Eschatology

The Study of the End Times

Feast Number Four

Pentecost

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This is the most familiar of the feasts, and the one the Church can relate to because we think we understand it. But do we?

- Takes place 49 days after First Fruits, so with Firsts Fruits a total 50 fifty days is counted.
- The word Pentecost means "50" in Greek.
- In simple terms, this is the day the Church was born.
- The Jews kept Pentecost for 1500 years before the Church was born, and continue to do so.

Pentecost and Moses

- We are first introduced to this feast when Moses came down the mountain with the Ten Commandments.
- It happened 50 days after Israel left their bondage in Egypt.
- This Feast is also known as the Feast of the Long Harvest.

Pentecost and Moses

- Jesus told us that the fields were ripe to harvest.
- Leviticus 23:15-17 the beginning of Pentecost.
- On this day 3000 died under the Law because of the sin with the golden calf. Exodus 32:28
- When the Church was born, 3000 were saved under grace. Acts 2:41.
- Look at Israel and the Church Leviticus 23:17.

Pentecost and Moses

- The Harvest will last all summer long, for several weeks, thus it is also called the Feast of Weeks.
- The Feast of Passover involves unleavened bread, bread with no additives, symbolizing the absence of sin.
- The Feast of Weeks, or as we Christians call it, Pentecost, however, is celebrated with leavened bread, symbolizing the presence of sin.
- The two loaves symbolize the two groups of sinful (leavened) people in the world: God's chosen (Israel) and the gentiles.

- We now know when it began, and what it is called: Feast of Weeks, or Harvest Festival.
- Keeping in mind the words of Jesus, "the fields are ripe to harvest", What should our actions be?

Our Course of ACTION!

- Study God's Word to prepare our hearts to do the work of the harvest.
- Make sure that our lives measure up to His Word.
- Become a harvester because the time is short.

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The Long Harvest Time

- For the past 2000 years we have been in the fields, which Jesus said were "ripe to harvest"
- In the book of Hosea 6:1-2, we read these words,

The words of Hosea

Hosea 6:1-2 KJV

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, but He will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

- Peter and Moses tell us that with the Lord a day is like a 1000 years and a 1000 years is like a day.
- Are we at the end of the 2nd day? Is the Rapture about to take place? *Only God knows*.

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- As Hosea tells us, it's been 2000 years that Israel has been out of favor with the Lord, and they are about to be brought back into God's grace.
- What does this mean to the Church?

It's show time!

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