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ROSH HASHANAH
JEWISH CIVIL NEW YEAR

Today is the Jewish Civil (Government) New Year called by us as the Feast of Trumpets. Jews call it Rosh Ha Shanah or Yom Teruah. It began at sundown (or 6 p.m.) yesterday.

Rosh – (The head or the beginning) -Ha (the) – Shanah (Year).
Yom – (Day) – Teruah (Trumpets)

The Jews have two calendars. The religious calendar that God gave to Moses starts in the spring month of Abib (Nisan) which is March to April on our calendar. The Biblical Feasts commanded by God is based on this religious calendar.

The government of Israel goes by the civil calendar which starts six months later in the month of Tishri, which is September to October by our Gregorian Calendar.

The first day of the month Tishri begins on the night of the new moon as do all Jewish months. This is actually a two-day celebration that will last until sundown tomorrow. The date varies on our Gregorian (or Julian) calendars depending on when the new moon occurs.

Although Yom Teruah (Rosh Ha Shanah) is a feast time with special foods and rituals, it is not a festive time like our New Year celebration. It is a very somber time for personal reflection, evaluation, introspection, restitution, and doing good deeds. We will look more at that tomorrow, the second day of the Feast of Trumpets.

Whether you call it “Feast of Trumpets”, “Yom Teruah,” or “Rosh Ha Shanah” it is still a major biblical feast set aside for God’s purposes and leading up to the Day of Atonement.

Tomorrow we shall see how they observe it.