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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

“End Times”

Part 09 – The Appointments of the LORD

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The Appointments of the LORD

Leviticus 23:1-2

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **2** "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, these *are* My feasts.

Feasts = (Heb. “moedim”) Appointments, a designated time, a specified time

Convocations = (Heb. “miqra”) A rehearsal, a public assembly

The LORD's time:

- 1) The “day” begins at sundown.
- 2) The month begins with the sighting of the first sliver of the new moon
- 3) The year begins with the first new moon when the barley is ripe in the field.

Leviticus 23:39-43

39 'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD *for* seven days; on the first day *there shall be* a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest. **40** And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. **41** You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. **42** You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, **43** that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.'

Tabernacles: (Heb. “Sukkot”) Huts / Booths

- The sukkah (hut/tabernacle) is intended as a reminiscence of the type of fragile dwellings called sukkot, in which the Israelites dwelt during their 40 years of travel in the desert after the Exodus from slavery in Egypt.

A sukkah (singular hut) is not intended to be a permanent dwelling, they are easily assembled and disassembled.

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○ First Level of fulfillment

- John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- “dwelt” is the Greek word, “skenoo”, meaning to pitch a tent (skene).
- In the New Testament the Greek word translated “tabernacle” is skene, meaning “the tent” (Acts 7:44 / Hebrews 8:2, 5, and chapter 9).
- This means that “the Word became flesh and tabernacled (skenoo) among us”.

- God literally set up His tent amongst us. The body of Jesus is God's sukkah (hut/booth).
- This is significant because God purposefully chose the New Testament word for the Tabernacle to describe His incarnation (John 1:14).

○ Second Level of fulfillment

Zechariah 14:1-9 and 16-19

Vs. 1-2

- Tribulation / He shall thoroughly cleanse His threshing floor

Vs. 3-5

- Return of Christ to reign (Day of Atonement)

- Jude 14-15

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, **15** to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Vs. 6-9

- The glorious beginning of His manifested Kingdom

Vs. 16-19

- In Christ's Kingdom we shall keep (fulfill) the Feast of Tabernacles as He Tabernacles (dwells) once more and forevermore amongst us.

Third Level of fulfillment

Revelation 21:1-5

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. **2** Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "**Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.** **4** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor

sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." **5** Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

The Last Great Day (8th day of the feast)

John 7:37-39

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- During New Testament times the priests, for each of the first seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles, would go down to the pool of Siloam in a religious procession with large water jugs and there at the pool of Siloam they would fill the water jugs and come up the many steps to the Temple mount commemorating the long expected anticipation of the promise given through the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 12:1-4

1 And in that day you will say: "O Lord, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. **2** Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'" **3** Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **4** And in that day you will say: "Praise the Lord, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted.

- As they approached with the water jugs the people would burst forth in singing the "Hallel Psalms" (Psalms 113-118) and as the people were praising the LORD they would pour out these water jugs upon the pavement, and as the water poured they were reminded of how God miraculously provided water in the wilderness out of the Rock, and will also one day pour water from heaven on their thirsty souls through the Messiah.
- On the Eighth day, the last day, called "the great day of the feast" the priests made no procession and poured no water onto the pavement and this too was very significant, because it symbolized the fact that God had fulfilled the promise to their fathers, He had now brought them into this land that was well watered, flowing with milk and honey, they no longer needed the miraculous supply out of the Rock.
- It was on this day, the last day, that Jesus stood and cried out: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (John 7:37-38)

- It is interesting to note that it was on this day that they sang the marvelous “hallel psalms” of praise, which conclude with this passage from Ps. 118:22 “.. and You have **become** my **salvation**, the Stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone .. and blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.”
- YHWH (The LORD) has become my Yeshuah / Yeshua (Salvation / Jesus). JEHOVAH has BECOME my Jesus by way of the incarnation (skenoo/ He tabernacle among us).



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