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace; <sup>17</sup> Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; and do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate, says YHWH. <sup>18</sup> Then the word of YHWH of hosts came to me, saying, <sup>19</sup> Thus says YHWH of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, The fast of the fifth, The fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts for the house of Yahudah. Therefore, love truth and peace. <sup>20</sup> Thus says YHWH of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities; <sup>21</sup> The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us continue to go and pray before YHWH, and seek YHWH of hosts. I myself will go also. <sup>22</sup> Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek YHWH of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before YHWH. <sup>23</sup> Thus says YHWH of hosts: In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Yahudi man, saying, Let us go with you, for we have heard that Elohim is with you." Zechariah 8:2-23*

Did you notice that the Fast of the Tenth month, along with the fasts of the Fourth month, the Fifth month and the Seventh month, will be turned to cheerful Feasts?

Well guess what? While the world is feasting, the people of YHWH are still fasting on these dates.

The Fast of the Fourth Month occurs on Day 17 of Month 4 and commemorates Aaron's sin of making the Golden Calf. (Exodus 32:1-5)

The Fast of the Fifth Month occurs on Day 9 of Month 5 and commemorates the sin of believing the false report of the 10 spies. (Numbers 13:25-14:12)

The Fast of the Seventh Month is not referring to the fast associated with Yom Kippur. Instead, it is another traditional fast that occurs on Day 4 of Month 7, known as Tzom Gedaliah. It commemorates the death of Gedaliah, after the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon. (2 Kings 25:22-25)

All of these traditional fast days acknowledged through Zechariah are still commemorated as fasts - so we have not yet seen the fulfillment of this Prophecy.

The promise is that these fast days will be turned into feasts, and it culminates with a Yahudi man - not a Jewish man as many Bibles mistranslate.

That Yahudi man is Yahushua the Messiah, and you need to take hold of His tzitzit. I discuss this portion of the prophecy in a video titled: *"Whose tzitzit are you grasping?"*

The tzitzit represent the Commandments. The point is that we need to follow Him and obey the Commandments as He teaches them.

*“<sup>38</sup> Speak to the children of Yisrael: Tell them to make tzitzit on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tzitzit of the corners. <sup>39</sup> And you shall have the tzitzit, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of YHWH and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, <sup>40</sup> and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy (set apart) for your Elohim.” Numbers 15:38-40*

YHWH is zealous for His People. He wants us to be “holy” – set apart. Fasting instead of feasting on Day 10 of Month 10 is a good reminder of where we belong - Rome or Jerusalem, Babylon or Tzion!

If we circle back to Zechariah, we can glean even more as we consider the implications to our future.

*“<sup>1</sup> Now the Messenger who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. <sup>2</sup> And he said to me, What do you see? So, I said, I am looking, and there is a Menorah of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. <sup>3</sup> Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left. <sup>4</sup> So I answered and spoke to the Messenger who talked with me, saying, What are these, adonai? <sup>5</sup> Then the Messenger who talked with me answered and said to me, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, adonai. <sup>6</sup> So he answered and said to me: This is the word of YHWH to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, Says YHWH of hosts. <sup>7</sup> Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of ‘Grace, grace’ (Hen, hen) to it! <sup>8</sup> Moreover the word of YHWH came to me, saying: <sup>9</sup> The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know that YHWH of hosts has sent Me to you. <sup>10</sup> For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of*

*YHWH, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth. <sup>11</sup> Then I answered and said to him, What are these two olive trees - at the right of the lampstand and at its left? <sup>12</sup> And I further answered and said to him, What are these two olive branches that drip into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains? <sup>13</sup> Then he answered me and said, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, adonai. <sup>14</sup> So he said, These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Adon of the whole earth.” Zechariah 4:1-14*

This is an amazing vision that has implications for us and our circumstances. The point of it all is that YHWH has plans, and He will complete them through His servants. We simply need His “hen” – which is His favor.

When we have His favor, the mountain that stands before us becomes a plain. He will remove all obstacles from our path. We can take comfort in that assurance.

It is also important to recognize that the events that occurred after the Kingdom of Yisrael was divided provide significant patterns for our future. Particularly, after the House of Yisrael was exiled by the Assyrians, events occurred that provide patterns for the return of the House of Yisrael, and the restoration of the Kingdom by the Messiah.

We saw a pattern of destruction, exile and return through the House of Yahudah that led to the revelation of Yahushua as Messiah Son of Yoseph. That restoration was not complete and ended in another destruction and exile, because the House of Yisrael remained scattered throughout the world.

We look forward to the return of Yahushua as Messiah Son of David. Through that process we anticipate the return of both exiled Houses. He will ultimately unite the divided Kingdom. (see Ezekiel 37)

As a result, when we read much of the text of Revelation, we see similar scenes and beings as described in Zechariah. These same beings that participated in the past restoration will be involved in the future restoration of the Kingdom. We need to be ready to participate.

Zerubbabel had returned along with some of the remnant from Babylon. He left his comfortable life in Babylon and went back to the Land to rebuild the Temple.

Everything was amazing at first. When the work began, people were excited and motivated - then the problems began. They were attacked and became distracted and demoralized.

The work became a struggle. They became overwhelmed with the task at hand and, things eventually came to a grinding halt. The Temple of YHWH remained unfinished while people went about living their normal lives.

Remember previously, when David brought the Ark to the City of David and set up the Tabernacle of David for YHWH? He built his palace while YHWH remained in a tent. What a profound moment that must have been when the reality set in.

His priorities had gone awry until it struck him right in the face. He then set about the planning and preparations for a House for YHWH.

Well, the remnant that returned from Babylon had a similar experience and they needed to get their priorities realigned.

The situation was described in the text of Haggai.

*"<sup>1</sup> In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of YHWH came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Yahudah, and to Yahushua*

*the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, <sup>2</sup> Thus speaks YHWH of hosts, saying: This people says, 'The time has not come, the time that YHWH's house should be built. <sup>3</sup> Then the word of YHWH came by Haggai the prophet, saying, <sup>4</sup> Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins? <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, thus says YHWH of hosts: Consider your ways! <sup>6</sup> You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes. <sup>7</sup> Thus says YHWH of hosts: Consider your ways! <sup>8</sup> Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says YHWH. <sup>9</sup> You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says YHWH of hosts. Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. <sup>10</sup> Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. <sup>11</sup> For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands. <sup>12</sup> Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Yahushua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of YHWH their Elohim, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as YHWH their Elohim had sent him; and the people feared the presence of YHWH. <sup>13</sup> Then Haggai, YHWH's messenger, spoke YHWH's message to the people, saying, "I am with you, says YHWH. <sup>14</sup> So YHWH stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Yahushua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of YHWH of hosts, their Elohim." Haggai 1:1-14*

This is amazing because the people had actually left Babylon and were supposed to be rebuilding Jerusalem and the Temple that Babylon destroyed.

Instead, they lost focus and began building their own houses. I believe this is a prophetic picture of our future. We hear so much about the housing market because we live in a culture obsessed with houses. We are so removed from the heritage of our ancestors in the faith who dwelled in tents and were ready to move.

We need to be ready to leave Babylon behind and move when YHWH directs. We need to be ready to dwell in tents while we see His plans to completion. Sometimes this is a metaphor, but it may become very real, very fast at a future Passover and Succot. That is why we rehearse – we don't just celebrate the Appointed Times.

Did you notice that when the modern State of Israel took possession of the Promised Land, they never even attempted to rebuild the Temple?

Even when they took control of Jerusalem in 1967, they didn't take the Temple Mount, which is the traditional site of the Temple. I believe the Temple Mount is actually the site of the Fortress Antonia, the headquarters of the Tenth Roman Legion in Jerusalem, but that's for another conversation.

The reason they did not even attempt to rebuild the Temple is because the modern State of Israel was founded by Zionists. Although that has a religious ring to it, Zionism has nothing to do with restoring the Covenant of YHWH through a reunited Covenant People.

Zionism is actually a secular political movement focused exclusively on establishing a homeland for the Jewish people. That is why most of the Israeli population is atheist or agnostic, and that is why the State of Israel is diametrically opposed to Yahushua the Messiah

They are not the ones who will build the House of Elohim, and neither are the Pharisees - the Rabbinic Jews.

Now don't misunderstand me. They may try, and they may build a structure to support the Jesuit teaching that Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week remains unfulfilled.

The Jesuits have deceived many Christians and Messianic Believers through their counter-Reformation teaching that the 70<sup>th</sup> week of the timeline given by Gabriel remains waiting fulfillment. They actually have many prophecy teachers attributing the past work of the Messiah to a future anti-christ. As a result, many are actually supporting and anticipating an anti-christ, or rather anti-messiah Temple.

They believe that it is necessary to restore the sacrifices and they are off looking for red heifers and the Ark of the Covenant, actually serving as pawns for the Pharisees.

As a result of this deception, we may see a Temple or some structure built on the Land owned by Rome in Jerusalem. In fact, the Beast that is given authority may actually call down fire to ignite the altar. That would likely blow people's minds and many unlearned and gullible people will likely be deceived.

Over the past two decades, I have seen many people walk away from the Messiah in order to follow the sorcery and witchcraft of Kabbalism built into the Jewish religion. Political Zionists have no right or claim to the title of Zion, and the same holds true for the State of Israel. They are both misappropriating what belongs to YHWH.

It is also important to understand that any new Temple built by the Pharisees will not be the place that YHWH calls home. The only lasting house that YHWH will authorize is the one built by His Only Begotten Son, Yahushua the Messiah.



Yahushua said He went to prepare a place for us, and He is returning with that place - the New Jerusalem. We may see Ezekiel's Temple built during the Millennial reign, but even that will not endure past the renewal of the heavens and the earth after the Millennial reign is concluded.

The New Jerusalem will descend on the Eighth Day - at the completion of the Seventh Millennium. But that is something far in the future.

Right now, there are people currently scattered throughout the world, trapped within the Fourth Beast - Rome.

There may come a day when they will be called to return and rebuild. I suspect most won't. Most will choose to remain in their houses, unless YHWH makes it uncomfortable, like He did with the Israelites.

It is likely that only a remnant will choose to leave Rome and return to rebuild what Rome destroyed in the Covenant Land. It is important that they remember that it is not by might or by power, otherwise we may get overwhelmed and defeated when confronted by the evil schemes of the Fourth Beast.

YHWH will destroy the powerful nations and He has a Feast planned for those who find their strength in Him. We read that promise in Isaiah.

*"<sup>4</sup> For You have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat; For the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. <sup>5</sup> You will reduce the noise of aliens, as heat in a dry place; as heat in the shadow of a cloud, the song of the terrible ones will be diminished. <sup>6</sup> And in this mountain YHWH of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast*

*of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. <sup>7</sup> And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever, and Adonai YHWH will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For YHWH has spoken. <sup>9</sup> And it will be said in that day: Behold, this is our Elohim; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is YHWH; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”* Isaiah 25:4-9

So, we began this discussion with Isaiah detailing the power and importance of fasting, and we end with Isaiah promising a great feast for the people of Elohim.

Next week may be a good time to demonstrate that you are one of His people by separating from Babylon on Day 10 of Month 10 (December 15), and fasting instead of feasting.

Yahushua stated that His coming would be like the Days of Noah and the days of Lot.

*“<sup>26</sup> And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: <sup>27</sup> They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup> Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; <sup>29</sup> but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup> Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.”* Luke 17:26-30

Society is unraveling right before our eyes. Nevertheless, the world continues eating, drinking and feasting throughout this holiday season. They fail to see the invading army surrounding them as the Beast rises from the sea. Their hearts will fail them from fear, because

they are unprepared for the coming of the Son of Man. (Luke 21:28-28)

Therefore, the people of Elohim continue to fast. We understand that judgment is coming, but we know that a great Feast will follow!

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Shema Yisrael (Hear O Yisrael) are the words that Yahushua spoke when asked what was the First Command.

*“The first of all the Commandments is: ‘Hear, O Yisrael,  
YHWH our Elohim, YHWH is one.’  
Mark 12:29*

*“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”  
Matthew 11:15*