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God's calendar?

significance of shemithah (or shmita)

you know the old joke, "i'm not a doctor but i play one on tv?" well, i'm not jewish but i've watched a lot of videos about them, some actually by jewish people. i don't know if that gives me any special qualifications to talk about this subject or not. i do know it is a "significant" topic and needs talked about, investigated, meditated on and prayed about. all that being said, let me try to proceed with the little understanding i have.

i think we all know there is a jewish calendar, which i believe is God's calendar. then we have the gregorian calendar, used now by most of the world. our main concern here is the jewish way of keeping time. it is those jewish feasts, recognized in the christian world, some having been fulfilled and those we look to for a future fulfillment.

we all know the word tells us God created the world in six days and He rested on the seventh. He set up that same cycle for the jewish people. also referred to as the sabbatical year, or "sabbath of the land." it is most widely known as an agricultural cycle whereby the land is given rest for one year. they were to work the land during those six years and allow it to rest on the seventh.

so every seventh year is a shemithah. how do we know this is a shemithah? the year 5782 may be equally

divided by seven, making it a shemitah year. God also declared that every fiftieth year was to be a jubilee year. the jubilee year falls at the end of seven cycles of shemitahs and, according to biblical regulations, had a special impact on the ownership and management of land in the land of israel. according to the book of leviticus, hebrew slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven, and the mercies of God would be particularly manifest.

some claim this and the year that begins when this one ends (the claimed 'jubilee') is being called a 'super shemitah' and runs through 2023. i cannot offer you veracity for either one. i do know the fall feasts are about to begin and expectancy among the body of Christ is running rampant.

i do not think any of us need to look too far to see that lawlessness and evil is having it's day. the confusion and deception which is being hoisted upon the young, unenlightened and foolish can be mind boggling at times.

we know the feasts of the Lord celebrated by the jewish people, and now recognized by most christians. the spring feasts: passover - He was the lamb that was slain. unleavened bread - He lived a sinless life. firstfruits - He was first to rise from the dead. pentecost - the Holy Spirit was given. (all these were fulfilled) the fall feasts: trumpets - will He rapture His people on trumpets? atonement - the possible second coming. feast of Tabernacles - His thousand year rein on earth.

there are those speculating this destruction or the “great reset” may be the beginning of the great tribulation. so there you have it. i give you what i understand of the situation. (for those wanting a little further explanation of the shemitah and jubilee check out this video on youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-j8YpZH9yk&list=WL&index=12&t=674s>)

i do know the word tells us, “but you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this day should overtake you as a thief.” 1 Thess 5:4 i strongly suggest that each of you live with “expectancy” in your heart. He did say we should be able to distinguish the times and the seasons and i think it is time to look up. it is time we loosen our hold on worldly things and reach up to where our treasure is store. centuries are down to years, years to months, months to hours, etc. how close is it? we shall know, in the twinkling of an eye.