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THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES



'YE SHALL DWELL IN BOOTHS (TABERNACLES) SEVEN DAYS"(LEV. 23:42).

Why are we interested in the Feast of Tabernacles? Isn't it part of the law of Moses? And haven't we been telling you over and over again that we are free from the law? Well, we definitely are but we can still learn a whole lot by studying it and seeing its spiritual application to our lives. Many of the things written of in the Old Testament foreshalowed things to come. We can discover many things about

our present situation by taking a close look at Tabernacles.

FEAR NOT! WE ARE NOT OF RETURNING TO

SACRIFICING BULLS & GOATS.

The people of Israel were commanded to gather three times a year in Jerusalem (Deut. 16:16). They were to celebrate

the three major feasts of the year: Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles. Passover came in the spring of the year, fifty days later came Pentecost and at the end of the agricultural year, at harvest time, came the Feast of Tabernacles. The keeping of these three feasts is a statute that is to be kept forever (Lev. 23:41).

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HELPS US Equals sprit, soul,
BODY, TREMENDOUS
SPIRITUAL
TRUTH.

This does not mean we must go back to sacrificing animals and making pilgrimages to Jerusalem.

HOLY SPIRIT PASSOVER & PENTECOST TO US.

What does it mean? Through the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit we do keep the feasts of Passover and Pentecost right now.

Jesus is our Passover lamb (ICOr. 5:7). Jesus knew this. He knew He would be crucified at the Feast of Passover. The religionists of His day were trying for a long time to kill Him. But he continually evaded them saying "my time has not yet come." Jesus died that all men might live (ITim. 7:6; ICOr. 15:27). Jesus died to save our spirit and by accepting Him as Savior we keep our Passover.

PASSOVER — LAMB (1 cor. 5:7).

When the day of Pentecost had fully come They were all filled with the Holy (Host (Acts 2:1-4). Jesus saved our spirit at Passover. The Holy Spirit began to work on our soul at Pentecost. By receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit we are keeping the Feast of Pentecost.

CAME ON THE DAY of PENTECOST.

Through the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit we have been able to keep the spirit of the law concerning Passover and Pentecost. But there is no scriptural indication in the New Test ament that the Feast of Tabernacles has been fulfilled like the other two have.

We are still looking forward to this event. Jesus saved our spirit at Passover. The Holy Spirit began saving our soul at Pentecost, Now we're expecting the Father to inhabit our bodies at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Jesus - Spirit - Passover Holy Spirit - Soul-Pentecost Father - Body - Tabernacles

The three feasts are connected historically with the fxodus and the passage of the children of Israel into the promised land. Passover is celebrated to remind the Israelites that the death angel passed over their homes when they left Egypt. They put the blood of a sacrificed lamb over their door post as a sign of their trust in God (Exodusiz). The law was given at Pentecost on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19).

Tabernacles is celebrated particularly to remind the Israelites that they dwelt in booths (tabernacles) when they came out of Egypt (Lejviticus 23:43).

Tabernacles is connected with both an historical and a seasonal event (the sojourn in the wilderness and the fall harvest). In both cases it is closely tied to the concept of hope. You'll find that in the New Testament our hope is related to the salvation of our bodies (Rom8:73,24)

Concerning the seasonal aspect, Tabernacles marks the ingathering of the harvest and the beginning of rain, but the harvest is only enjoyed in the months to come and rain is still being hoped for for little or none has fallen at the time of the feast. On the historical plane the feast does not commemorate the actual entry of the Israelites into the prom ised land but rather that, with a sure and positive HOPE of entering in, they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years protected only by the shelter of a booth constructed with their own hands.

TABERNACLES EQUALS HOPE.

These booths were constructed of willow, myrtle and palm branches. They were decorated with fruit of goodly trees, Traditionally these were the

barley, vines, figs, pomegranates, olives, and honey (dates). Peut. 8:7. They were hung from the ceiling of the booth. Now our covering is the fruit of the spirit, not fruit of the ground as it was then.

OUR HOPE IS THE SALVATION OF OUR BODIES.

(ROMANS 8:23-24)

Our promised land, our hope is that our bodies will be redeemed (Rom 8:23,24). We stand as candidates for this full salvation, we see giants in the land but like Joshua and Caleb we know God has given us the victory. We desire to be part of the generation that enters in. At Tabernacles we expect to be empowered with all the necessary tools so we can come to the end.

OUR COVERING IS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (GAL. 5:22-23)

There are a few other things about Tabernacles that make it different than Passover or Pentecost.

First, at least three times we are told that we will observe this feast with great joy: "and thou shalt rejoice in thy feast" (Deut. 16:14); "Thou shalt surely rejoice "(Deut. 16:15); and "Thou shalt surely rejoice before the Lord your Grod"

(Lev. 23:40). No rejoicing at all is mentioned in regard to Passover and only once are we told there will be rejoicing at the feast of Pentecost. Why? Because at the feast of Tabernacles our harvest is complete, we can

OF TABERNACLES OF SHEER.

draw from our own God given inner reserves. We have a solid hope of full salvation and the assurance of rain to come and nourish our growth into perfection. Ezra, during Tabernacles, had to tell the people of Israel not to weep but rather rejoice at the reading of the law "for

the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:9-12).

AT TABERNACLES THERE IS GREAT ABUNDANCE. (

Another thing that sets Tab ernacles apart is the abundance enjoyed during this feast. It's the fall harvest . Passover came right after the bleak winter season, there was little food to spare. Pentecost marked only the first fruits of the barley harvest. At Tabernacles there was plenty, everyone was looking forward to enjoy. ing the fruit of their labors. There was much sacrificing of animals during this feast. The first day 13 bullocks were sacrificed along with two rams and fourteen lambs. Each day following for seven days of the feast one less bullock was sacrificed but still two rams and fourteen lambs were offered each day. The sacrifices were not just burned up, they were eaten and there was more than enough to go around. Whereas at Passover and Pent. ecost there was only enough for the household, at Tabernales there was plenty for all; the servants, the poor, the stranger, all could partake.

This leads to another aspect of Tabernacles - its univer nature . Passover and Pentecost were strictly Jewish feasts but Tabernacles had an appeal even to the gentiles. The num. ber of bullocks sacrificed during the feast equalled seventy, according to the Mishna this was the number of nation 5 known to make up the world.

TABERNACLES has universal APPEAL.



Also, the prophet Zechariah saw Tabernacles as a festival to be entered into by all the nations of the world: "And it shall come to pass that everyone that is left of all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the KING, the Lord of hosts and to keep the reast of Tabernacles.

THERE IS AN AIR of SECRECY INVOLVED WITH TABERNACLES.



Another thing which makes Taber nacles different is the private or secretive nature of the celebration. When Jesus went to the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem, He went secretly (John 7:10). Each family is to build a booth and it is in the booth that God comes to dwell with you. In the other feasts you go to the temple to worship and present your sacrifices. At Tabernacles the glory of the Father leaves the Temple and comes to converse with you. It is an intimate relationship parallel to that between a husband and wife. We do not broadcast to the public those things we learn of each other in our private intimate relationship. We need time

during this feast to be alone with God. Later, at the end of the feast we come together again for rejoicing and fellow-

There is a Biblical pattern which shows that upon being released from bondage or upon entering into a new era there is renewed interest in the Feast of Tabernacles. Solomon dedicated his temple at the Feast of Tabernacles (2 Chron. 5:3). Ezra kept the feast when he returned from captivity to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem (Ez.3:4) Nehem. iah also observed the seast (Neh. 8:13-17) when he returned to build up the walls and gates of the city, since the Jews have started to return to Israel and develop their own nation they have had a renewed interest in Tabernaces We should be reading the signs of the times and apply. ing this truth spiritually. We should be starting our own Tabernacle experience.

LEARN TO READ the signs of THE TIMES. (MATT.16:3)



How do we do this? By following Jesus, There are two places in the gospels where we

can clearly see Jesus' thoughts concerning Tabernacles - John 7 & Matthew 17:1-9. In both places there is an interplay between the law of Moses and the words of Jesus. About Tabernacles Moses said "Go to Jerusalem." Jesus said "Come up into a high mountain apart with me "(Matt 17:1).



There on the mountain Moses and Elijah appeared. They represented the Law and the prophets. But God glorified Jesus and said "This is My Beloved Son .. hear ve Him.

JESUS TEACHES US TO FOLLOW THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW &

Jesus told His disciples to do things that seemed contrary to the law. They were supposed to be in Jerusalem that day not on a mountain top . But they followed Jesus and God came to them. Jesus will never lead you away from the spirit of the law but ne may lead you to a different mountain.

In order to enter the last feast, the Feast of Tabernacles, we must follow Jesus, not the law or the prophets, Every society, churn or organization we know of mixes law and grace. If we started an organization it wouldn't be two weeks before we added some rules or laws that would keep us from God by putting us back under Moses law.

That's why this experience has to be secret-men will not understand you. Talk about division - there was alot of it when you were saved, a hundred times more when you were filled with the spirit, watch out now.

Only when we've taken time to be alone with God in our own booth that we've constructed with out own hands can we



ABERNACLES

MEAN

WHAT

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TRADITIONS

DEALT

get to really know God. Then we can come back together and truly help each other, not tear each other down.

Remember, this feast is to be celebrated with great joy. We enter into seclusion with great joy, with expectancy, with assurance that a loving caring Father will come to us and share Himself with us there. 88

SHALOM SUKKOT!

COST (FANY MAN THIRST LET HIM COME ONTO (ME AND DRINK! 6.3

JESUS MADE HIS POINT (John 7:38)

Jesus was constantly trying to get the Pharisees and Sadduces to see beyond their traditions and rituals. He didn't condemn their traditions, He just wanted them to look beyond the outer show. He didn't adhere strictly to their rituals but He did use some of them to illustrate points He wanted to get ACTOSS.

For instance, on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the climax, the greatest day of the greatest and most joy ful celebration of the year, the day all the people had been anxiously waiting for There are many traditions like the water and the priests and Levites had been me libation connected with Tabernacles. Even show. The occasion was the water liba-The ritual lasted six days and climaxed on the seventh day.

joy, was poured at the same time, the ing in our bodies (HISTEMPLE). two mingled and flowed through a special pipe Network back to the brook Kidron.

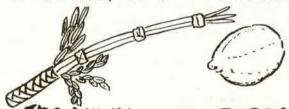
MANY CEREMONIES OBSERVED AT TABERNACLES WERE NOT PART OF THE LAW.

The purpose of the ritual was to invoke God to send much needed rain. it was also prophetic in nature, looking forward to a pouring out of God's Spirit.

There was much excitement and anticipation during this ceremony. The priests and Levites spent long hours preparing their dress, memorizing the words to be recited and the motions to be gone through The Levites were singing, blowing trumpets, clanging cymbals, playing harps and psaltry. The crowds were all stretching and vying for the best positions so that each one could see the water and wine flow unto the altar.

Just when the combined fervor had reached its apex a hush fell over the crowd. The high priest majestically, and ceremoniously raised the golden pitcher, pausing before he poured so that everyone could see. The pitcher tilts ... and Jesus stands up and cries out in a loud voice "IF ANY MAN THIRST, LET HIM COME UNTO ME, AND DRINK! HE THAT BE-LIEVETH ON ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE HATH SAID, OUT OF HIS BELLY SHALL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER. "(John 7:38)

Wow! you can bet that priest was mad. The crowd was astounded. Jesus made His point. Of course he was talking about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and those who were ready for it could understand.



The LULAV and the ETROG MUCH SYMBOLISM IS INVOLVED WITH THESE

There are many traditions like the water ticulously preparing for - Jesus stole the though they are not part of the law they tion, the pouring of water unto the altar feast. As we have said, at Tabernacles we do serve to illustrate our point about the expect the Father to inhabit our bodies and begin to change them and make them A priest was specially appointed to perfect. Our bodies are his temple. Intake a golden pitcher to the pool of terestingly this feast has traditionally Siloam and fill it with water. The high been observed to commemorate the enpriest then poured the water into a basin thronement of God . We're looking forward at the foot of the altar. Wine, asymbol of to God being enthroned, ruling and reign.

> Another rite observed during this feast was the illumination of the temple in berusalem. Everyone carried torches to the temple, special candelabras were hung in the court of the women. The whole of Jerusalem and much of the surrounding area were illuminated by the lights of the temple. So we look for the glory (light) of the Lord to be seen upon us (Isaiah 60:1).

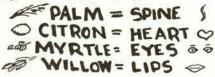
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The study of Tabernacies is rich and rewarding . You'll find the four species palm, willow, myrtle and citron used to construct the booths were all symbolic of parts of the body: the palm is the backbone, the citron the heart, the myrtle the eyes and the willow the lips. Actually entering into the booth (tabernacle) was symbolic of entering into

ENTERING THE BOOTH IS LIKE ENTERING INTO GOD.



EACH OF THE FOUR MATERIALS USED TO CONSTRUCT IT WERE SYMBOLIC OF PARTS OF THE BODY



The Jews also use the four species in another manner, carrying the lular, (palm, willow and myrtle) in one hand and the etroy (citron) in the other. These symbolize the male and female aspects of God, the conduits of His divine flow. As we enter into God He in turn enters into us.

The themes of Tabernacles have been summed up in Jewish writings as redemption , universal peace and brotherhood, and completion. We expect all of these as a result of our Tabernacle experience.

It has been written that all the mysteries of God are revealed in the rituals of the Feast of Tabernacles. We long to experience God - to know Him in all His beauty, grace, majesty and glory. We long to share in His mercy, love and understanding. As Jesus is our Passover Lamb and the Holy Spirit our comforter at Pentecost we now pray the father will bring us the fullness of His joy at Tabernacles.

WE ARE ON A PROGRESSIVE PATH

Once again, in the major feasts of the Jewish year, We have seen a three step pattern leading us to full salvation and wholeness in God. Enjoy your born again experience, rejoice in your pentecostal experience, or these are major steps to ward our end. They are in no way baby steps, they are signs of pro-gression and maturity. gression and maturity. But we can't get bogged down at either one. We must keep movin'on.

God has more and more for us to learn and par-take in. It keeps gettin' better and better as we

petter and better as we approach our Goal.
Don't be discouraged, rather rejoice. Keep your eye on HIM and HE will not fail you. HE has the power to finish the good work HE's begun in

Jesus promised HE would not lose even one that the Father gave HIM. There is HOPE for us all.

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Minutes

Hello to our Monarch Multitude!

Since we have not talked together in this manner before, I must tell you first of all that I am grateful to my Father for choosing me to be the secretary for this ministry. It is a privilege, and very fulfilling indeed, to belong to that in which you fully believe, and to have explicit confidence in those around

It is my pleasure to fill your orders for books and tapes. David also dic tates his answers to your letters to me and I type them for him. My various duties keep me in close contact with the many friends of the Bible school.



THE MAIL DELIVERY'S BEEN DRAGGIN'

At times you must wonder why your order was so long in arriving. This is because we have decided to use the least expensive mail, meaning your order could take up to three weeks. There are other reasons beyond our control. Some first class mail has taken 18 days to reach Illinois. We have mail returned to us with MOVED, UNKNOWN, INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS and REFUSED all on one piece. If we lose contact with you or have lost contact with someone you know of, please check with us to see if it was due to some mistake.

IF WE LOSE CONTACT / IT'S NO DOUBT

BY MISTAKE.

My thanks to you dear people who have have always shown great patience and understanding. Never once have I heard a harsh word from anyone, even when the mail is mixed up or late. Your messages are filled with blessings, love and prayers for all our staff. We want you to know your letters are a vital, energizing part of this ministry.

YOUR LETTERS ENERGIZE AND REVITALIZE US.

We have rejoiced with you-we have shed tears with you we have prayed with you because you have taken time to share your joys and pains of e-merging. Do I see a bit of a butterfly wing coming through? Sure enough! Keep expanding a breakthrough is mevitexpanding a breakthrough is mable. Can't take too much longer.

LOVE from Your Gal Friday,

NOW WHERE DID WE HEAR THAT BEFORE?

expressing ideas that Dave has been throwing views about it. around for a long time.

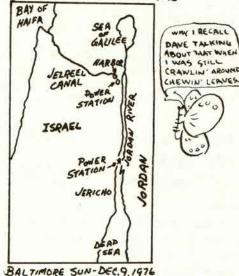
Perhaps you have them on some tapes you have. The Palestinian

Here are a couple state is getting a lot of of newspaper clippings attention since president Carter has expressed his

The Jezreel Valley Canal is a fantastic idea. It heard him talk about would bring prosperity in many ways to the Middle East.

> NEW PALESTINIAN STATE?-Arab and Third World nations are completing a United Nations General Assembly resolution calling for the creation of a separate Palestinian state made up of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank of the Jordan River.

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HISTORY BEING FULFILLED

7 EQUALS 3. 3 EQUALS 7

	FEASTS	TABERNACLE	HISTORY
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3 ^B ODY	5. TRUMPETS B C. DAY OF ATONEMENT A C. 7. TABERNACLES	7. ARK OF TESTAMENT	7. CHARISMATICS SPIRIT NEW THINGS SODY

We are living in an age the prophets and angels have longed to look into - and it's exciting. Throughout the Bible the numbers three and seven signify completion and perfection. It is interesting to see that within the three major feasts of the Jewish year there are seven main events. Looking at the chart above you can see Passover consisted of: Passover (Ex. 12:1-23; Lev. 23:4,5, Deut. 16:1-3) 2 Unleavened Bread (Ex. 12/18; 23:15; Lev. 23:6-8; Deut. 16:3-4), 3) Sheaf of First Fruits (Lev. 23:10-14). Pentecost stood alone. (Ex. 23:16; Lev. 23:15:21; Deut. 16:9-12; Acts 2:1). Tabernacles consisted of : y Blowing of Trumpets (Lev. 23:24-25), Day of Atonement (Lev. 16;23:27-32) The Feast of Tabernacles (Ex. 23:16; Lev. 23:34-44; Deut. 16:13-15)

Another place in scripture where we see the interplay of three and seven is in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. There are 3 major areas in the Tabernacle; the Guter Court, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies. But there are seven major steps into the Holy of Holies: the door, the brazen altar,

the Laver, the candlestick, shewbread, incense altar and finally the Ark of the Testament.

what makes all of this come alive is to see it being fulfilled in history. Nearly every fifty years since Luther a new move of God has appeared. Truth is being revealed to God's people in an orderly and systematic fashion God had this all planned before the foundations of the earth. He had you and me chosen to be part of this tremendous generation.

Studying the chart above will show you that each major movement discovered a truth that corresponded to a truth revealed at each step of the Tabernacle and in each of the three feasts, Our book "Key to the Priesthood" explains this parallel in some detail.

All signs point to our day as the day all the prophets desired to look into We are approaching the Ark of the Testament. We are entering our Feast of Tabernacles. This is a day in which to rejoice and be glad.