

MESSIAH IN THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES - Lev 23:33-43
OUTLINE

I. Under the Law

A. The Texts: Exo 23:14-17; Lev 23:33-43; Num 29:12-38; Deu 16: 13-16, 31:9-13; 1 Ki 8:1-66, 12:25-33; 2 Chr 7:8-10; Ezr 3:4; Neh 8:13-18; Hag 2:1-9; Zec 14:8-11, 14:16-21.

B. The Names for the Feast:

1. The Names for the Feast:

- a. "Sukkoth" ("booths" or "tabernacles") - Lev 23:34
- b. "The In-Gathering" - Exo 23:14-17; Lev 23:39
- c. "Ziman Simchatenu" ("time of our rejoicing") - Deu 16:13-14
- d. "Ha Hag" ("the feast") - 1 Ki 8:1-2

2. Two Names for Two Feasts, which some say are a part of this feast's conclusion; while others say they are two entirely distinct festivals (*Sukkah 48a*):

- a. "Schmnei Atzeret" ("festive eighth") - Lev 23:36; 1 Ki 8:66; 2 Chr 7:9-10 (*Sukkah 47a*)
- b. "Simchat Torah" ("rejoicing over the law") - Neh 9:1-3

C. The Ordinance:

1. The Time and Length of the Celebration:

- a. After the Israelites have gathered in the fruit of the land (Lev 23:39, Deu 16:13), and beginning on the 15th day of the 7th month (Lev 23:34,39), the feast of tabernacles is to be celebrated [lit. "**feast it a feast**" - Lev 23:39 +41; Num 29:12; Deu 16:15], before YHVH (Lev 23:39) and to YHVH (Lev 23:34) their God (Deu 16:15) for 7 days (Lev 23:34,36,39,41,42; Num 29:12; Deu 16:13) in the place where YHVH their God shall choose (Deu 16:15).
- b. The 1st day is a holy gathering (Lev 23:35; Num 29:12) and a Sabbath (Lev 23:39); no work is permitted on this day (Lev 23:35; Num 29:12).
- c. The 8th day is a holy gathering (Lev 23:36) festive to YHVH (Lev 23:36; Num 29:35); and, it's also a Sabbath (Lev 23:39). Likewise, no work is permitted on this day (Lev 23:39; Num 29:35).

2. The Method of Celebration

- a. Beginning with the first day of the feast, they are to take of:
 - (1) the boughs (lit. "fruit") of goodly (lit. "beautiful") trees
 - (2) branches of palm trees, and of
 - (3) the boughs of thick trees (Myrtle), and
 - (4) willows of the brook (Lev 23:40) and commanded **only** (Deu 16:15) **to rejoice** (Lev 23:40, Deu 16:14) **in their feast** (Deu 16:14), **before YHVH their God for seven days** (Lev 23:40). They and their son and their daughter, their manservant and their maidservant, and the Levite, sojourner, fatherless and the widow that is within their gates (Deu 16:14).
- b. All that are born Israelites are to: **dwell in booths for 7 days** (Lev 23:42).
- c. The children of Israel were to bring an offering made by fire (Lev 23:36). Even on the 8th day, the day after the feast, **the Israelites were to bring an offering made by fire unto "YHVH" (Lev 23:36), as a statute forever, in their generations** (Lev 23:41).

Of the offerings that were to be brought to the temple throughout the seven days of the feast, it included bringing 13 bullocks on the first day. Then, by decreasing one bullock per each day of the feast, throughout the 7 days, then the 7th day should conclude with the offering of 7 bullocks. The total amount of bullocks for all 7 days = 70 (Num 29:12-38). On the eighth day they also brought an offering of one additional bullock (Num 29:36).

D. The Dual-Purpose of the Use of Trees

1. For Waving the Branches in their Rejoicing

- The children of Israel are to rejoice because: "YHVH", their God, will bless them in all their produce, and in every work of their hands. They shall only be joyful (Deu 16:15).

2. For Building the "Booths" to Dwell in For 7 days

- The children of Israel are to dwell in "booths" for 7 days (Lev 23:42) in order that, their generations may know that the Lord made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt; because He is "YHVH", their God. (Lev 23:43)

E. Other Major Points About the Feast of Tabernacles:

1. Along with Passover & Pentecost, Tabernacles completes the cycle of 3, so-called, "Pilgrim Feasts". ["Pilgrim Feasts" because all the males of Israel were commanded to return and appear together before the Lord their God; thus, it involved them making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem] (Exo 23:14-17; Deu 16:16-17).
2. Every 7 years, in the year of release, "All Israel" was to assemble in Mt Gerizim and Mt Ebal, in order to hear the words of the entire law read to them (Deu 31:10-13 cf. Josh 8:30-35; Neh 8:18).
3. The day that Solomon dedicated the first Jewish Temple was during the time that the feast of tabernacles should have been celebrated (1 Ki 8:1-2; 2 Chr 7:8-11).
4. Following the return from the Babylonian Captivity, and in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, they celebrated the feast of trumpets on the first day of the 7th month (Neh 8:2-12). On the day after the feast of trumpets, they then began to prepare for the feast of tabernacles (Neh 8:13-15); and then went ahead and celebrated it by dwelling in booths for the first time since the days of Joshua (Neh 8:17).

II. Modern Day Jewish Remembrance

- Many Jewish people today still make the "booths" that God required them to make from the tree branches.
- For the rejoicing aspect of the feast, throughout the festival the "Hallel" (Psalms 113-118) are recited (*Sukkah* 4.8). A daily procession carrying one scroll of the law in one circuit is made around the synagogue (around the brazen altar when the temple was standing - *Sukkah* 45a; cf. Psa 26:6), while reciting the Hallel. Each participant in the procession carries branches from samples of 3 out of the 4 tree species mentioned in Lev 23:40, referred to as a "Lulav". The "Lulav" is a wand made of one palm branch, two willow branches, and three myrtle branches (*Sukkah* 34b). It's held in the right hand, while in the left hand they hold an "esrog/etrog", which is the fruit from the citron tree, the fourth tree product being the fruit from a tree that bears fruit (*Sukkah* 37b). Both the "Lulav" and the "Esrog" are then held together and waved in procession when reading the portion of the text in the

Hallel called the "Hoshana"; pl. "Hoshanot", which are invocations for forgiveness and redemption. The word "Hoshana" means "please save" because the prayer begins at the place in the Hallel that this verse is read: "**Save now**, we beseech thee, O Lord" (Psa 118:25). However, on the seventh day, "**the last day of the feast** (John 7:37a), it is referred to as the "Hoshana Rabbah" (lit. "The Great Saving"); [i.e. "**that GREAT (Rabbah) day of the feast**" (John 7:37b)], because on that day, they make 7 circuits in procession, and thus the greatest number of "Hoshana" prayers are recited (*Sukkah 45a; Midrash on Psalm 17.5*). Not just one, but all the scrolls of the law are then carried in the procession (*Kitzur Shulhan Arukh 136-137*). It is also a modern day custom that on the 7th day of the feast, in addition to the willow in the lulav, an additional 5 willow stems of many leaves and long stalks are bound with palm branches and taken in procession. Then, at the conclusion of the reading of the "Hoshanot", the willows are waved and stroked 5 times on the floor; then cast upon the floor (*Kitzur Shulhan Arukh 138*).

- Then on the day following, the 8th day ["Schmnei Atzeret" (solemn eighth) and also known as: "Simchat Torah" (joy of the law)], an ancient tradition from the days of the temple is still preserved. They assemble at the pool of Siloam (John 9:7) for a water libation ceremony where water would be drawn from the pool of Siloam [in golden urns in the days of the temple (*Sukkah 48b*)] and then poured out together with an urn of wine into 2 silver colored cement basins placed at the base of the east & west sides of the altar of sacrifice. (*Sukkah 48a*); all the while they were reciting the "*Geshem*", the prayer for rain (*Taanit 1.1-2*). [The "*Geshem*" is a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the early and latter rains, which brought forth their grain and fruit harvests (*Taanit 1.1-2*)]. It was superstitiously believed that keeping this ceremony would also bring good rains from God the following year (*Rosh Hashanna 16a*). The "Simchat Torah" or rejoicing over the law also takes place in which the last chapter of the law (Deu 34) is read by an appointed "bridegroom of the law" and the first chapter of the law (Gen1) is read by the "bridegroom of Genesis" (*Kitzur Shulhan Arukh138*).

III. The Messianic Significance

A. Christ's First Advent: John 7:2-53.

1. His time is not yet fully come (John 7:6, 7:8)
2. The last day of the feast and the prophetic announcement of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, like the rains at two different harvests (John 7:37-39)

B. The Two Rainy Seasons, Two Harvest Seasons and the Two Advent Seasons of Christ:

- Following the first Advent's "pouring out" ceremony of the Holy Spirit, the result brought forth a harvest of 3,000 souls at Pentecost (Acts 2:41). The Second Advent will also see a "*pouring out*" of the spirit upon: the House of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem *of grace and supplication* (Zec 12:10). "All Israel" alive at that time, that has endured until the end of the tribulation, will get saved in a time called "their fullness" (Rom 11:12) i.e. The natural branches of the olive tree will get grafted back in again (Rom 11:23).
- In Acts 2:14-21, Peter was speaking "this is that" (The same Holy Spirit) spoken of by the prophet Joel by referring to both times that the Holy Spirit would be poured out: At the first Advent during Pentecost in connection with the grain harvest and at the second advent when quoting Joel 2:28-32a, in connection with the feast of tabernacles & the in-gathering of the fruit harvest.

C. The Second Advent Fulfillment:

1. The Feast of The "In-gathering" the Fruit Harvest & His Gathering The Elect From The 4 Winds/The 4 Corners of The Earth (Deu 30:3-5, Isa 11:11-12, Eze 37:9, Mat 24:31, Mar 13:27).

- The prescribed method for waving the "Lulav" and the "Esrog" held together is pulling them inward toward yourself 3x each from the east, the south, the west and the north; then pull down 3x from the direction of heaven and then pull upwards 3x from the earth (*Kitzur Shulhan Arukh 136-137*).

In like manner, we read of the Ingathering of the "*Tabernacles*" {bodies} of the Elect:

a. The Saints that are Alive & Remain through the Tribulation in their Old-Sin Natured Bodies:

Isaiah 11:11-12 "And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the Lord shall set his hand again the second time **to recover the remnant of his people**, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. **And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall ASSEMBLE the outcasts of Israel, and GATHER together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.**"

b. The Saints Previously Raptured Returning with the Lord from Heaven

Matthew 24:31 "And he shall send his angels **with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall GATHER together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**"

- Viewed Here Together With the Ones Alive on the Earth:

Mark 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall **GATHER together** his elect **from the four winds, from THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH TO THE UTTERMOST PART OF HEAVEN.**

Deuteronomy 30:3-5 "That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, **and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee. If [any] of thine be driven out unto the outmost [parts] of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God GATHER thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:** And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers."

c. The Saints of the Old Testament that are raised at the End of the Tribulation Period (cf. Dan 11:40-12:2, 12:13)

Ezekiel 37:9-14 "Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain that they may live.** So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel:** behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.** And ye shall know that I [am] the LORD, **when I have opened your graves,** O my people, and **brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you,** and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken [it], and performed [it], saith the LORD."

2. The Fruit Harvest Imagery of the 2nd Coming:

- a. *The Fig Tree* (Mat 24:32) and "**ALL**" *the trees* (Luk 21:29) were illustrated by Jesus to

refer to the second coming. Whereas, at his first coming He curses the fig tree and Mark's gospel account records with that incident that: "the time of figs was not yet" (Mar 11:13).

- b. Following Christ's return to Earth, no one is to learn war any more (Isa 2:4, Mic 4:1-3). The subsequent peace on earth during the Millennium is pictured in the idiomatic imagery of everyone being able to abide (thus: "dwell" or "booth"): "*under his vine and under his fig tree.*" (Mic 4:1-4, Zec 3:8-10).
- c. *The Grapes of Wrath* are those people who come against (Rev 19:15) the Lord, who's in "*the temple of God in heaven*" (Rev 14:17-20). He destroys them in a "*great winepress*" of the wrath of God.
- d. The people themselves are spoken of as being planted (Jer 32:41).
- e. *The Mount of Olives* is the focal point. Jesus pronounced judgment upon Jerusalem for rejecting Him at His first appearance from the *Mount of Olives*. He indicated that their house (tabernacle or temple of God's presence) would be made desolate. He also stated that Jerusalem would not see Him again until they say: "*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord*" (Mat 23:37-39, 24:1-2).

- It's also at the *Mt. of Olives* that a contrast between two temples can be seen:

(1) the one about to depart in Christ's day, where not one stone would be left standing upon another and

(2) the body of Jesus, where God's glory now is (Mar 13:3).

As a result of Israel's judgment, opportunity came for a time of the fullness of the Gentiles. The resulting peace between Jew & Gentile in the Church, was taught by Paul using the imagery of a natural Olive Tree with both natural and wild branches (Rom 11:12-24).

From the same place, Jesus gave His notorious *Olivet discourse* (Mt 24:3) in which it speaks of the last days like it was the time of Noah. *The Olive tree* has always been used to draw our attention to *peace*. [*the olive branch* in a dove's mouth symbolized the peace on the earth that followed the flood in Noah's day (Gen 8:10-11).

Olivet is also where the disciples saw Jesus taken up into heaven. The "tabernacle" of Christ's body has ascended into the temple of God in heaven (Acts 1:12). He will once again return, when God chooses to dwell (tabernacle) again on the earth. In that day, the Prince of Peace's (Isa 9:6) feet will stand upon the *Mt of Olives* (Zec 14:4).

During Holy week and at the conclusion of the Passover supper, Christ predicted that He will not eat or drink of it again, until He does so in the kingdom (Mat 26:27-29; Luk 22:15-16, Luk 22:17-18). He departed that night and the scripture said that He went to the Mt of Olives singing a hymn (Mt 26:30). The hymn that was sung is the one also found at the conclusion of the Passover called: "The Hallel" (Psalms of Praise: Psa 113-118).

D. The Hallel (Psalms 113-118) - Messiah as Israel's Tabernacle of Defense at the 2nd Coming

Psa 118:1-4 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever. Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

In Tribulation - Israel's faith in the Lord that will prevail:

Psa 118:5-9 **I called upon the LORD in distress:** the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Also in tribulation: All nations will encompass them:

Psa 118:10-12 **ALL NATIONS compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them. They compassed me about;** yea, **they compassed me about:** but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. **They compassed me about like bees:** they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

Zec 12:2-3 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and *the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city*.

The "residue" of people in Zec 14:2 that are not cut off from the city are 1/3 of them that remain after the tribulation is over; and they are called "the remnant" (Zec 13:8-9). The residue or the "remnant" are there because the Lord will help them.

Psa 118:13-15 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me. *The LORD is my strength and song, and is become "my salvation" (My Y'shua = My Jesus). The voice of rejoicing and salvation (Y'shua) is in **the tabernacles of the righteous:**

**[This quote comes right from "The Song of the Redeemed"]*

Exo 14:13-14 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see **the salvation (Y'shua) of the LORD**, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Exo 15:1-3 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, 'I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. *The LORD is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: (cf. Psa 118:14 and Isa 12:2) He is my God, and I will prepare Him an **habitation** (dwelling); my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

Exo 15:6 **THY RIGHT HAND, O LORD**, is become glorious in power: **THY RIGHT HAND, O LORD**, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Exo 15:11-13 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out **THY RIGHT HAND**, the earth swallowed them. Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which **Thou hast REDEEMED:** thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. '

Joh 4:14 But whosoever **drinketh of the water** that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him (tabernacle within us) a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Joh 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, (i.e. "Tabernacles"- Joh 7:2) Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, *as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But **this spake he of the Spirit**, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Isa 12:1-6 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. ***Behold, God is my salvation (Y'SHUA);** I will trust, and not be afraid: **for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation (Y'SHUA).** *Therefore **with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation (Y'SHUA)**[cf. Joh 7:38]. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: **for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee** (i.e. "The Holy Spirit" tabernacling inside a believer's body, as if it were "a booth")

The Right Hand of the Lord - which brought deliverance from Israel's enemies in Moses' day (Exo 15:6, 15:12) will do so again in the day that "All Nations" encompass them:

Psa 118:15b-16 . . .**the right hand of the LORD** doeth valiantly. **The right hand of the LORD** is exalted: **the right hand of the LORD** doeth valiantly.

- From Psa 80, we hear Israel asking God in that day to send them the man at God's right hand, who is The Son of Man"

Psa 80:14-19 **RETURN**, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; And **the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted**, *and **THE BRANCH** that thou madest strong for thyself. It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. Let thy hand be upon: THE MAN OF THY RIGHT HAND, *upon: **THE SON OF MAN** whom thou madest strong for thyself. So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

The Lord has disciplined Israel very much - but not utterly destroyed them:

Psa 118:17-18 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Isa 12:1 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Psa 118:19-20 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD: This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

Isa 26:1-2 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation, (Y'shua) will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

Isa 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

Psa 118:21-22 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, **and art become my salvation (Y'SHUA)**. **The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner**.

Isa 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Matthew 21:33-44 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, **which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it**, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And **when the time of the fruit drew near**, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast [him] out of the vineyard, and slew [him].

When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out [his] vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus saith unto them, **Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?** Therefore, say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the **fruits** thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. (cf. Mar 12:1-12; Luk 20:17-18)

Mark 12:12 And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way.

Acts 4:9-12 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it

known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. **This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

1Pet 2:6-8 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: **but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,** And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

Psa 118:23 **This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Zec 8:6-8 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in mine eyes?** saith the LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

Psa 118:24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. ("*HAVA NAGILAH*")

They ask the Lord to save them; using the words that Jesus gave as a condition for His return to Jerusalem once again

Psa 118:25-26 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. **Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.**

Zec 14:3-4 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And **his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives**, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zec 12:4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

Zec 12:8-9 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy **all the nations** that come against Jerusalem.

Zec 14:12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite **all the people that have fought against Jerusalem;** Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Psa 118:27-29 God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

Isa 8:16-17 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

Zec 14:8-9 And it shall be in that day, that **living waters** (cf. Jer 2:13, 17:13) **shall go out from Jerusalem;** half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Zec 14:16-21

And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, **and to keep the feast of tabernacles.** And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, **even upon them shall be no rain.** And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up **to keep the feast of tabernacles.** This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of **all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.** In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses,

HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

- Jesus' departure from the temple of Jerusalem & ascending into heaven from Mt. Olivet and returning to Olivet to "dwell" on the Earth again is depicted in the Shekinah Glory departing and returning in Ezekiel

- (1) From the Holy of Holies to the threshold of the Door: Eze 9:3 + 10:4
- (2) From the threshold of the door to the eastern gate: Eze 10:18-19
- (3) From the eastern gate to the Mount of Olives: Eze 11:22-23
- (4) From the Mt of Olives ascending into Heaven (Acts 1:9-12)
- (5) Christ returns at the 2nd Advent, the glory of God returns to the Mt of Olives: Eze 43:1-7
- (6) Then after His return: His glory will never depart again from Jerusalem: Eze 44:1-2

Rev 7:9-10

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and *palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Rev 7:13-17

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night **IN HIS TEMPLE:** and **he that sitteth on the throne shall DWELL AMONG THEM.** They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, **and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters:** and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Rev 21:3-6

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the TABERNACLE OF GOD IS WITH MEN,** and **HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM,** and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. **I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.**

APPENDIX

THE SIGN OF: "THE EARLY AND LATER RAINS"

THE EARLY RAINS:

OF CHRIST'S FIRST COMING BROUGHT THE HOLY SPIRIT OR THE WATER OF THE WORD OF GOD "TO DWELL" IN US AS JESUS PROMISED:

Joh 14:17-20 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for **he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you**. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that **I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you**.

Joh 14:23-29 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and **make our abode with him**. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

Joh 15:1-17 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. **Abide in me, and I in you**. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, **except it abide in the vine**; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am **the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him**, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, **ye shall abide in my love**; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and **abide in his love**. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, **and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit**, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Joh 15:26-27 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Joh 16:4-14 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, **because I was with you**. But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you..

JUST AS THE SHEKINAH GLORY APPEARED OVER THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS, NOTE THE PLACE WHERE GOD CHOOSES TO TABERNACLE IN THIS AGE:

Acts 2:1-3 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them

cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

1Cor 3:16-17 Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?** If any man defile the **temple of God**, him shall God destroy; **for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.**

1Cor 6:19-20 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

2Cor 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? **for ye are the temple of the living God;** as God hath said, **I will dwell in them,** and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST WHICH CLOSES OUT THE SPRING HARVEST IS WHAT PETER IS REFERRING TO AS THE ONE SPIRIT (LIKE JESUS WHO COMES 2X) IS Poured OUT FROM ON HIGH AT PENTECOST AND SOMEDAY AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES OR THE TIME OF THE LATTER RAIN.

Jam 5:7-8 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, **the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth,** and hath long patience for it, until he receive **the early and latter rain.** Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Acts 2:14-21 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that **dwell at Jerusalem,** be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God,

I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens **I will pour out** in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joe 2:15-32 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn (festive) assembly:

Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, **I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith:** and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, **for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.**

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the **former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former**

rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat,

and

the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that **I am in the midst of Israel,** and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh;** and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days **will I pour out my spirit.** And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered:

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for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Zec 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD **rain in the time of the latter rain**; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

Hos 5:15-6:3 I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: 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.

Zec 12:10 And **I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem: the spirit** of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Zec 13:1 In that day there shall be **a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem** for sin and for uncleanness.

Amo 9:11-15 In that day will **I raise up the tabernacle** ("SUCCA") of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; (THE PRIESTS WEAR) and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.** And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and **they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof**; they shall also make **gardens, and eat the fruit of them.** And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no ore be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.