

God has a half-time period in the middle of the biblical year



16Therefore, do not let anyone pass judgment on you in matters of food or drink, or in respect to a festival or new moon or Shabbat. 17These are a foreshadowing of things to come, but the reality is Messiah. Colossians 2:16-17

Half-time Adjustments

In many team sports there is a half-time in the middle of the game where the players can rest, plan, and make necessary changes for the second part of the game. The best coaches will use this time to shift and make adjustments that will help their team be most successful for the final segment of the game. The great

teams are feared coming out of half-time because of their ability to make creative adjustments to help them succeed in the final part of the game.

On the biblical calendar there is a natural half-time period in the middle of the year where the wise and discerning person is able to pause, plan, and make necessary adjustments for the fall festivals and the beginning of the second half of the year. This "half time" occurs in the sixth month (the month of Elul) that directly precedes the fall festivals which starts with Yom Teruah (The feast of Trumpets) on the first day of the seventh month. This "half-time" period starts in two weeks on Saturday August 27th at sundown.

The fall festivals are primarily looking forward to the second coming of Yeshua. This special time on YHWH's calendar is not a time to be blasé and to just "show up" at the festival meetings but to be diligent at preparing our hearts for this coming festival season...and subsequently the second half of the biblical year. The Scriptures above indicate that these festivals are dress rehearsals for that which is coming.

I'm conscious of the need to make adjustments in this season. I wish I were not so prone to drift away from YHWH and His Kingdom values. This month of Elul is a a divinely placed stop-gap time at the end of the summer to assess ourselves and make adjustments. In the weeks to come I'll be sharing more of some opportunities to slow down and prepare our hearts for the coming festival days.