

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 23:33-44

Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 16:13-14

We have seen that the worldly holidays are not commanded to be kept in the Scriptures. The Bible instructs the true worshipers to keep a different set of holy days – the feast days of Yahweh. What could be wrong with being obedient to Yahweh’s commandments? In the Scriptures we find blessings promised for keeping the commandments. Such spiritual blessings were bestowed upon Israel during the time of king Hezekiah, II Chronicles 30. Those blessings will be poured out in abundance upon the people of Yahweh in the Millennium. Already we may savor those blessings in these last days. Don’t you want to receive them? All you need to do is obey Yahweh’s commandments and you will be blessed.

In our time the encouragement of Nahum 1:15 still rings true. **“Behold, upon the mountains the feet of him that brings good tidings that publishes peace! Keep feasts, O Judah, perform your vows; for the wicked one shall no more pass through you; he is utterly cut off.”** The feasts of Yahweh are and always shall be important.

We can know that we are Yahweh’s people through obedience to His Laws and by keeping the holy days which He outlined for us. Our faith in the Word may be strengthened when we behold the things they depict. Nevertheless, each individual must make the decision personally and voluntarily. Will you obey and be blessed, or continue to disobey and receive the curse (judgment)? The choice is ours.

The Feast of Tabernacles portrays the Day of Yahweh—the one-thousand-year–millennial reign of Yahshua the Messiah on this earth. Mortal mankind has been allotted six prophetic days of one thousand years each to achieve its goals and aims, II Peter 3:8-13. Man has fallen far short of perfection. Now Yahweh implements His program for this earth. The Last Great Day, or the eighth day of the feast, points toward eternity, when from the inside of each individual “living waters” will flow (John 7:37-38).

Following the marriage supper of the Lamb and being accepted as the children of the Most High, we enter the millennial reign of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah on this earth. The righteous King, Yahshua, will rule the nations of the earth under the authority of the Law of Yahweh. If you don’t believe that we will be observing the Feast of Tabernacles during the Millennium, turn immediately to Zechariah 14:16-21, which describes what will occur after the Messiah returns. During the thousand-year reign of the Messiah, this earth will finally realize the potential for which it was created.

This was the last of the sacred festivals of the year. It began five days after the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 23:34; Deuteronomy 16:13), and lasted seven days. It marked the completion of the harvest, and historically commemorated the wanderings in the wilderness. During this festival people lived in booths and tents in Jerusalem to remind themselves of how their fore fathers wandered in the wilderness and lived in booths. The sacrifices of this feast were more numerous than at any other. The last day of the feast marked the conclusion of the ecclesiastical year. The whole feast was popular and joyous in nature. Besides the above feast, which were all pre-exilic and instituted by Yahweh, the Jews after the Captivity added two others, Chanukah (the Feast of Dedication or Festival of Lights), and the Feast of Purim.

Questions

1. Did Yahshua keep the Feast of Tabernacles? John 7 :38
2. Did the Apostle also keep the feast? Acts 18:21
3. Will this feast be kept in the Kingdom of Yahweh?
Zechariah 14:16-19

4. Is the Feast of Tabernacles fulfilled yet?
5. What does the Feast of Tabernacles depict?
6. The Hebrew word for Tabernacles is *Succhoth*. What does it mean?
7. When the children of Israel came out of captivity, how important was the Feast of Tabernacles to them? Nehemiah 8:14-18

Conclusion

Finally, the Last Great Day of the Feast is especially significant, because as a great Sabbath of rest, it points forward into the great beyond, eternity, taking us forward to the age when all people on this earth will have received a spiritual body and new endeavors will begin under the Almighty Heavenly Father.