

The Seven Mysteries of the Age

Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one, the lamb shall be divided in portions to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two door posts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night, they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

Exodus 12: 3-8 NRSV

The first mystery is Passover. The sacred Jewish year now begins. Its mystery foreshadows the death of the Lamb (Jesus) that begins the age of salvation.

The Lord spoke to Moses: speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruit of your harvest to the priest. He shall raise the sheaf before the Lord, that you may find acceptance, on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall raise it.

Leviticus 23:9-11 NRSV

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order, Christ, the first fruit, then at His coming those who belong to Christ.

1 Corinthians 15: 20-23 NRSV

The second mystery, Yom Resheet, is the day of first fruits of the spring harvest. The gifts of the harvest are lifted up to God. Its mystery foreshadows the second appointed event of the age. Jesus is lifted up from the dead. The raising up of the first fruits of new life, the resurrection.

And from the day after the Sabbath, from the day on which you bring the sheaf of the elevation offering, you shall count off seven weeks; they shall be complete. You shall count until the day after the seventh Sabbath, 50 days; then you shall present an offering of new grain to the Lord.

Leviticus 23: 15-16 NRSV

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were

filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2: 2-4 NRSV

The third mystery, the Feast of Shavuot, is the launching of the summer harvest. Its mystery foreshadows the third appointed event, Pentecost. Pentecost is the giving of the Holy Spirit, launching the harvest of the age.

The fourth mystery is the summer harvest, the time of reaping the fields. Its mystery speaks of the harvest of nations, the time of the Gospel. The time to sow, reap, and go to the ends of the earth with the word of Salvation. That time is NOW!!

The Lord spoke to Moses saying; speak to the people of Israel. In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of complete rest, a holy convocation commemorated with trumpet blasts.

Leviticus 23: 23-24 NRSV

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: 31 NRSV

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1Corinthians 15:52 NRSV

The fifth mystery, the Feast of Trumpets, deals with what is next to come. Its mystery foretells the sounding of the trumpets at the end of the age to herald the coming of the King.

For it is written, as I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God. So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Romans 14:11-12 NRSV

For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5:10 NRSV

The sixth mystery, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, where we see man and God, face-to-face. Its mystery foreshadows the Day of Judgment and Salvation.

The seventh mystery, the Feast of Tabernacles, sometimes called the Feast of Dwellings. Its mystery foretells the end of the age of earthly life, when God will tabernacle among us and we with Him.....and the mysteries of the age will be fulfilled.