

## Feast of Tabernacles and The Last Great Day

*“Speak unto the children of Israel, saying,  
‘The fifteenth day of this seventh month  
shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days  
unto the LORD’” (Le 23:34).*

*“Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month,  
when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land,  
ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:  
on the first day shall be a sabbath, and  
on the eighth day shall be a sabbath” (Le 23:39).*

*“And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God” (Le 23:40-43).*

The Feast of Tabernacles is much more than a feast celebrating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the Anointed One, although His birth is certainly worthy of celebration. It is noteworthy that He was born into temporary quarters, the stable of an overflowing inn, as He began His life in a “tabernacle” of flesh and blood, a mere “booth” compared to His former glory.

*And the Word was made 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 (John 1: 14).*

The lesson taught by this particular Feast is that this generation of man is temporal in nature and will be succeeded by a re-generation where “...this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, ‘Death is swallowed up in victory’” (1Co 15:53, 54).

*“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Co 5:1)*

*“For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life” (2 Co 5:4).*

*“Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance” (2 Peter 1:13-15).*

The Feast of Tabernacles, while memorializing the pivotal event of Israel’s living in tents and booths while being led through the wilderness after fleeing Egypt, is also analogous of the temporal nature of this phase of our existence.

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When the Lord returns there will be a Grand Sabbath of 1000 years. During this time *“...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” (Zec 14:16).*

*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 (Zec 14:17).*

*“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” (Zec 14:18,19).*

With this Feast of the Lord, Tabernacles, we remember where we came from, how we got here, and where we are going. While we are here in our tabernacles of flesh we are to rejoice before the Lord in anticipation of the *eighth* day of this *seven* day feast - The Last Great Day!

*“In the last day, that great day of the feast, 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’” (John 7:37,38).*

*“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:1-3).*

*“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’” (Re 21:3).*