

## John 7 (Part 2)

### Living Water

John 7: 32-52

#### Feast of Booths (aka: Feast of Tabernacles) – Sukkot (Hebrew name)

- 15<sup>th</sup> day of Tishri (late Sept – early Oct)
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> of the pilgrimage feasts
  - (1) Passover (2) Pentecost (3) Feast of Booths
  - All males over 18 yrs old (and/or families) traveled to Jerusalem
- 8-day feast (Day 1 = Rest; Day 2-7 = Feast; Day 8 = Rest)
- Fall harvest just completed
- Thousands poured into Jerusalem; time of joyous celebration; most popular festival
- Individuals and families construct a booth and live in in for a week
  - Small, temporary structures made of thatched roofs, palm fronds
  - Decorated with regional fruits, flowering tree branches
  - Living in booths ENDED when entering Canaan; anticipates the end and the victory in God
  - Over the week, 192 animals sacrificed
- Remembering God’s provision & protection during the 40 years in the wilderness
- Celebrated yearly because God will save His people in the same way in the future

#### Leviticus 23

#### Deuteronomy 16

##### The Feast of Booths

<sup>33</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>34</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the LORD. <sup>35</sup> On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. <sup>36</sup> For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work.

<sup>37</sup> “These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the LORD food offerings, burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its proper day, <sup>38</sup> besides the LORD’s Sabbaths and besides your gifts and besides all your vow offerings and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.

<sup>39</sup> “On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. <sup>40</sup> And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. <sup>41</sup> You shall celebrate it as a

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<sup>13</sup> “You shall keep the Feast of Booths seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. <sup>14</sup> You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns. <sup>15</sup> For seven days you shall keep the feast to the LORD your God at the place that the LORD will choose, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.

<sup>16</sup> “Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. <sup>17</sup> Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. <sup>42</sup> You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, <sup>43</sup> that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

## JEWISH FEASTS & FESTIVALS

*Point to God's redemptive work of His people*

*“These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.” Col 2:16*

SEASON	DATE	FEAST	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	REASON FOR CELEBRATION
Spring	14 <sup>TH</sup> Day of 1 <sup>st</sup> month	<b>Passover</b> [Pilgrimage Feast]	Lev 23:5 Num 28:16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliverance from Egyptian Slavery</li> <li>• Pascal lamb sacrificed</li> <li>• Blood marked the door of believers to be “passed over” by angelic destroyer</li> </ul>
	7 days following Passover	<b>Feast of Unleavened Bread</b> (immediately follows Passover)	Lev 23:6-8 Num 28:17 Ex 12:39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commemorates speed at which they left Egypt</li> <li>• God’s deliverance.</li> <li>• Leaven prohibited in daily meals</li> <li>• Eating unleavened bread was an act of faith</li> <li>• Trust in the Lord’s promise.</li> </ul>
	March/April	<b>First-fruits Harvest</b> Wave Offering	Lev 23:9-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give God the first of the barley harvest. And trust God to give us the rest.</li> <li>• Sheaf of the wave offering</li> </ul>
	50 days after Passover Sabbath	<b>Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)</b> [Pilgrimage Feast]	Lev 23:15-22 Deut 16:16-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finishing the 1<sup>st</sup> crop of the new season. Wheat. New rains.</li> <li>• Reconstituted people of God composed of cleansed Jews &amp; Gentiles.</li> </ul>
Fall	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of 7 <sup>th</sup> month	<b>Feast of Trumpets</b>	Lev 23:23-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trumpet blast announced a special month that includes (1) Day of Atonement and (2) Feast of Booths</li> <li>• Celebrative feast &amp; rest</li> </ul>
	10 <sup>th</sup> Day of 7 <sup>TH</sup> month	<b>Day of Atonement</b>	Lev 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Priest only</li> <li>• Sacrifices 2 goats:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. sprinkles blood on Ark of Covenant</li> <li>2. lays on hands transferring sin; released into wilderness</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Access to God only thru shedding of blood</li> </ul>
	15 <sup>th</sup> Day of 7 <sup>th</sup> month (8 days)	<b>Feast of Booths (Tabernacle) (Ingathering)</b> [Pilgrimage Feast]	Lev 23:34-44 Ex 23:16 Ex 34:22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marks end of agricultural year; final ingathering of grapes &amp; olive harvest</li> <li>• People dwell in booths remembering journey from Egypt to Canaan.</li> </ul>

## Officers Sent to Arrest Jesus

<sup>32</sup> The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. <sup>34</sup> You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." <sup>35</sup> The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup> What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

## Rivers of Living Water

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The daily ceremony went like this:

### Feast of Tabernacles

#### Daily Ceremonies - Days 1-7

1. Golden Flagon filled with water from the Pool of Siloam.
2. Carried in a procession led by High Priest back to the temple
3. 3 Trumpet blasts as procession arrives
4. Priests circle around altar of burnt offering w/ flagon of water (7 Times)

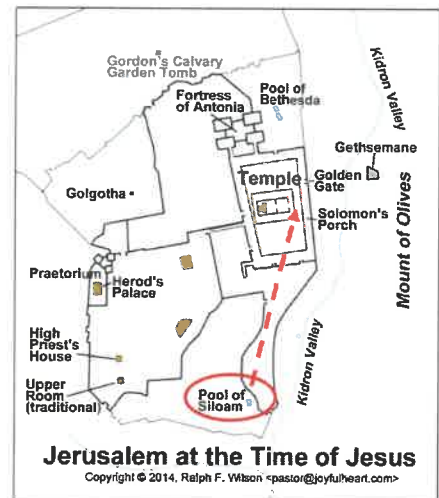
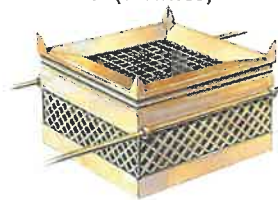
*"Hallel, hallel jah, Hallelujah"*

*"Praise to Jah, Praise to Yahweh, Praise to Jehova"*

5. Temple Choir sings "Hallel" (Psalms 113-118)

6. Right hand: all pilgrims shake a Lulab  
Left hand: all pilgrims raise a citron (citrus fruit)

7. When finishing Psalm 118 - All cry: "Give thanks to the Lord!" 3x



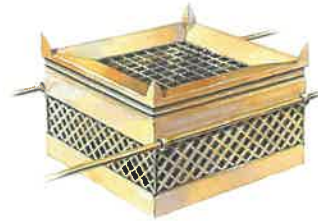
## Daily Ceremonies - Days 1-7; Climax – Day 8

### Water Pouring

8. High Priest pours water into a bowl (and wine into another bowl) for all to see

9. Pours water & wine onto the Altar of Burnt Offerings.

- Water pours out from underneath toward the people--signifying
  - Life, rainfall and blessing
  - Rain = Life & vitality
  - Remembering the Lord's provision of water in the desert
  - Anticipating:
    - Lord's outpouring of "spiritual rains" in the Messianic age to come
    - Eschatological rivers of living water foreseen by Ezekiel (47:1-9), Joel (3:18) and Zechariah (13:1)
    - Water flowing from the temple when God restores His people



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### John 4:13-15

<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

### Security:

A convinced awareness of being unconditionally and totally loved without needing to change in order to win love. Loved by a love which is freely given, which cannot be earned and therefore cannot be lost.

### Significance:

A realization of being engaged in a responsibility or job that is truly important, whose results will not evaporate with time but will last through eternity, that fundamentally involves having a meaningful impact on another person; a job for which I am completely adequate.

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### **To the Church in Laodicea (Rev 3:16-17)**

... <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

### **Division Among the People**

<sup>40</sup> When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." <sup>41</sup> Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee?" <sup>42</sup> Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" <sup>43</sup> So there was a division among the people over him. <sup>44</sup> Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

<sup>45</sup> The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" <sup>46</sup> The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" <sup>47</sup> The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived?" <sup>48</sup> Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? <sup>49</sup> But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, <sup>51</sup> "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" <sup>52</sup> They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

### **A New Prophet like Moses (Deut 18:15, 17-18)**

<sup>15</sup> "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.