

Hoshana Rabbah and the Rapture

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THE final climactic day of the Feast of Tabernacles, called *Hoshana Rabbah*, begins October 13 this year.

Like the other fall Holy Days, *Hoshana Rabbah* has themes that point to the Rapture.

For instance:

THE GREAT DELIVERANCE

The Jewish phrase *Hoshana Rabbah* means “great deliverance” or “great rescue.”

The Rapture is the great deliverance, or rescue, from God’s judgment (1 Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10; Luke 21:36).

THE LAST DAY

Hoshana Rabbah is the last day of the last festival (Lev. 23:41).

Jesus said He will raise His followers up at the “last day” (John 6:40, 44, 54).

JUDGMENT DELIVERED

Jews traditionally consider *Hoshana Rabbah* the final day of judgment, when the heavenly verdict decreed on the Feast of Trumpets and sealed on the Day of Atonement is actually delivered.

The rapture-judgment could thus be delivered on *Hoshana Rabbah*.

COME TO ME

The last day of Tabernacles, or *Hoshana Rabbah*, is when Jesus stood up at the Temple and shouted to the crowds, “Come to me!” (John 7:37).

The Rapture is when Jesus says, “Come up here” (Rev. 4:1; 1 Thess. 4:16).

AUTUMN RAINS

Hoshana Rabbah marks the climax of the traditional water libation ritual in which water was collected from the Siloam Spring and poured out before the Temple altar. The water-pouring ceremony was considered a petition to God to send the autumn rains vital for the coming year's crops.

Jesus comes like the autumn rains (Hos. 6:2, 3).

JERICH0 PARALLEL

During each of the first six days of Tabernacles, the Temple priests would ceremoniously make one circuit around the altar with palm branches. On the seventh day, however, *Hoshana Rabbah*, the priests would make seven circuits around the altar, while the people recited the messianic psalm, "Save us now, Lord!" (Ps. 118:25).

The seven circuits around the altar recall the seven circuits around Jericho, when a trumpet blast and a shout announced the collapse of the walls, and the people went "straight up" into the city: a picture of the Rapture (Josh. 6).

70 DENOTES REDEMPTION

Hoshana Rabbah is when the final 70th bull is sacrificed during the week of Tabernacles (Num. 29:12–39).

The number 70 denotes liberation or redemption, evoking the rapture-redemption (Jer. 29:10; Dan. 9:24).

With the *Hoshana Rabbah*-rapture parallels in view, here are some similarly themed signs or coincidences:

COLUMBUS AND THE NEW PROMISED LAND

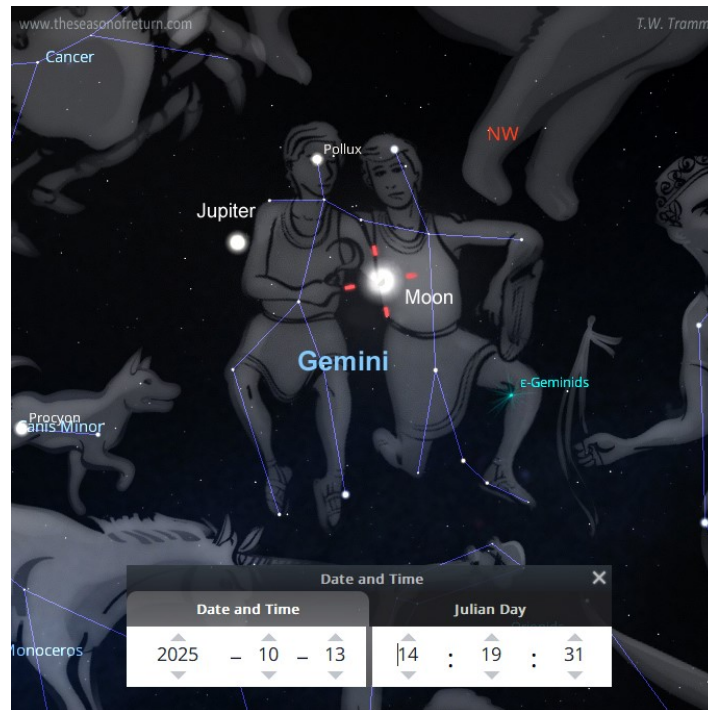
Some scholars believe that America's discoverer, Christopher Columbus, was of Jewish descent and that his voyage was in part a quest to find a new Promised Land at a time when the Jews were being expelled from Spain.

Since entering the Promised Land is a type or shadow of the Rapture, it is interesting that Columbus first sighted the Americas and went ashore on the final day of Tabernacles, *Hoshana Rabbah*. What's more, Columbus's journey to the new Promised Land had lasted exactly 70 days, the number of redemption (Dan. 9:24).

Coincidentally, Columbus Day in 2025 coincides with *Hoshana Rabbah*, as in 1492.

WEDDING SIGN

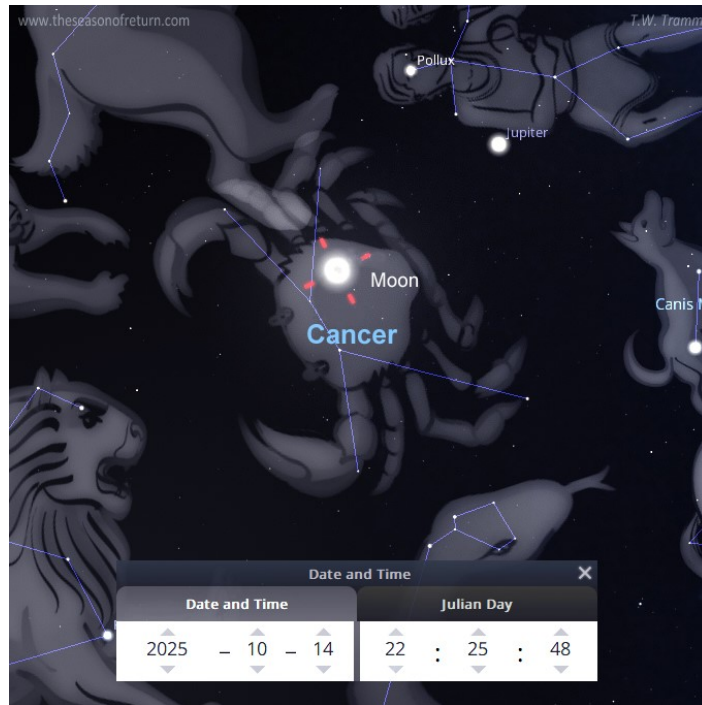
Since God uses the heavens to “speak,” or telegraph, His plans (Ps. 19), it is interesting that on this year’s *Hoshana Rabbah*, the Moon and Jupiter pair up in Gemini:



The picture of the Moon and Jupiter in Gemini is significant because:

- The Moon symbolizes the Church, or Bride of Christ.
- Jupiter, the “King Planet,” symbolizes King Jesus.
- The twin figures of Gemini symbolize the heavenly wedding at the Rapture. In his 1882 book, *The Gospel in the Stars*, Joseph Seiss explains, “The twin figures of a man and woman depict the completed union with [Jesus] which occurs when the sainted dead are raised, and ... those of His who are then still alive are caught up in incorruption to meet Him in the heavenly spaces.”

The day after *Hoshana Rabbah*, October 14, the Moon-Bride will enter Cancer, the “sheepfold” that depicts the Church’s heavenly home, or place of many mansions, where believers will dwell, or “tabernacle,” with the Lord after the Rapture (John 14:2, 3):



PEACE AND SECURITY

Finally, *Hoshana Rabbah* is when the Gaza war began in 2023.

Two years later, an historic peace deal has been agreed to, ending Israel's deadliest conflict and paving the way for a dramatic expansion of the Abraham Accords that were introduced during the first Trump administration. Thus, defying all secular expectations, the "last Trump" administration appears to be ushering in a new era of "peace and security" in the Middle East:

"At the last trump ... we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:52).

"While they are saying, 'Peace and security!' then sudden destruction will come upon them like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape" (1 Thess. 5:3).

The date set for Trump to fly to Egypt and formally declare peace: October 13, or *Hoshana Rabbah*.

Of course, only God knows the day of the Rapture. But the declaration of peace on the "last day" is a sign that He is guiding events to a quick end.

So, keep watch!

NOTES:

1. The seven circuits around the altar on *Hoshana Rabbah* also evoke the Jewish wedding tradition in which the bride circles the groom seven times before the ceremony begins.

2. A total of 70 bulls were sacrificed during the seven days of Tabernacles (Num. 29:12–39). The number of bulls decreased each day, from 13 on the first day to seven on the last day ($13+12+11+10+9+8+7 = 70$).

3. Christopher Columbus went ashore at the Americas on October 12, 1492.

4. Columbus's Christian–Jewish background:

<https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/magazine/article/why-did-columbus-sail>

<https://edition.cnn.com/2012/05/20/opinion/garcia-columbus-jewish/index.html>

<https://www.threemac.org/docs/Americas%20Hebraic%20Roots%20-%20Columbus%20and%20the%20Discovery.pdf>

5. While the precalculated Jewish calendar has the Gaza war beginning on Tishrei 22, the biblical (observation-based) calendar places it on Tishrei 21, *Hoshana Rabbah*.

6. Since *Hoshana Rabbah* is when the heavenly verdict that was decreed on the Feast of Trumpets is actually delivered, it is interesting that the Gaza peace plan was presented at a closed-door meeting on the Feast of Trumpets, 21 days before *Hoshana Rabbah* on 10/13. Daniel 10:13 speaks of a 21-day delay: “Now [after being delayed 21 days] I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.”

7. Since President Trump will be declaring peace on *Hoshana Rabbah*, it is interesting that the variant spelling, “*Hoshana Raba*,” and the name “Trump” both have a gematria value of 88. The number 8 is associated with new covenants, resurrection, and judgment in Scripture.

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