

## THE LAST GREAT DAY (HOSHANA RABBAH...FEAST OF CONCLUSION)

The last day of the Feast of Tabernacles is called so because it was on that day that King Solomon dedicated the Temple to Yahveh. It takes place on Tishri 22. It is also known as the Feast of the Eight Day. An extraordinary event took place on the Last Great Day of the Feast Of Tabernacles. Let's have a look at:

**2Chr. 7:1-3** *Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of YAH filled the house. The priests could not enter into the house of YAH because the glory of Yah filled Yah's house. All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of Yah upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshipped and gave praise to Yah, [saying], "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."* Needless to say, anyone living in the entire world would have heard all about this last and greatest day event.

We must keep in mind that for centuries the people had been celebrating the Last Great Day, anticipating some spectacular event to take place when the Glory Of Yah returns. They didn't realize that Yeshua Himself did return on this day prior to His death and resurrection. The people were expecting Yah's glory to return but missed the forest for the trees. They missed the fact that Yeshua was the actual glory of Yah in human form. The glory had returned to the earth.

The last great day of the Fall Feasts is also known as the Feast Of Leviathan and Feast of Conclusion. There is a constellation called "Leviathan", it shows a snake who's tail holds 1/3 of the stars in heaven and the birds eating the flesh of the aftermath of Armageddon.

At the end of time as we know it, Yah will fight against the nations of the world. On the "Last Great Day" the people will stand before Him for the "Great White Throne" judgement (Rev. 19:11-21). This feast is the conclusion of all.

## THE LATER OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 7:1-44 we have the account of when Messiah went up to the Temple for Sukkot. We find Him in the Temple courts teaching the people in verse 14 and 28. Even though Sukkot lasted eight days, the seventh day was the climax, and was called "Hoshana Rabbah," and means, "The Great Hosanna." Hoshana Rabbah dates back to the time of the Maccabees (165 BC). Sukkot was the time of the latter rains, and was the subject of great prayer and concern. Since the Israelite crops depended on rain, ceremonies were instituted to assure the people that Yahveh would grant it in abundance. The ceremonies associated with Hoshana Rabbah are closely related to the later outpouring of rain, which was necessary for a successful spring harvest.

## THE WATER LIBATION CEREMONY

Throughout the seven days of Sukkot a priest carried water in a gold pitcher from the Pool of Siloam, through the Water Gate, where it was poured into a basin at the foot of the altar. It symbolized prayer for early rain, as spoken of in Joel 2:23.

The Sadducees did not get into as much of the traditional celebrations as the Pharisees. They for example, never celebrated the Water Libation Ceremony. The

Pharisees took advantage of the disbelief of the Sadducees and made this celebration even more spectacular just to annoy their competition.



### **Why the pool of Siloam?**

The pool of Siloam was the pool everyone had to go through (mikvah) before you climbed the stairs heading up to the Temple. It was required by all who wanted to enter into the Temple at any time. Anyone attempting to get into the presence of the Holy One of Israel was mikvahed and then as they came out of the pool of Siloam, was given a white robe. Then and only then were they permitted to go into the Temple. This is what is referred to as part of the salvation message in the scroll of Mark (Mark 16:16). This cleansing (mikvah) required of all who present themselves before the steps of the Nicanor Gate of the Temple of the King, is connected to the white robe received in Rev. 3:5 after we are cleansed.

**Rev. 3:5-6** *'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. 6 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'*"

The last sabbath of Hoshana Rabbah was called Sh'mini Atzeret. The last great day, Hoshana Rabbah, the priests marched around the altar seven times carrying willow branches. On the seventh circuit around the altar the priests would beat their willow branches until the leaves fell off. The high priest would pour out the water while some priests blew gold trumpets, while others sang songs. The worshippers would also be chanting the Hallel (Ps. 113-118) and waving their lulavs. The Mishnah said that he who

had never seen this ceremony...had never seen true joy (Jewish New Testament Commentary, page 179). It was at the climax of this joyous ceremony that Messiah stood up and cried, **John 7:37-38** *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come unto me and drink. Whoever puts his trust in Me, as scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from his inmost being."* The people were rejoicing and celebrating in the fact that Yah would send the latter rains. Then Messiah stood up and cried, **"if anyone puts their trust in Me, rivers of living water will flow from their innermost being"**. Yeshua spoke these words in red during the ceremony. He was implying that He was the Living Water sent from Yah that they had all been praying for, for centuries.

During the water libation ceremony it was tradition to sing Isaiah 12:1-6. **Isa. 12:2-3** *"Behold, **God is my salvation**, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation."* 3 *Therefore you will joyously draw water From the springs of **salvation**."* The people without even realizing it, were singing about their salvation, Yeshua, in Isa. 12:1-6 as recorded in John 7:37-38, (written in red) while He was in their very midst. Let's look at what they were singing again. **Isa. 12:2-3** *"Behold, Elohim is my **Yeshua**, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my **Yeshua**."* 3 *Therefore you will joyously draw water From the springs of **Yeshua**."* Yeshua was right there with them as their key to salvation yet they missed it. In the same way for hundreds of years the so-called christian church has had Yeshua right in front of their eyes, yet they keep worshipping another Messiah.

With this in mind, it gives us a much greater depth and understanding of the text. Messiah's statement echoes an earlier statement He made to the woman at the well (John 4:13-14). John gives the interpretation of Messiah's statement and refers to it as a latter time when the Spirit would be poured out on those who believed (John 7:39). Acts 2:1-4 the Holy Spirit was poured out on believers at Shavuot (Pentecost). Just as the Israelites (those overcome by Yah), needed the latter rains for the spring harvest, they also needed the early spring rains for the fall harvest. When the Holy Spirit was poured out during Shavuot, it fulfilled the type for the early rains. Now we are looking forward to a time when the Holy Spirit will again be poured out on Believers in a fulfillment of the latter rains. If you think Pentecost was a glorious manifestation of the Holy Spirit, just wait until the latter outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Hoshana Rabbah. **Isa. 12:3** says, *"With joy shall you draw water from the wells of salvation."* The Hebrew word for "salvation" is Yeshua. Those who put their trust in Yeshua the Messiah will draw living water from His well. Yeshua Messiah is our salvation.

Yeshua came as the former rain and will come back as the latter rain. **Hosea 6:3** *"Then shall we know, if we follow on to know Yah His going forth is prepared as the morning; and **He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.**"*

To this day there is a natural spring near the Temple mount in Israel called the Gihon Spring. This natural spring supplies the City of David, the original site of Jerusalem with its water. This spring provided water for the pool of Siloam. The Living Water still pours out from the temple area to this day.

**Prophetic connection**

Prophetically speaking Hoshana Rabbah is pointing us to the end just before the millennial reign of Messiah. Shemini Atzeret is pointing His bride to the new beginning. It also takes us to Simchat Torah, when the torah parashah's start all over again. The seventh millennium, the thousand year reign of our Messiah is connected to Hoshana Rabbah.

The question we must all ask ourselves is this: "Am I prepared for the wedding supper of the lamb as a bride, or am I going to only be a guest when He returns"? "Have I rehearsed and prepared myself for this, the greatest wedding feast ever given, or am I going to go along with all the goats stuck in the pagan religion of christianity"?

A wise bride will show up for the rehearsal, she will be totally prepared to meet her groom whenever He presents Himself in front of her. A wise bride will attend rehearsals.

## **TORAH WATER**

The Torah can be compared to (allegorical of) pure spring water. It originated at the top of Mt. Sinai and came down the mountain with Moses. Since then it has picked up all kinds of religious traditions (silt, pollution, toxins, debris, etc.), and has become diluted to the point that you can not safely drink it as provided.

Those who thirst for pure water must go upstream to the source. The true source is our Hebrew Bible. The waters are diluted and polluted because of the religious choices we make as individuals.

The Torah is the pure Word, or river of life, all pro-claimed christian religions are streams that have become polluted, diluted and full of silt because of man's additions, myths, stories and legends. To get to the truth we must all go to Mt. Sinai where the river begins. The Torah was the pure water poured out upon the people at Mt. Sinai and Yeshua came again as the living Torah poured out to all who thirst for truth. If you read Ezek. 47:1-12 you will see what may be another "type" of the river of life.

It is also interesting to note that it was at this time of year (Last Great Day), when the verses about the writing in the sand took place in the Women's Courtyard. We see this written about in John 8:1-8. ILLUMINATION OF THE TEMPLE CEREMONY

There is one more tradition associated with the Feast of Tabernacles. It is called the "illumination of the Temple Ceremony". According to ancient Jewish literature there were **four** large menorahs in the Women's Courtyard of the Temple. Some say there was one huge pole with four lamps on it rather than **four** poles with lamps. Either way they, or it, was about 70 feet tall. In this Women's court area of the Temple these menorahs were lit every day during the Feast of Tabernacles. The **four** oil pots of the menorahs held about five gallons of olive oil each, and the worn out priestly garments were used as wicks. They were so bright that the entire area including Jerusalem, was lit up every night. The men would celebrate with no limitations during this ceremony on the main floor and the women celebrated above them, separate, in the upper area. It was a celebration like no other in Jerusalem.

## **Prophetic connection**

This celebration was so brilliant that the people called it "The Light Of The World". Now let's look at **John 8:12** *Then Yeshua again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."* When Yeshua made this statement all the people knew exactly what He was

referring to. The Temple menorahs were the light of the entire surrounding area. I'm sure, even from childhood, Yeshua could clearly remember the spectacle of the lights of these huge menorahs. Yeshua was the Light of the Temple.

If we look in John 9:1-7 we will see how Yeshua not only talked about being the light of the world, He actually gave the light of the world to a blind man near the Temple gate. **John 9:1-7** *As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" Yeshua answered, "[It was] neither [that] this man sinned, nor his parents; but [it was] so that the works of Yah might be displayed in Him. (4) "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came [back] seeing."* **James 1:17** *Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow."* Yeshua was not only the light of the world, but He also gave light to a blind man on the Last Great Day, the 22 nd, as revealed in **John 9:14** *Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Yeshua made the clay, and opened his eyes.*

**Phil. 2:15** *so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,"*

If we consider the idea that one pole with four pots on it was used during this festival, and the High Priests used garments were wicks, we see something else quite prophetic.

**John 19:23** *Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Yeshua, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece."* Yeshua was the High Priest. His pure linen tunic (robe), torn in four pieces, may have been the ultimate wick used to shine His light on all the world. **Yeshua was the light of the World burning from the inside of the Temple to all four corners of the world.** His scattered sheep just need to turn to the east toward the covenant made at Mt. Sinai and the place of the Temple of old, and they will see the light.

The main message of the Feast of Tabernacles is that Yah has a desire for an intimate relationship with His people. Although sin entered the world many years ago, Yah always gave mankind a way to either cover or have sin removed, so that He could be intimate with us. He cannot have anything to do with sin, so He made it possible for us to be set free so that we could have that personal relationship with Him in our very own Temple, the Temple within all His saved children. We know that not only was Yeshua the living Tabernacle, but that He also came to Tabernacle with His people. He came to dwell with man in an intimate way. Through His birth, life, and death, He made it all possible for those who obey His Word. **John 1:14** *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

WEDDING FEAST AND MESSIAHS RETURN



We learned that on the Feast of Trumpets our Groom will sound the shofar and His bride will go and be with Him. After the resurrection we will appear and give an account of ourselves before the judgement seat of Messiah on Yom Kippur. **Rev. 19:9** says, *"...Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb!"* The wedding Feast that we have been invited to by Messiah will take place during the seven days of Sukkot. Remember that Sukkot is a joyous celebration with eating and drinking. If you have repented and put your complete trust in Messiah's atoning blood sacrifice, then your sins are forgiven and you are personally invited to His wedding banquet. Originally Yah's people agreed to His marriage contract at Mt. Sinai and some day soon He will be back to get His covenant keeping bride. Some believe that after the wedding supper is over the curtains of Yah's grand ballroom will open and we will witness the riders on the white horses and the battle of Armageddon.

I have heard many Believers tell me that they don't want to keep Sukkot or any of the other Feasts. Let us not be like those individuals. In Matt. 22:1-14, we see these type of individuals who were invited to the Kings wedding banquet, but refused to go. You do not have to observe the Feasts, Yah will not force you. YOU GET TO. It is our privilege and honor to observe Yah's Holy Days. Our heart's desire should be that we want to, that is the proper attitude and motive that Yahveh requires. If you don't want to participate in these rehearsals/Feasts now, maybe you don't want to be a part of them in the future. The Feasts are wedding rehearsals for our wedding supper of the lamb. Imagine if you were getting married and the bride or groom didn't show up for the wedding rehearsal. If the bride or groom can't even make it to the rehearsal would you trust her or him to come to the wedding? Would you accept it if she or he came to the rehearsal one day early or one day late? I don't think so.

Yah gives us His commandments as a road map so we can show up in time for the wedding and know exactly what to expect from the groom. They are constant reminders of our future wedding, that's why we rehearse them all the time.

If you don't want to participate maybe you should consider asking yourself why, or perhaps even who (what spirit), is keeping you from celebrating your Kings Feasts. Maybe He is not really your King. Whom do you serve is the big question? Zech. 14:16-19 makes it very clear that in the last days all the nations will come to Jerusalem for Sukkot to worship the King. **Zech. 14:16-19** *Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, Elohim of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Elohim of hosts, there will be no rain on them. If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no [rain will fall] on them; it will be the plague with which Elohim smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths [sukkot]. This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths [sukkot].* Yeshua Himself tells us we will celebrate the Feasts in Heaven. **Matt. 26:29** *“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day **when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.**”* Yeshua spoke these words while celebrating Passover..Last Supper.

The sukkot (tabernacle) is also represented in the wedding huppah. The huppah is a glorified sukkah. When you are under the tabernacle of the living Yah you are under His protection, in covenant with Him. Only His bride can come under His covering and proclaim His name. What all others say or do, supposedly in His name, means nothing, because they are not His bride, He is not their fiancé'.

As we've learned, the Feasts were/are shadows of the past and things to come, seasons (moed/rehearsals) representing Yah's dealings with His people. Us Gentiles had the honor of being able to be grafted onto the tree of the Jewish people. The feasts symbolize major encounters between Yah and His covenant people. By the long summer months when there were no Feasts, Yah was very graphically showing the Israelites (those overcome by Yah), that there would be a long period of time in the future when He would not make Himself known to them on a national basis. He would still be favoring individual Jews, but His favor and attention would be directed towards the gentiles (Goyim). You see, Yah chose the Jews as the nation of people through which He would work out certain of His divine plans and purposes. Yah would use them as oracles to write down and preserve the scriptures. All His obedient children are to bring the message of the Messiah into the world and proclaim the gospel of good news to all the nations. The Jews fulfilled these first two callings but failed on the last because they rejected Yeshua as their Messiah.

After the Jews rejected Yeshua as their Messiah, El Shaddai directed His attention towards the Gentiles. John said of Yeshua: **John 1:11-12** *He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. **But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of Yahveh, [even] to those who believe in His name,**”*

For the last 2000 years Yah has given His favour and attention to the Gentiles. The Gentiles, not so much the Jews, have been greatly blessed by Yah. The Gentiles have had the encounters with Yah. The Gentiles have been the ones to spread the gospel of Yeshua. This span of time in history when Yah's attention was/is directed towards the “people of the way” (church), is called the church period. It is the three long summer

months when there was/is no Feasts. That period of time corresponds to the present day church period. That period of time is quickly coming to a close. It began with the Spring Feasts and will continue up to the future prophetic fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles.

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