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THE BIBLICAL FALL FEASTS – PART 23

TABERNACLES – FEAST OF REJOICING

The Feast of Tabernacles is often called the Feast of Rejoicing. We mentioned how the High Priest draws water from the pool of Siloam in Yeshua's birthplace, Bethlehem. A host of people follow him rejoicing, singing, and dancing all along the way there and back to the Temple in Jerusalem where it is poured out on the altar.

They have reason for rejoicing because they have always known that salvation is from the Lord. They have always known that Messiah would come. He would deliver their nation and their souls. Many Jews still cling to that expectation today, unaware that Yeshua, Jesus of Nazareth, has already come; and He will yet come again and restore those of Israel who have not yet recognized Him.

Nonetheless, we can see why the Feast of Tabernacles is a joyful time for them as we read in Psalm 118. (Note: "salvation" in English in the O.T. here is "Yeshua.") Psalm 118:14-15 says, ***"The LORD (Yahweh) is my strength and song and is become my Yeshua (salvation). The voice of rejoicing and Yeshua (salvation) is in the tabernacles of the righteous..."***

Notice it says ***"Yahweh...is become my Yeshua."*** Yes, God became flesh in Jesus (Yeshua), and this was written prophetically about 1,000 years before His birth.

Verse 15 further says, ***"...Yeshua (salvation) is in the tabernacles (temples) of the righteous."*** The people of the Old Testament had no righteousness imputed to them as their sacrificial system only "covered" their unrighteousness rather than cleanse them. Once Yeshua (Jesus) shed his blood on Calvary and placed it on heaven's altar, then we who received Him are truly cleansed by his blood, and our sins are not just "covered up." We become His tabernacles (temples) of righteousness.

They rejoiced in their hope of salvation (Yeshua). We rejoice in the reality of salvation through Yeshua. Their "Feast of Rejoicing" was in anticipation of that which we now have received of Him in our tabernacle (the physical body), our temple from which we rejoice in Him.