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Mission Pioneer Valley presents Ten Days of Awe By Roberta D'Amico

Starting on Thursday night, September 14th, 2023, at 6 p.m., Mission Pioneer Valley began 10 Days of Prayer and Repentance. This service, held at the Spanish Christian Church at 565 Chestnut Street in Springfield, was to introduce the 10 Days of prayer and repentance, starting from the Jewish Feast of Trumpets, or Rosh Hashanah, to Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. These 'feast days', called the Ten Days of Awe, which the Jewish community still celebrate according to the instructions God gave in the Book of Leviticus chapter 23, began the ten days of prayer and fasting on Friday, September 15, 2023. These particular days were chosen as appropriate for a season of prayer and repentance to bring people of Pioneer Valley closer to God, to pray for our city, our state, and our nation, and to unite believers from all ethnic groups, nationalities, and cultures before the Return of Christ. At this initial gathering, there were many voices lifted up to God in prayer, speaking in several languages!



For the purpose of this season of prayer and repentance, ten pastors volunteered their churches for 10 days of evening services both in Springfield and six other surrounding cities, from September 15th to 24th. In these days, in the different worship experiences, many participants repented from apathy, prejudice, fear, and worldliness and turned to God. In addition we prayed for miracles and healing. On the first night of services, the Shofar was blown, in praise and honor to God. On another night, everyone formed a circle and prayed for one another. It was a blessing just to be in the Presence of the Lord!

You may ask, why align this season of prayer and repentance with the Jewish Feast Days? What meaning do they have to Christians in the 21st Century? More than you think! When we study the Hebrew roots of Christianity, we discover the message that God has for us in them. There are 7 annual Feast Days that God established which are linked to the agrarian year. There are four in the spring that coincide with the Easter season and the spring harvest and three in the fall that coincide with the later harvest. In Israel, there are crops that are harvested both in the spring and in the fall.

But these Jewish feast days were intended by God to mean more than just celebrating His goodness and provision. They are prophetic! For example, the first spring feast is Passover. Instituted in Egypt as a plague to cause the Pharaoh to set God's people free, it symbolically illustrates the substitutionary principle that God used first in the Garden of Eden to cover Adam and Eve's sin, then again in Egypt with the Lamb's blood on the door so the Angel of Death would 'pass over' the Believers, and continued to be celebrated in Jerusalem where Jesus went to celebrate the Feast Day that pointed to His own soon to come substitutionary death on the Cross for our sins!

The Feast of Trumpets, or Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is the first fall celebration, and then 10 Days later, there is



Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. These are called the High Holy Days. During those ten days, God's people were to repent and humble themselves, so that God would look with favor on them on the Day of Atonement. Hence they were called the Days of Awe. However, there is more! The 7 special festivals also were prophetic regarding the life of Christ. Jesus died as the Passover Lamb (first feast), was presented as perfect (Unleavened Bread, second feast) and rose again on Sunday as the First Fruits (third feast)! He sent the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (50 days after Passover, the 4th 'Feast' Day) then in the fall, the Feast of Trumpets, September 15, heralds the Rapture; Yom Kippur announces the Return of Christ and judgement (Second Coming); and the last Feast Day, Tabernacles – announcing the Millennial Kingdom! So they all relate to our past, present, and future! Pause and consider how deep into the Old Testament are the roots of our Christianity!

So, the first four feasts have already been fulfilled centuries ago, at the first coming of our Messiah Jesus Christ. But the next and final three feasts will be fulfilled at His Second Coming! Since this program which God planned and instituted millennia ago is still being celebrated by the Jewish Community in the 21st Century, we can know that Jesus has not forgotten us, but surely will return as promised! But no one knows the day or the hour! We do know we must be ready!

Pastor Renzo Visits the Haystack Monument

Pastor Renzo Ventrice, the Redemption Gate Mission Evangelist, has been traveling all over New England, not just enlisting churches to participate in the coming Michael Youssef Campaign in Springfield Massachusetts, but sharing the gospel and speaking of Holy Grounds Coffee House ministry with over 160 churches. Being an expert on church history, he is always interested speaking on church history and visiting historic places. So on September 16, 2023, Pastor Renzo was able to visit the famous Haystack Monument in Williamstown, Massachusetts! Here's the story:



Williams College, a private college which ranks #1 as a Liberal Arts College, was established in 1793 as a prestigious men's college in Williamstown, Massachusetts. However, something even more important occurred there in 1806, just 13 years later! It was the time of the 2nd Great Awakening in America, and five students were praying in a nearby field when a violent storm arose. The students sought shelter under a nearby haystack. It was here that these men felt the call of God to take the Gospel to other places in the world. Their vision was specific from the Lord – to go in person with the Gospel to the world.

Their first endeavor was to India. This was the beginning of world missions and evangelism. The monument was erected in 1867. It was put in a special place called Mission Park. The Board of Foreign Missions began here, at the "Haystack Revival", the home of American Protestant Christian Missions.

Regular Events:

Morning Bible Study is open to all to learn more about the Bible - Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.!!
Sunday Services at 5 p.m. with Pastor Bobby Quinones

