

The Revelation

M3-3H Rev 14

Intro song

Do you believe that Jesus is coming back?

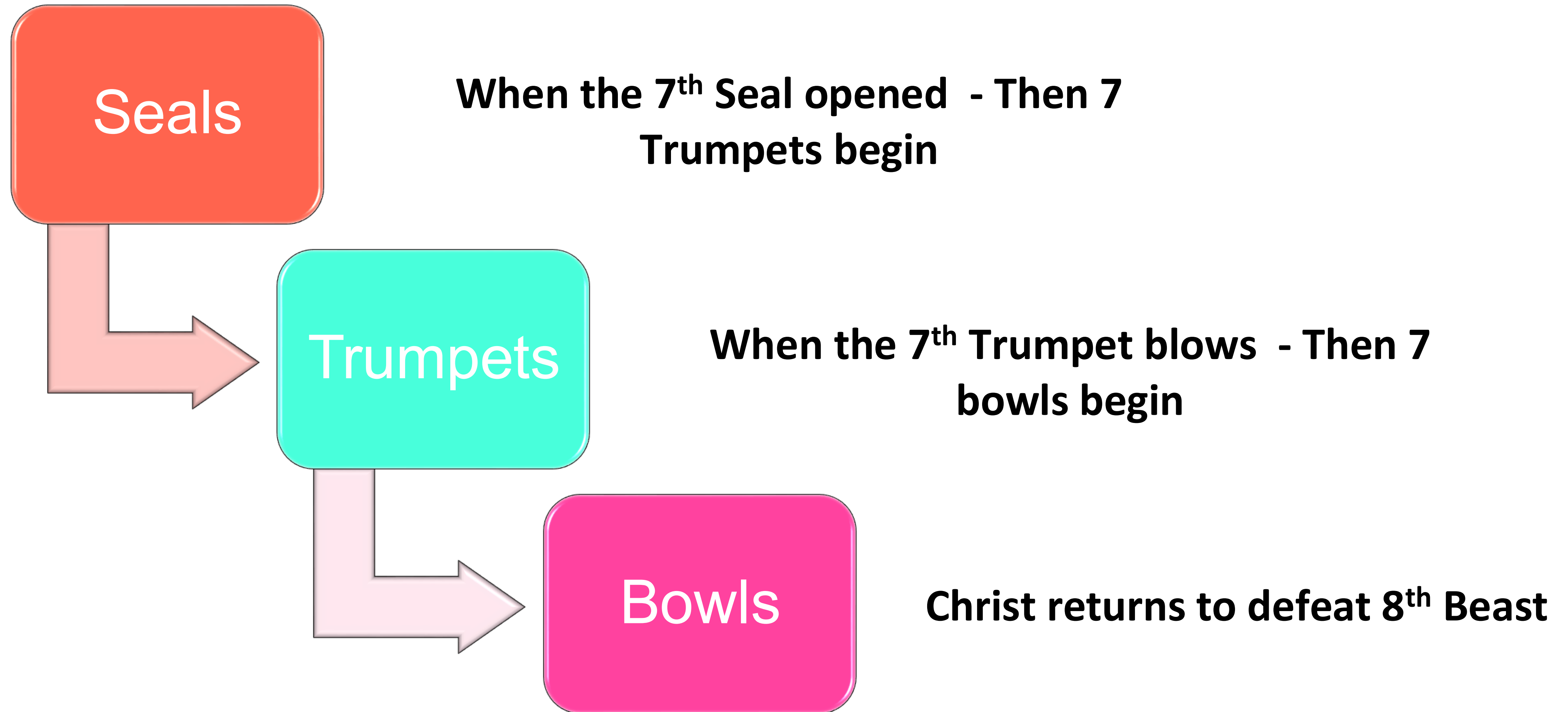
Recap – The Trumpets

Last time we looked at Rev 8-11

- The Trumpets are a blessing from God to protect His people
 - Golden censor (Seal 7) at the Seder of the last Passover (15 Nissan)
 - Trumpet 1-5: Consecutive days of the Passover
 - Trumpet 6: 1/3 of the earth's population
 - Moves world toward Jerusalem
 - Tied to the resurrection of the two witnesses – because 2nd woe passed
 - Likely tied to Tisha B'Av & Destruction of 3rd Temple
 - Trumpet 7: On the Feast of Trumpets
 - Two assumptions in this timeline which we believe can be applied
 1. The 7-day pattern of ½ hour may have precedence in other areas
 2. The two witnesses arrive 7 days after Antichrist defiles temple
- Trumpet 5 Directly strikes at the Antichrist's forces to allow 144,000 to work
 - Trumpet 6 Ends Antichrist's control of the temple mount
 - Trumpet 7 Initiates the fall feasts which announces the end of the Antichrist and the return of King Jesus

7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, 7 Bowls

Remember the sequence in Revelations



- We will be focusing on the bowls today and where they fit in

Overview

- Rev 14
 - The Lamb and the 144,000
 - Three Angels
 - The Harvest
- When does the harvest occur??
 - Pre-Tribulation
 - Mid-Tribulation
 - Pre-Wrath
 - Post-Tribulation

The Lamb and the 144,000

- Introduced at Seal 6, around 1150 days into the Great Tribulation
- Here we have the 144,000 between Trumpet 7 and Bowl 1 – Why is that?
 - Rev 6 – Seal 6 is in the Great Tribulation (Rev 7)
 - Rev 11 – 7th Trumpet
 - Interlude
 - Rev 12 – Provides the timing of the whole Tribulation
 - Rev 13 – Introduces the Beast of the Sea and the Beast of the Earth
 - They have authority only for the last 42 months
 - This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.
- Why can't Rev 14 be a continuation of the interlude
 - Because they were not sealed until they were in the Great Tribulation

Rev 14 Why this isn't an interlude

The Messages of the Three Angels

- 1. Proclaims the Eternal Gospel – Fear God and give Him glory
 - The hour of judgement has come – ½ hour is 7.5 days; hour – 15 days
 - The 7th Trumpet was on the Feast of Trumpets – There are 15 days until the Feast Tabernacles
- 2. Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great - Destruction of Babylon
 - Those who drank the maddening wine of her adulteries
 - This happens at the end, not the beginning
- 3. If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives the mark
 - They will drink the wine of God's fury and be tormented forever in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb!
 - This can't be before the tribulation, no one has the mark until after the midpoint
- ¹² This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus. – Why does He tell us this again
- The story is continuing, this is just like what we showed you last episode with Rev 10; Remember who the angel (Jesus) told us when the 7th angel sounds trumpet.
- Here we have references to the judgement at the end; so this is a continuation

The Harvest

- 1) The Son of Man seated on a cloud
 - Another angel tells Him the time has come to harvest the earth
 - He reaps the ripe earth
- 2) Yet another angel comes out and reaps the grapes of the earth
 - He throws them in the wine press of God's wrath
 - They were trampled outside the city (Jerusalem)
 - The blood flows 1600 stadia (180 miles)

- Why is it here? Because the Harvest at the End

The Parables Agree

The Harvest

- Parable of the Weeds Matt 13: 40-43 ESV
 - **The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.**
 - **40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43** Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.
- The Parable of the Net Matt 13:49-50 ESV
 - **49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Watch of the Night

Romans had four watches 9pm, Midnight, 3 am, Dawn

- Parable of the Ten Virgins Matt 25 ESV
 - 25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. **6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’** 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ **13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.**
- Learn the Lesson of the Fig Tree – Does Jesus telling us we don’t know the hour imply, that we have no clue what is going on
 - No - He is telling us we will be able to see it coming

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- The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Servants Luke 12:38 ESV
 - **35** “Stay dressed for action^f and keep your lamps burning, **36** and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. **37** Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. **38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!** **39** But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he^h would not have left his house to be broken into. **40** You also must be ready, for **the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**”
- The Parable of the Lesson of the Fig Tree Mark 13 ESV
 - **32** “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. **34** It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.
 - **35** Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, **in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning**— **36** lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. **37** And what I say to you I say to all: **Stay awake.**”
- **Matthew 14:25-30 (NKJV):** “**Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea**”.
NOTE: came to them in their darkest hour

- Is the night Jesus is talking about a part of the 24-hour orbital cycle?

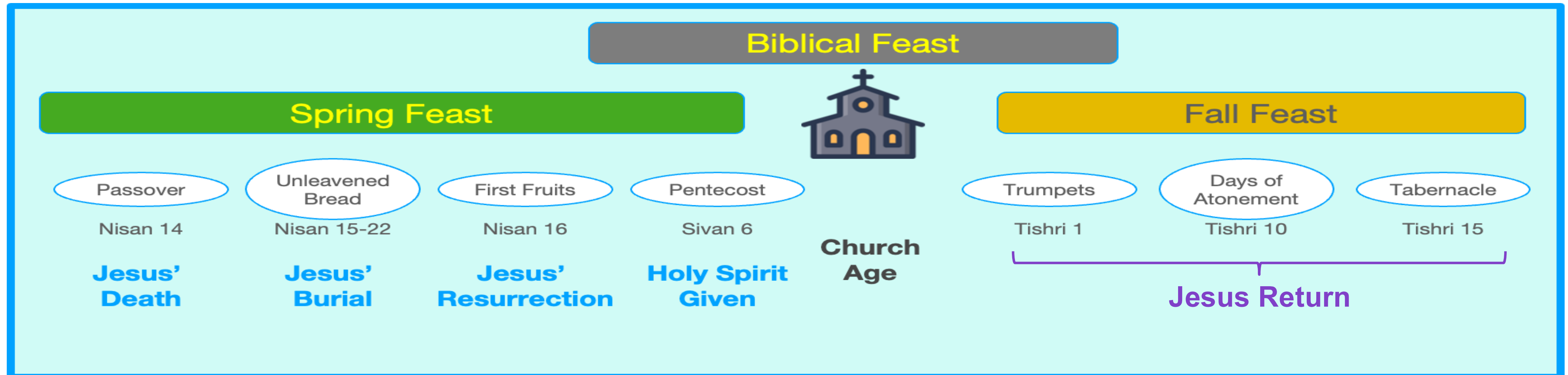
Jesus speaks of the coming night

- John 9:4 ESV
 - ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; **night is coming, when no one can work.**
 - He's not talking about a time of – you can't stay up 24 -7
 - He's talking a time of spiritual darkness when the antichrist comes
 - This is what the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation were all about
 - Telling us what to watch for to know the time has come
 - Was this limited to Daniel?
 - No – that's the whole point of majority of old testament prophets that wrote books --> To point to the Day of the Lord and His return
- These references to the watches of the night are references to His return and the resurrection or rapture
- So Rev 14 is clearly the harvest at the end of the age – doesn't that make it the rapture?

The Old Testament matters

Recap importance of the feasts

- Jesus fulfilled spring feasts
 - It was also at the very end the 69th week of Daniel 9
 - Meaning, this was at the end of that age



- So wouldn't His return be at the very end of the 70th weeks?

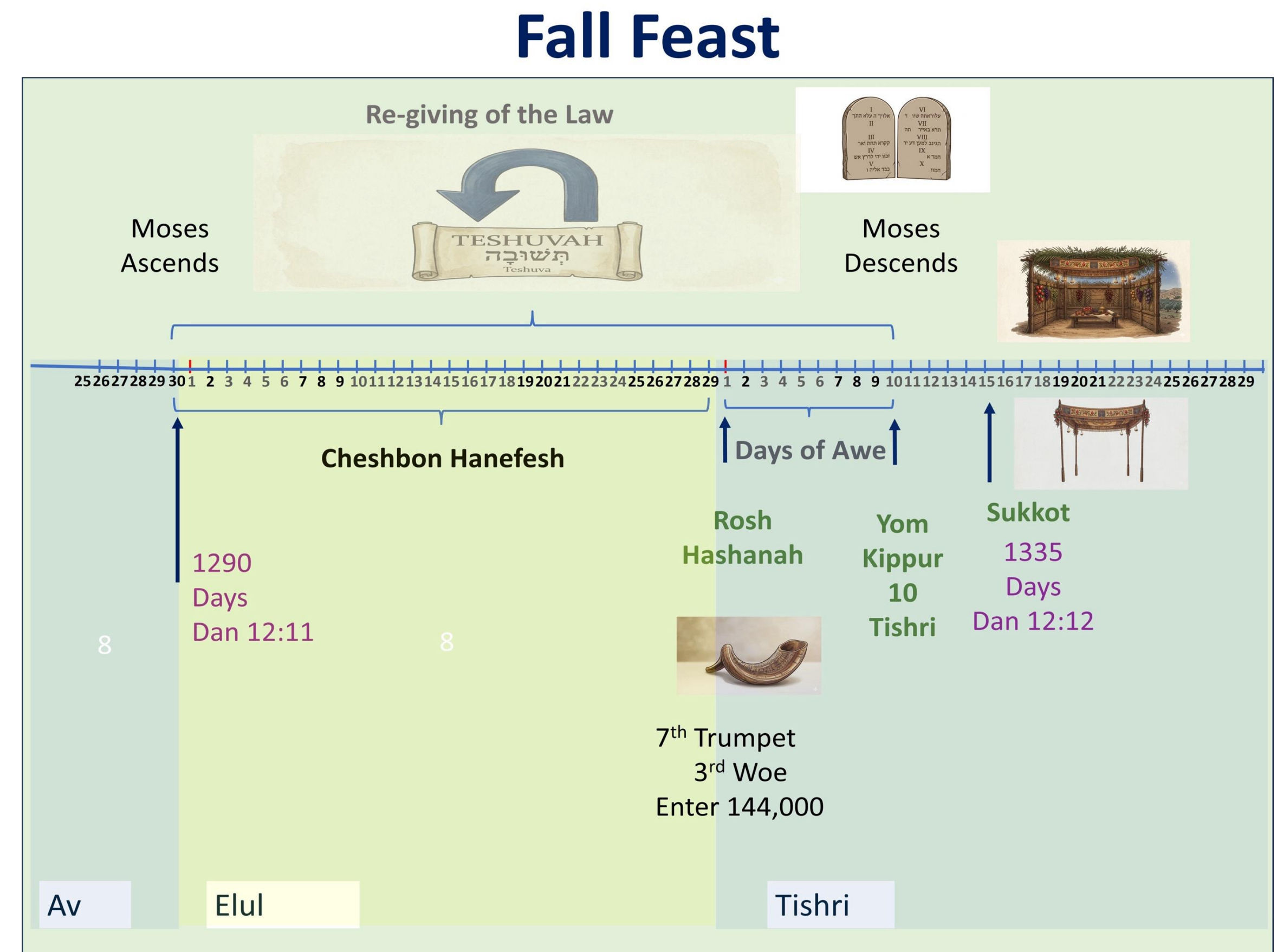
Why do messianic Jews grasp connection of the feasts

But the church at large doesn't??

- Because many in the church miss the importance of Romans 9/11
 - Rom 9: Abraham believed and it was credited as righteousness
 - they are part of the elect
 - Rom 11:1-12 Some Jews grafted out for unbelief (lack of faith)
 - we are grafted in – we are part of the elect
 - However, not all Jews grafted out, all of the initial believers were Jews
 - Jesus was and is a Jew
 - Vs 13-22 Their trespass led to the church (largely the gentiles) is grafted in
 - guess what – that means you're a Jew, you're a part of the vine, not the other way around
 - Vs11 & 14 – Why: God is making the Jews jealous
 - Vs 23-27 Jews will be grafted back in
 - partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way **all Israel** will be saved
- God gave us the messianic Jews (aka Paul, Peter, James) to show us the Old/New Testament connections

The Old Testament matters

- Recap how Feasts are at the end
 - We showed how Daniel 12 connects the fall feasts to the period after the great tribulation through a period of Teshuvah which was tied to the 1290 and 1335 days
 - Zech 14 – why do the nations that survived come down to the feast of tabernacles
 - because Jesus destroys the antichrist on the day of atonement



- If the feast of tabernacles is on day 1335, The rapture cannot be on the feast of trumpets at the beginning of the Tribulation

Pre-Tribulation View – Seal 1

- Put all their eggs in 2 Thes – Holy Spirit is holding back man of lawlessness
 - Is that really true or is it really Michael, the arch angel
 - Dan 10: Jesus Christ talking to Daniel → say Michael is only one who helps him
 - You can't take the Holy Spirit out of the world because of a rapture
 - We are anchored to Holy Spirit, He is not tied to us
 - Another major flaw: it requires two comings/two resurrections of the righteous
 - There is no supporting scripture for two resurrections of the righteous
 - Dan 12: the rapture of the Jews is at the end → matches Matt 24
 - Dan 12: tie to the feasts, and the fall feasts are at the end → matches Zech 14
 - 1 Cor 15: dead rise first
 - Church not mentioned in the Revelation after Rev 3
 - This is counter to all the other epistles – He knew who He is writing to
 - Rev 12 is clear – Antichrist goes off to fight those who hold to the testimony of Jesus
 - What is the point, if we have to go thru it
 - God intervenes and protects us thru it; just like in the exodus
 - We are called to suffer with Christ Jesus
 - Our witness in suffering brings others to Jesus
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- The only real thing you can hang this assessment on is Mark 13 – He might come on the first watch
 - The unwillingness to connect Old and New testaments is a major flaw in the Pretribulation view

Pre Wrath View – Seal 6 is the Rapture

- Seal 6 is the sign of the Day of the Lord
 - They believe Rev 7 is the rapture
 - Could be, but reasoning of white robes does not hold up, Seal 5 had white robes also
 - The large group coming out of great tribulation is compelling
 - Problems lie in it doesn't match in that Christ does not stay – He would have to stay in space for ½ year – that's the whole point of the words for His coming
 - Problem is it still demands two raptures
 - Van Kampen got around it by saying that Dan 12 rapture happens at same time, not as compelling
 - Dan 12 rapture is tied to feasts, which are at the end
 - What happens to Christians that die in this period – still need a resurrection
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- They have correctly identified the signs for the Day of the Lord
 - Because seal 6 is near day 1150, this is in the 4th watch

Post tribulation [Pre-Wrath Bowls] View – Trumpet 7

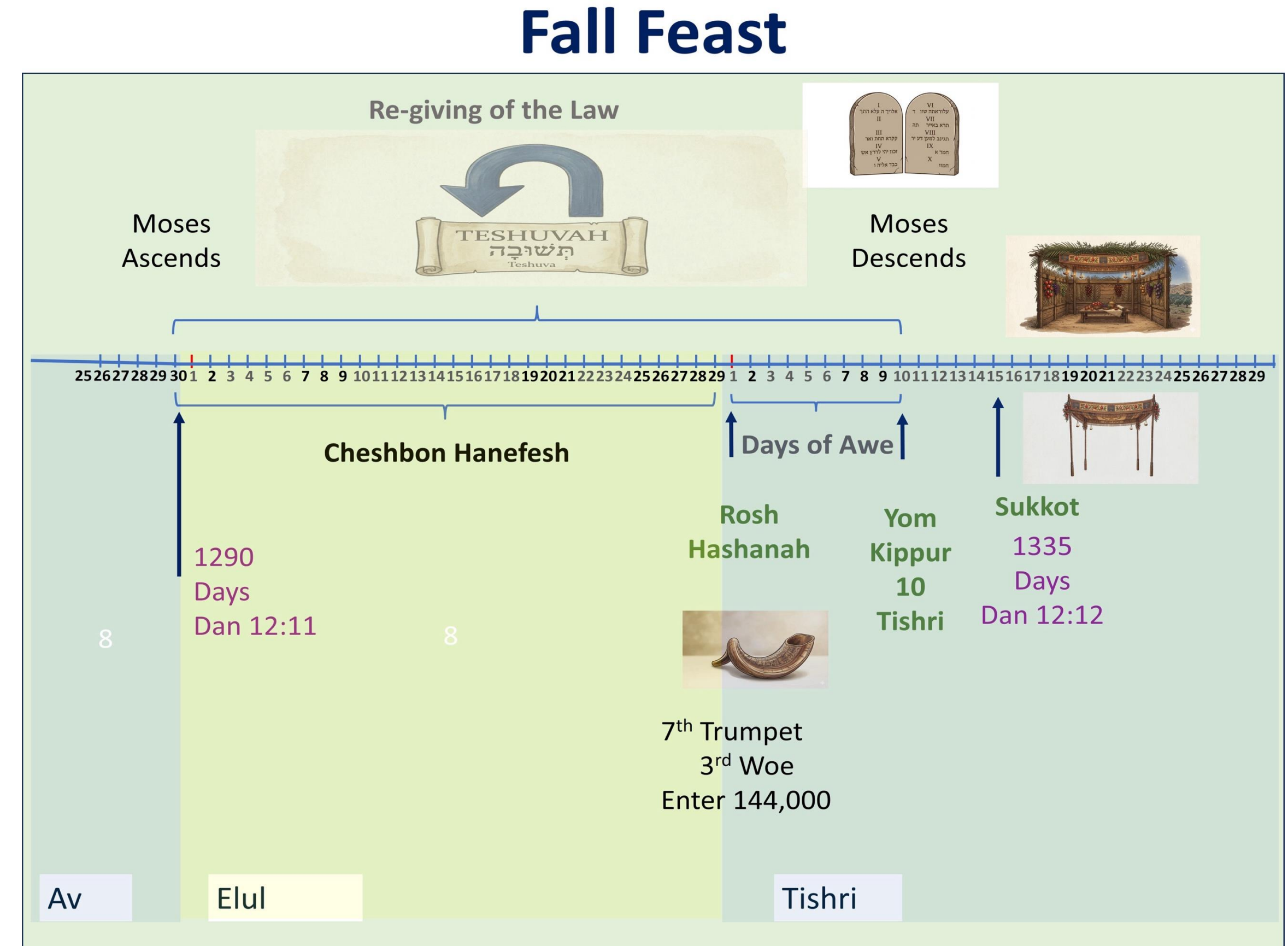
Rev 11:16-19 ESV

- 16 And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. 18 The nations raged, but your wrath came, and **1**) the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and **2**) for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”
- 19 Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.
- The ark precedes judgement

Post tribulation [Pre-Wrath Bowls] View – Trumpet 7

Part 2 Jesus is literally fulfilling the law

- All of these other views for the fall feast days
 - Once your anchored to the feast of tabernacle is the last day → everything else falls in place
- Trumpet 7 on the Feast of Trumpets
 - Logical reasoning from Dan 12
 - Son of man reaps the earth – meaning He has come and we meet Him up in the air
- Bowls poured out on the Days of Awe
- Day of Atonement - Jesus returns with His army to earth to defeat antichrist



- Old and New Testament completely mesh together in agreement
- Jesus is literally fulfilling the law

We are not called to God's Wrath

- 1 Thes
 - So, if we stay, he will have to protect us thru it
 - Ex – Israel – the first three judgements on Egypt were on everyone including Israel, the last 7 were only on the Egyptians
 - We talked about how the Trumpet judgements actually protect God's people
 - Did that keep Israel from the wrath of the Egyptians – No
 - Tribulation is not wrath- it is the refining fire
 - Dan 11/12, Malachi, Zech 13, Isa 48, PS 66
 - Rev 2/3, 1 Pet 1: 6-7
 - John 15:18-20
 - If the world hates you, keep in mind it hated me first....If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also
- Refinement through tribulation is not God's wrath, but God can protect while the Trumpets are happening



Summary

When is the rapture

- Pre-Tribulation slim – 1st watch
 - Its not compelling because it can't match the old testament prophecies with new testament prophecies
 - Every argument is confirmation biased
 - Mid-Tribulation slim – 2nd and 3rd watch
 - It has the same problem
 - Pre-wrath – compelling – synchronizes much of the bible
 - matches matt 24, Rev 12
 - Seal 6 Pre Wrath compelling, and is the sign of the Day of the Lord
 - Still has issues with Dan 12 – two raptures and fall feasts
 - Post-Tribulation (Pre Bowls Pre Wrath) is most compelling because of the fall feasts, matches Dan 12
 - Brings the entirety of biblical prophecy in harmony
- Post Tribulation (Pre Bowls Pre Wrath) matches best

Question of the Day

- Where is Babylon?

- Homework – Read Rev 15-16; Rev 18-19

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