

# **The Exciting meaning of the last day of the Feast**

**(The 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast, not the 8<sup>th</sup> day, which has its own amazing meaning)**

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## **Summary:**

For many, this may be the first time you've heard a fuller explanation of the amazing 7<sup>th</sup> day, the last day of the seven day feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot). There's more information than I've shared before about this day. Jews have called this day, "*Hoshana Rabbah*" for millennia – meaning the "Great Salvation" or "Save us, O Great One". Find out why. Find out why water was poured out and why "the Pierced One" led priests around the altar 7 times on this day. Read John 7:37-39 and why Yeshua said what He said on this day at the moment He did. Discover the correction for God's people from the prophet Haggai on this very day. Why were there 7 final bulls sacrificed? Find out why humanity will be crying out for King Yeshua (Jesus) to save them this late in the Millennium...and much more.

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Greetings, brothers and sisters in Messiah. This is Philip Shields, with what I hope you'll find to be an exciting message **about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast of Booths/Tabernacles**, also called *Sukkot* (meaning "booths") in Hebrew.

Of the 3 pilgrim festivals – Pesach/Passover, Shavuot/Pentecost and Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles – The Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated with unequalled joy. It was called "*the season of our joy*" in fact.

***Today I'm covering the exciting meaning of the last day, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast of Tabernacles. Though I've spoken on it before, I have more information for this sermon that is very relevant.***

(I'll be saying "Yehovah" going forward for "YHVH". I'll give a full sermon on pronunciation of YHVH, the Eternal's most personal name, the name used over 6,800 times in Scripture –and the latest most convincing evidence I heard in an excellent message based on the oldest known manuscripts going back 650 BC. He showed on the actual scrolls that it was written as "Yehovah", with emphasis on the 3<sup>rd</sup> syllable -- "vah" – YehoVAH". Some areas pronounced it YehoWAH, but the majority said it with a V sound. So going forward, I will be saying "Yehovah". He does want His name known and proclaimed and it was commonly used and pronounced in King David's day.)

WHY? Because so much is now behind us and events are rushing forward to the **culmination of Yehovah's plan of Salvation, including:**

- The removal of our arch-enemy Satan the Devil (Adversary the slanderer)
- to reinstate what YHVH had in the Garden of Eden
- Creator and mankind intimate with each other, communing with each other.
- The resurrection of all of the first fruit of Yah's family
- Marriage – in heaven -- of the Lion of Judah (Yeshua) and His Bride

- The invasion and conquering of the earth from heaven by the King of Kings and His bride and angels
- Restoration of a largely destroyed earth into a worldwide Garden of Eden over time
- The resurrection of all who have ever lived to be given the opportunity to have their eyes opened to Yehovah's truth – and the final judgment and 2<sup>nd</sup> death of those who choose not to repent.
- New heavens and new earth with heavenly Jerusalem established on the new earth.

What I've just said is largely what the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast and then the separate 8<sup>th</sup> day -- are all about!

*MAN—inspired by the god of this world Satan -- invented every religion as we know it.* Certainly the “boxes” we call church organizations are not from the true God. He will not be boxed in. Let that sink in. I really believe it. Scripture doesn't espouse Judaism, Catholicism, Protestantism, Hinduism, Buddhism or any other ism. YHVH is not about religion! **YHVH is all about relationship between Him and humanity, and humanity among themselves.**

*In Scripture, “religion” is about relationship and covenant we have with our Maker.* It's about taking care of people (**see James 1:26-27**). It's *not* about man-made traditions and liturgy. It's about a tight relationship with Abba, our powerful and loving heavenly Father – as well as with our King and Beloved Yeshua.

So today I'm going to focus on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast and its meaning...but first, let's do a quick summary:

### **THE HARVESTS FORETOLD HOW and WHEN YHVH SAVES HUMANITY**

**Remember the Feast days are tied to the harvests in the land of Israel. YHVH is NOT losing any war of souls. There is a timetable for the calling and opening of the mind of every single human being.**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:21-25 CJB**

21 For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man. 22 For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive.

**23 But each in his own order: the Messiah is the firstfruits; then those who belong to the Messiah, at the time of his coming;**

24 then the culmination, when he hands over the Kingdom to God the Father, after having put an end to every rulership, yes, to every authority and power. 25 For he has to rule until he puts all his enemies under his feet.

**I've covered this before, but let's summarize in a quick high overview first:**  
Compare the harvest of lives to God's way – with the harvest of Israel.

*Just as we don't harvest ALL the various kinds of grains, fruits and vegetables at one time, neither does YHVH harvest, or bring, all of humanity to their spiritually ripened fruit-bearing stage at the same time. This is crucial to understand.*

Most of Christianity is saying in effect, that in the battle for winning over humanity to the Eternal God's way of life, that YHVH is losing. He obviously is, IF indeed He is trying to convert all humanity right now. [I'm giving more detail in this transcript at this point than I did in the audio.]

***But Yehovah is NOT trying to call or convert all humanity right now.*** There is a sequence of events, a series of times He works with individuals as 1 Cor. 15:23 shows.

- Our heavenly father starts with Yeshua as the first fruit barley harvest presented in behalf of the rest of the spring harvest (Lev. 23:9-11). YHVH calls those by opening their minds to His truth (John 6:44).
- *Then the early harvest of those called now to Yehovah's way* – pictured by Pentecost, the Feast of FIRST fruits (Lev. 23:15-17—v. 17-these are “first fruits”). So the early church began on Pentecost in Acts 2, because they were first fruits.
- *The rest of the harvest of humanity is pictured by the Fall festivals*, especially the Feast of Ingathering, or Feast of Booths/Tabernacles, the biggest harvest of all. That's picturing the time of the millennial rule of Yeshua.

Hopefully – if you're understanding this – that is including you! The vast majority of mankind will be called and converted during the Millennium and in the resurrection just after the millennium, which I'll cover in the next sermon. Yehovah never loses any of His battles. Satan is NOT winning in the overall plan of things.

*You and I are being called to become a part of the family of God.* He is called our Father and we are called His children for a very exciting purpose. I will cover that in a full sermon soon, Yah willing. [“Yah” is the short form of “YHVH” or “Yehovah”.]

God the Father has to call people to this understanding and send them to Yeshua to work with. So if you're understanding this and if you are being called now, then the King of the Universe, God the Father, has personally begun to open your mind and lead you to Him. That should drop you to your knees in grateful praise and adoration!

So the feasts show the sequence of Yehovah's plan. It will also correspond to the articles and items you come to, in order, in the tabernacle or temple. There is a sequence.

You have to first be invited into the relationship with Yehovah (John 6:44). You enter into the courtyard in the temple. We start with the spring Abib (the early ripening barley), as YHVH said in Ex. 12:1-2 – “This shall be the beginning of months” – not Rosh Hashanah in the fall!

- Passover. The Altar where we spill blood of a consecrated innocent lamb, kid or bull to acknowledge our guilt and ask for the blood of Another to cover us. They pictured the blood of Yeshua of course.
- The first “harvest” was the small firstfruits of the barley – Day of Firstfruits that was raised to heaven after Passover to make the rest of the barley harvest acceptable. This was Yeshua after His resurrection being accepted by Father (John 20:17).

- Then a relatively small barley and early wheat harvest in the spring and early summer (Days of Unleavened Bread and Pentecost –also Feast of Firstfruits, feast of weeks) Lev 23:17. Pentecost is the firstfruits of the wheat harvest (Ex. 34:22).

**The spring holydays rehearse PAST events with Yeshua the Lamb of God and focus primarily on His first coming and events up to His first coming**, and the early church. I personally believe there may still be aspects of even these spring holydays that will be finalized in years ahead, but that's for another sermon.

**The Fall holydays rehearse FUTURE events as Yeshua the Lion of Judah, the conquering King of kings returning to set things right, to set up his millennial reign over the earth with His Bride**, the first fruits of called out ones.

**I see Pentecost (Shavuot, Feast of Weeks) as a transition festival.** Many now believe it also pictures the wedding of the Lamb and Bride, just as YHVH married Israel on Shavuot. Another example: Boaz and Ruth, ancestors of King David and Yeshua, were married at about this same time.

- King Yeshua comes for His Bride, then takes her to heaven to be married (Rev. 19:1–9), then returns on angelic white “horses” together (**Rev. 19:10-14; Jude 14**). *If you want a full detailed explanation of this that will inspire and excite you, hear my message “I go Prepare a Place for You” – June 2011; and Jeff Niccum’s sermon posted to June 2012 titled “Pentecost”.*

**You can read about the wedding of Yeshua to His Bride of called-out first fruits, the early harvest of people – in Rev. 19.**

That's in heaven where the Father is, as I show in my sermon **“I Go Prepare a Place for you” – June 2011**. Remember a “King put on a wedding for His Son” (Matthew 22:1). We know who the Son is. The King is God the Father. In the parable it even says the King comes in to see the wedding guests. Where is HE? Obviously in heaven. So Rev. 14, 15 speak of the sea of Glass and the context is heavenly Jerusalem. Of course!

Who “the guests” at the wedding are and who the Bride is can be an interesting discussion. In every wedding I've been to, the Bride was in the minority!

*More and more believe He comes to get His bride and marry her for Pentecost. The 7 last plagues are being poured out on earth (Revelation chapters 8-9). Some of these plagues take a few months. Christ then returns with His Bride to the Mt. of Olives on or around feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah) through Atonement.*

- **Then a lull – then in the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the Hebrew calendar** (mid Sept- mid October usually) ALL the remaining holydays came in rapid succession bringing the plan to a close, fairly rapidly once those events start to happen. **THIS PICTURED the LARGE FALL HARVEST** of all the vegetables, fruits, olives, grapes – and it was called *“the Feast of Ingathering”*, as well as being called the Feast of Booths.

*Hear my sermons on Yom Teruah/Feast of Trumpets and the one on Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), so I don't have to repeat all that here. Those days picture the time Yeshua starts to take over the reins of government over the earth finally – along with His Bride,*

*the spirit-filled called-out ones who have been changed to spirit in the resurrection. YOU are being called to co-rule with King Yeshua just as Adam and Eve were commissioned with co-ruling the earth (Genesis 1:26-29). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam, Yeshua, also has a Bride.*

*Yom Teruah is a “good news/bad news” day –depending on whose side you’re on. But in a nutshell they picture the return of Jesus Christ, king of Kings, our beloved Yeshua. Satan is cast out before there can be peace on earth.*

**When we return, we’re coming back to face an earth that has been devastated by war**, earthquakes, tsunamis, hailstones and numerous plagues. When we return to Jerusalem with Christ, it’s surrounded by armies (Zech 14) intent on fighting us! But we will be resurrected spirit beings at that point, immortal, with incredible powers, led by our amazing King Yeshua.

**Revelation 19:19-21**

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

**Then, as I covered on DAY of Atonement, Satan is bound** for one thousand years (Rev. 20:1-6, please read it if you’re unfamiliar with it, and hear my sermon on the Day of Atonement.) ***The first steps of reconciling the world to King Yeshua begin to take place.*** A real healing begins. That also is the picture of the day of Atonement.

**Then we read: Rev. 20:4-6**

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. ***And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.***

**5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.**

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power [i.e., they’re immortal now], **but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**

**Calling it the “FIRST resurrection” implies a 2<sup>nd</sup> or more.** *The first resurrection is when mortality puts on immortality and we are changed to spirit, as you can read in the last half of 1 Cor. 15 and 1 Thess. 4:16-17. The rest of mankind has to wait until the thousand years are over (Rev. 20:5).*

**So back down to earth and reality – and this Feast of Tabernacles.**  
**The Feast itself is picturing the 1000 year reign on earth by King Yeshua and His Bride.**

*So the large FALL harvest – and Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles -- picture the time when King Yeshua rules the earth for 1000 years and eventually almost all humanity comes around to choosing Yehovah's way.*

*If you're new to keeping the Feast of Tabernacles read these passages that will help you picture what it is we are rehearsing and picturing ahead of time. As you read the passages I'll give, be sure to look at them spiritually too. A lion and a lamb – can also be allegorical as well as literal. The strong will no longer bully or take advantage of the weaker and innocent lamb-like people. The desert bursting out with water and flowers – the dry arid souls lighting up when they receive the “water” of God's spirit, and so on. See the healing of the blind as a depiction of mankind having their eyes opened to spiritual truth for the first time – as well as actual physical healings.*

### **A FEW OF THE TOTAL RESTORATIONS OCCURING IN THE MILLENNIUM**

- *A JUST RULER; Lion and the lamb, and safety around the world ISA 11*
- *DESERT blossoming as a rose, the lamb healed, blind will see, etc. Isa 35*
- *A time of plenty – Amos 9:11-13*
- *Rulership and God's law will be the standard Isa. 2; Micah 4, out of Zion.*
- *The holy spirit poured out on all flesh, covering the whole world someday*
- *Beating swords into plowshares -- Micah 4:1-5.*
- *Israel will be a light to all the nations – so many verses about this.*

### **SEVEN, SEVENTH MONTH**

**Today we'll be talking about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast, called *Hoshana Rabbah*** among Jews – meaning “The Great Day of Salvation”, The Great Save-Us day, if you will. I want to be sure to stipulate throughout this sermon between what Scripture actually says and what has developed as traditions and ceremonies in Judaism. I follow Scripture.

**The number seven pictures PERFECT COMPLETION, last, finality.**

7<sup>th</sup> month – God's plan of salvation comes to perfect completion. Here are some example of how the number 7 is used to picture complete completion.

- 7 total feasts, with final 4 festivals wrapping up in the 7<sup>th</sup> month
- Sabbath was the 7<sup>th</sup> day when Elohim had ended all his work
- The weekly sabbath pictures the 7<sup>th</sup> thousand years of millennial rest, peace.
- The gospel of John mentions “the last day” 7x
- 7<sup>th</sup> Angel is the one who says, “The Mystery of God is finished, it is done.”
- Ruth, about redemption, is the 7<sup>th</sup> book of the Hebrew Bible.
- Book of Life is mentioned that way 7x, 8x if you include Rev. 20:12 (italics)
- Yeshua made 7 statements from the cross. The 7<sup>th</sup>: “It is finished.”
- He is resurrected at the end/completion of the 7<sup>th</sup> day just before sunset

There are literally dozens and dozens of further examples of 7's.

I've covered many times before how the festivals of Lev. 23 are clearly stated to be “the feasts of the LORD” – of YHVH. They're His feasts (Lev. 23:1-3), not the Jews' feasts.

Then in an earlier Tabernacles sermon, we read Lev. 23:33-43 which is all about the Feast of Tabernacles. It is for seven days.

**WHY we dwell in sukkot, booths.**

***Let's give a quick review why it's called "Feast of booths" or "Tabernacles" (Sukkot). The pretty, fresh branches on any sukkah from the first day are now a bunch of dead and dying branches and leaves. They are temporary.***

- To remember **coming out of Egypt** – and how Yah continues to provide for us in our temporary journey out of this world, out of Babylon (**Lev 23:39-43**). We move to temporary abodes when chill is in the air, to show we trust Yah to provide for us.
- But what did Yahweh do as they dwelt in booths? YHVH ALSO tabernacled among them! Remember He also had a tent and His glory was there in their midst. So when things seem a bit rough in our lives, remember Yahweh is there with you – like when Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were seen with a 4<sup>th</sup> being in the fire!
- Also in **John 1:13-14** we are **told the Word became FLESH AND DWELT** ("tabernacled" – *skenoo* in Greek, "tented") among men..." Where we read "dwelt among us" the Greek word means "pitched a tent among us". So Father saw Yeshua's first coming as "The Word tabernacled with man". (John 1:14)
- Is it possible, as many believe, that Yeshua was born on the 1st day of the Feast of Sukkot, and that He was born literally in a sukkah, a booth? Then on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, a holyday – he was circumcised, picturing HE is the focus of the new beginnings.
- ***Is it possible that the Transfiguration of Matthew 17 happened during the Feast of Tabernacles?*** It is interesting that Peter wanted to build booths for Yeshua, Elijah and Moses (**Matthew 17:1-3**).
- A booth , a sukkah – is to remind us of our own temporariness. Our flesh and blood bodies are also called "tents" – temporary -- **2 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Pet. 1:12-14**. I'm covering this quickly because I've covered it before in more length and I want to get to other material.
- AND, we dwell in booths during the Feast so we remember: **that even the Millennium itself on this physical earth is temporary!** The time is coming when the universe as we know it will vanish in fervent heat. We dwell in booths to remember the BEST of what we see is physical and temporary and cannot be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us!
- *We don't dwell in booths for 8 days ---just 7 – because the 8<sup>th</sup> pictures a NEW beginning, a new heavens and earth, permanency! The sukkah should be taken down on the 8<sup>th</sup> and we now eat and live indoors, picturing the permanent new beginning.*

It's very important to understand that the Feast of Tabernacles is a 7 day feast. The 8<sup>th</sup> day is a ONE DAY, separate FESTIVAL. **If the Feast is a SEVEN day feast, then "the LAST day of the Feast" is the 7<sup>th</sup> day, not the 8<sup>th</sup> day.**

**Seven days are clearly mentioned in Lev. 23:33-34, 39, 42-43**

33 Then YHVH spoke to Moses, saying,

34 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for SEVEN days to YHVH.

**39 'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of YHVH for SEVEN days; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest.**

**42 You shall dwell in booths for SEVEN days.** All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, 43 that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am YHVH your God."

**THE 7<sup>th</sup> day, the LAST DAY OF THE FEAST**

**Now we come to the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast.** This is a very special day of the Feast. It's the last day of the Feast. It's loaded with meaning and prophecy. Haggai wrote his book largely based on this day.

**HAGGAI 2 AND THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF THE FEAST**

Something else about this day: **the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast is the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Tishri.**

Something happened in Haggai 2 on this very day. Let's read it, as I keep YHVH instead of "The LORD" as I do always. You will hear a very personal message for YOU from Haggai. Remember the 7 day Feast of Tabernacles began on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month. The 7<sup>th</sup> day, or last day of the Feast of Tabernacles would be **the 21<sup>st</sup>** day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month.

**Haggai 2:1-9**

**In the seventh month, on the twenty-first of the month [the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sukkot or the Feast of Booths],** the word of YHVH came by Haggai the prophet, saying: 2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying:

3 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing? 4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says YHVH; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; **and be strong, all you people of the land,' says YHVH, 'and work; for I am with you,' says YHVH of hosts.** 5 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so **My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!**'

6 "For thus says YHVH of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will **shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,**'



says YHVH of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says YHVH of hosts. 9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says YHVH of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says YHVH of hosts."

This is quoted in Hebrews 12:26-29 about Yeshua's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.

Now I'm very aware that there will be a physical temple in Jerusalem during the millennial reign (Ezekiel 40-48). But I think Haggai is referring to the SPIRITUAL temple of called-out one, who have the Holy Spirit (v.5) and who need to be coming together as spiritual, living stones to form the holy dwelling of God's presence! ***Yeshua is primarily coming back to His SPIRITUAL TEMPLE*** – the assembly of called out ones, called 'LIVING STONES' in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter. There may also be a 3<sup>rd</sup> physical temple, but the primary temple that is His new House of Prayer is the body of called out ones.

But right now, God's children are scattered. We aren't worshiping together!

**1 Peter 2:5**

You also, as **living stones, *are being built up a spiritual house***, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Individually we are the temple of the Holy Spirit (**1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16**) – but we are also to come together, work together, to form a cohesive group. Ephesians was written to a primarily Gentile audience.

**Ephesians 2:19-22**

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

20 **having been built on the foundation** of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

21 **in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord**, 22 in whom ***YOU also are being built together*** for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

***I believe THIS is the most glorious temple of all to whom, to which, Yeshua is returning.*** The spiritual reality always trumps the physical copy. The physical temple of Ezek 40-48 is but a depiction of the "*ekklesia*", the called out ones who form the spiritual temple, where Yah dwells by His ruach haKodesh, the Holy Spirit.

**So today, on this 7<sup>th</sup> Day, YHVH is telling us specific things in Haggai 2:**

- **"Be strong, do My Work", *Be living examples of a changed life*, get Yahweh's word out**, Show people His Way – and if you do, He promises to fill His temple (you) with His glory. (Solomon's temple was so filled with glory the priests couldn't go in! (**1 Chron 7:1-3**). Imagine what that could mean to you and me!
- **We're being told to finish building the Spiritual temple. WE are living stones. There's no temple if the living stones who have His holy spirit won't come together.**

Be visiting all the children of God who have His spirit – wherever they are. Don't allow yourself to be boxed in. I urge you please to hear my "One Body" series on this website. Just go to the pull-down "Audio Messages & Transcripts" and check out "One Body" series.

**The 70 BULLS – and why the final 7 bulls on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feast**

**We read in Numbers 29 that 70 bulls** were sacrificed during the Feast, starting with 13 on the first day, then 12, then 11, 10, 9, 8 and finally 7 bulls on the final, 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast.

**Numbers 29:12-13, 17, 20, 32**

12 'On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work, and you shall keep a feast to the Lord seven days. 13 You shall present a burnt offering, an offering made by fire as a sweet aroma to the Lord: **thirteen young bulls**, two rams, and fourteen lambs ....

17 '**On the second day present twelve** young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs in their first year without blemish,

20 '**On the third day present eleven** bulls,

32 '**On the seventh day present seven** bulls,

**Why 70? And why were the 70 bulls killed throughout the feast, rather than all at once?** There were 70 primal nations are listed in Genesis 10, so these were considered to be a time when the Gentiles will all come before King Yeshua to worship. *YHVH always intended to be worshiped by all nations.*

We know what it says in **Zech 14**. Nations gather first to battle us – and our Husband King Yeshua – but eventually over time they come and worship gladly, by their own choice. It is also clear in **Zechariah 14:16-18** that it may take several YEARS for Egypt, for example, to come worship. But they eventually do – and do so gladly. But there will be many other nations at first who want nothing to do with that “invader” from outer space as they will initially see Him.

**KING YESHUA knows that a man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still.** So everyone will have to personally choose the right way, not be forced to do the right way against his/her will! That will take time, but it will be voluntary, of their own free will. During these thousand years, all nations will eventually come and joyfully worship.

YHVH has always offered a choice: life or death, blessings or cursings.

***Two of the nations which enslaved Israel were Egypt and Assyria. But now look what scripture says about them and what YHVH calls them:***

**Isaiah 19:23-25**

23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians.

**24 In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria – a blessing** in the midst of the land,

25 whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, "**Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands**, and Israel My inheritance."

But it takes time to get the whole world willingly worshipping the Messiah. So hence, bulls sacrificed during the whole Feast – a lot in the beginning, and finally the final 7 on this day will come around.... Could that be part of the meaning? I think so.

**Isaiah 2:2-3**

2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of YHVH's house  
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,  
**And shall be exalted above the hills; And ALL nations shall flow to it.**

**3 Many people** shall come and say,  
"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YHVH,  
**To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways,**  
And we shall walk in His paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of YHVH from Jerusalem.

We are rehearsing and picturing the time when the whole world will be at peace.  
**Amos 9:12** speaks of “all the nations who are called by My name” – quoted in Acts 15.

**Acts 15:15-17**

15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: 16 'After this I  
will return, And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down;  
I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up;  
17 ***So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,***  
***Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name,***  
***Says the Lord who does all these things.'***

**Yeshua's words of JOHN 7:37-39 – SPOKEN ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OR 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY?**

IF indeed this feast pictures the 7<sup>th</sup> thousand years of peace and plenty, let's recap:

- Most of the nations will have come around by now to worshipping King Yeshua
- The earth is looking like a Garden of Eden everywhere.
- There are 7 final bulls to be offered on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of the feast pictures the final nations and peoples going God's way.

Something else, very meaningful was going on at the temple in Yeshua's day. Every day of the Feast, a selected priest would go down amidst much fanfare and trumpet blowing and celebrations, to the pool of Siloam on the south slope of the city, below the temple mount, and get a small pitcher of water. There would be trumpets and celebration as they would pour it out daily at the altar as they beseeched YHVH for rain and a good crop in the coming year. They would be praying for His blessings.

This happened all seven days, but not on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, a holyday.

**On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the seven-day feast, the last day of the seven-day feast therefore,** Jews have for millennia called it **Hoshana Rabbah** – meaning roughly “the Great Day of Salvation”, or the Great Save us, or some say it can even mean “Save us, O Great One.” **Very important to note the 7<sup>th</sup> day was called then, and is called now – the Great Day, Hoshana Rabbah.**

**If you Google “Hoshana Rabbah”,** the GREAT day of the feast, on the LAST day of the feast, you will see confirmed that Jewish sites will say it always fell on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast. I understand some groups believe this was the 8<sup>th</sup> day, but that is very wrong.

**But the 8<sup>th</sup> day, after the Feast,** a separate one day holyday, on which I'll speak at length in the next message:

- **Never was called Hoshana Rabbah,** though some wrongly teach that it was
- It was not the last day of the 7 day feast, but the 8<sup>th</sup> day – a new day – a separate feast.
- There was no water or libation ceremony poured out on the 8<sup>th</sup> day

Israel depended on rain to come in season, and on this day they begged Yahweh for lots of water, lots of rain – *the former and latter rains*. That in turn points to the Holy Spirit. Always see if there's a spiritual meaning behind the physical words.

So what was going on? Jews believe on this day the Judgments were delivered... sealed on Atonement, delivered on this day. I'm just sharing that tradition for what it's worth.

Though *the Bible does not specify any water rituals on this day*, it became the custom and tradition to indeed **have a DAILY water/libation ceremony during the 7 days of the Feast**. Each morning, a priest accompanied by worshippers would go down to the Gihon Springs – where there was a Spring of Shiloach, or Siloam, and would fill a gold pitcher with water from the Spring, while a choir sang Isaiah 12:3. Along various points trumpets would be sounded and choirs singing, as they came up into the Water Gate. They would be referring to Isaiah 12:3 – which I'll read:

**Isaiah 12:2-3**

Behold, God is my [YESHUA] salvation, I will trust and not be afraid;  
'For **Yah, YHVH, is my strength and song**; HE also has become my salvation [Yeshua].'"

**3 Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation [Yeshua].**

*The word for “wells” is “mayan” in Hebrew, meaning springs of bubbling water, running water, living water. This was the same thing Yeshua said to the Samaritan woman in John 4:13-14.*

**SILOAM means “SENT” (John 9:7). Who was sent by the Father? Yes, YESHUA!**

**Can you imagine what Yeshua was thinking?** “You’re all talking about Me and don’t even recognize I’m right here in front of you! I’m what the pool of Siloam (sent) pictures, my very name is Yeshua (salvation) that you’re singing about!”

So the priest would return to the altar, through the Water Gate on the south side of the temple. There, at the altar, the priest with the honor of the water service carried the golden flask up the ramp of the altar, pours the water into one of 2 silver cups. **Wine** was poured into the other silver cup. Then he poured out the water in a very special ceremony and ritual – and these would drain down to the bottom of the altar. Of course the wine pictures the

blood of the Lamb, and the water shows “though your sins be as crimson, you shall be white as snow”. Remember this for something I’ll show shortly.

After this there would be **great celebrating and joy and dancing by the rabbis and righteous men – not everyone, just the most righteous... and I wonder about that. Levites stood on the 15 steps leading to the Court of Israel.** There was a lot of music, singing, harps, lyres, trumpets – and a time of great joy. This went on for 7 days.

**On this day, the 7<sup>th</sup> day, the Great Day,** the priests circled the altar seven times as they recited **Psalm 118:25** over and over—“**Save (Yasha) now** I pray, YHVH; YHVH, I pray, send now prosperity”. (This is where the name *Hoshana Rabbah*, the “Great Save us” day - comes from).

*I want to say again, this was practiced in Yeshua’s day. He was there as this was going on, and when we UNDERSTAND this, His words make much more sense.*

### **The Pierced One**

Now get this – and orthodox Jews do not understand this: as the priests went around the altar 7 times, **were led by a man playing on a FLUTE, and this man was called “the Pierced One”.** A flute was a pierced reed, so perhaps that’s where they got – pierced one. But there’s more!

#### **John 19:34-37**

But one of the soldiers **pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.** 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "**They shall look on Him whom they pierced.**"

#### **Zechariah 12:10**

**“....they shall look on Me whom they pierced...and mourn for Him as one mourns an only son...”**

**Revelation 1:7** – every eye will see Him ...even those **who pierced Him.**

We know His death, His shed blood, was enough to cover all mankind once, one time only, and for all. Read **Hebrews 9:12, 26-28; Heb 10:10.**

So as the priests were led around seven times by the Pierced One, that all this was rehearsing Yeshua and His sacrifice when His cleansing water and blood came out of His body at the cross. Cleansing because we are washed in His blood and His word, pictured by the baptism of water into Christ and the baptism of the Holy spirit BY Yeshua.

So His sacrifice on Passover – when blood and water came out of His side and dribbled to the bottom of the cross, symbolic of the altar – would apply also to everyone in the future who would claim and accept His sacrifice. ON THIS day, when salvation is being offered to the final ones left alive at the end of the millennium, He was offering HIS blood, HIS water, to wash them. Remember that scripture reminds us we are washed by His blood and His

Word, the water of His word. Water is symbolic in Hebraic thought both for His Word or His way, as well as for the Holy Spirit.

See these scriptures if you wish to study into the washing we have by the washing of the water of the word, as well as the washing by the blood and spirit: **Eph. 5:26; Ezekiel 16:9; Ezek. 36:25; Acts 22:16; 1 Cor. 6:11; Rev. 1:5; Rev. 7:14; 1 John 5:6.**

As the priest would rise to the top area where he would pour out the water and wine to the bottom of the altar,

*In the original Hebrew, there are 2 untranslated letters in Zech 12:10 – the alef and Tav, the first and last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Sound familiar? I am the Alpha and Omega (first and last letters of the Greek alphabet) It all pointed to Yeshua.*

So Yeshua knew the Water from Siloam represented Him and His spirit, Siloam itself represented Him, the Pierced One represented Him, the wine/water represented Him ---so He was almost beside Himself in pleading with them to open their eyes and see Yeshua the Messiah “hiding” in PLAIN SIGHT, so He cried out to them to see, to come to Him and be saved.

**THIS 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast ALSO pictured the end of the millennial time,** the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast, when the final 7 bulls are sacrificed – and what will Yeshua be doing then: **Pleading with the final nations who haven't yet repented to come to him and have life!**

We know when Yeshua returns to start the millennial age, that will begin the time when all minds will be opened to see and understand God's truth. ***Right now, Yahweh has only called a few to understand His truths.*** Satan has blinded the world too. He has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9) He is the “god of this age” (2 Cor. 4:4).

When Satan is put away, that blindness over the whole world will be removed and they can finally understand the truths of Yahweh as He pours out His spirit on to all people who accept Him.

AFTER the millennium, Satan is released for a short time to see what choice the remaining humans on earth will make: to follow the tempter, or follow King Yeshua. Since this day is called Hoshana Rabbah, the “Great Save us” day, could it also be that in a future Feast, the human saints of God will be calling out for deliverance? I'm speculating here, but it's worth considering:

**Revelation 20:7-10**

**7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released** from his prison **8** and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. **9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.** And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. **10** The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Rev. 20 says He deceives many, as the sands of the seashore. A massive army comes up and attacks the CAMP of the saints around Jerusalem. Could that be telling us of a massive attack one more time during the Feast of Tabernacles? When else are saints encamped (Boothings, tenting, sukkoting?) around Jerusalem? They cry out, and are saved, and Satan is then put away once and for all time.

So back to the temple mount and the water libation ceremony.  
This was pictured by the Rock which was split and gave water, symbolizing the Spirit. The Rock was Christ (**1 Cor. 10:4**).

**Psalms 78:15-16**

He **split the rocks** in the wilderness, and gave them drink in abundance like the depths. **16 He also brought streams out of the rock**, (picturing HIMSELF!)  
And caused waters to run down like rivers.

**Zechariah 14:8** says that a living river of water will flow literally out of Jerusalem to the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean. YHVH, speed that day. Of course **Rev. 22** mentions a river out of the New Jerusalem as well – which pictures the Holy Spirit and healing for the nations.

This day is really about Yeshua. HE's our living waters, HE's the source of the Spirit of God, He gives abundantly when we ask.

***When was the last time you asked for more of the LIVING WATERS?*** We should often go to the Spring and ask for more and more of HIS water like Yeshua says in John 7 and John 4.

*In PS 42:1-2 David urges us to be like a thirsty deer panting for more of God's water, Yahweh's spirit!*

**Luke 11:13**

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, ***how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!***"

At that time, people will WANT to associate with the Elohim of Israel – and all who will accept Him. You can read Isaiah 44:1-3 where God promises to pour HIS water on all who are thirsty.

**WHAT YESHUA SAYS in this CONTEXT**

So on **this 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast of Tabernacles**, a specially chosen priest again went down to collect water from the Pool of Siloam (meaning "Sent"), came back up again with fanfare and trumpets and celebration. **There would be 100,000 to 150,000 worshippers on the Temple mount at this time! They would have palm fronds in their hands, waving them, making a loud wind noise, as they chanted, "Messiah, come... Messiah come.... Messiah come...."**

**It was in this CONTEXT that we will read John 7.**

**Remember that Yeshua came to this feast half-way through (John 7:13-14), and he repeatedly referred to Himself as the One “SENT”—which the water from the Pool of Sent (Siloam) means.**

See **John 7:16, 18, 28, 29, 33** for examples of him teaching during the Feast, that HE was the one SENT by His father. And before John 7, He must have said in other venues that He was the one sent at least 14-15 times. (Just concordance “sent” in John’s gospel.)

**All this was in the context of the priests collecting a special amount of water each day of the feast for the Water Libation ceremony they would do.**

**So now we come to the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast.**

And this time all the priests marched around the altar seven times -- led by one leading them as he piped on a flute! **That leader was called “The Pierced One”**, perhaps because He was playing on a pierced reed.

**Then came the special water libation ceremony, as the priest goes to the top and prepares to pour out the wine and water. The 150,000 celebrants become hush quiet. It would be so quiet you could hear a pin drop.**

***I believe it was at THIS very moment that our beloved Messiah shouts out***  
**John 7:37-39**

**37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.**

**38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”**

**39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

**WHEN was this spoken? On the last day of the Feast. That’s the 7<sup>th</sup> day.**

It was also on “the GREAT Day of the Feast”. It was called the Great Day then, and is still called the Great Day now— *Hoshana Rabbah*. The 7<sup>th</sup>, the last day, the Great Day of Sukkot.

**The Complete Jewish Bible** actually uses the words *Hoshana Rabbah* in John 7:37

**John 7:37 CJB**

**37 Now on the last day of the festival, Hoshana Rabbah [which is the 7<sup>th</sup> and final day of the FEAST], Yeshua stood and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him keep coming to me and drinking!**

**Let’s prove that the last day of the Feast would be the 7<sup>th</sup> day:**

**Numbers 29:12**

“on the 15<sup>th</sup> day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work, and you shall keep a feast to YHVH SEVEN days.”

**Deuteronomy 16:13-15**

You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles **SEVEN** days... shall rejoice....

v.15 – **SEVEN** days you shall keep a sacred feast to YHVH....

**Nehemiah 8:18** – they kept the Feast, read from the Law day by day...



**“...and they kept the Feast SEVEN days, and on the 8<sup>th</sup> day there was a sacred assembly”.**

**So this 7<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast pictures the *last* day of the Feast, the Great Day,** when all the nations will finally have submitted to Yahweh as king, come repentantly to seek His blessings and good pleasure. It pictures the time of restoration of all things on the earth. It pictures the completion of the thousand years of Messiah's millennial rule. He is also telling us through Haggai 2 for true believers who are led by YHWH's spirit to come together!

Since this day means “The Great Save us” or “The Great Day of Salvation” – is it also possible that it points to the events right at the end of the 1000 year millennial reign when vast armies enticed by a newly released Satan... See rev. 20:7-10.

- We're reminded of the **Spirit again in Yeshua's** words – out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters.
- This day pictures the time when **the nations will have their eyes opened** and come and worship – hence the 70 bulls sacrificed during all 7 days, until the last 7 are sacrificed.
- It's the time when the whole world who remain alive at the return of Yeshua will finally be at one totally – but while Satan is out -- and have their eyes opened to the truth and **to a close relationship with Yeshua.**
- It pictures that all the rituals in the world, all the physical things we do – cannot satisfy the way we can be satisfied when we come to Yeshua, directly and drink from Him, from His Ruach haKodesh, the Holy Spirit.
- a great day of the Spirit, of *living water* being poured out, of God's providence, of the Holy Spirit being poured out on all flesh, of the final salvation of the nations – it's a wonderful day, in the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the 7 day Feast, in the 7<sup>th</sup> month.
- It's a day focusing on our precious Redeemer and Mighty King – King Yeshua. It's a time of peace – the Lion and Lamb.
- It's a time of plenty – the whole world like a garden of Eden. No more vast deserts. No more famine, no more droughts, no more catastrophic weather patterns once everyone is in line with God's mind.

Have a great remainder of the day.

Tomorrow we'll be continuing the theme – but move to the amazing 8<sup>th</sup> day! New beginnings. Remember, the 8<sup>th</sup> day after the Feast starts, is a holy day. Be sure to be here, the 8<sup>th</sup> day is a holy convocation, a holy day, a holy annual sabbath to Yahweh.

Blessings to you. This is Philip Shields saying, “May Yah bless you, watch over you and shine upon you as you continue to walk in His Word.”