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THE FALL BIBLICAL FEASTS – PART 25

FEAST OF TABERNACLES (SUKKOT)

Today is the eighth and final day of the Feast of Tabernacles. It is a high Holy Sabbath when all the Jewish people come together for a holy convocation unto God. It is called in John 7:37, ***“that great day of the feast.”***

We previously wrote how it is most likely that the incarnate baby Messiah was “tabernacled” among us in the flesh at Bethlehem on the first day of Tabernacles. It is also noteworthy that he was circumcised on his eighth day from birth (Luke 2:21) which was the eighth day of Tabernacles, a sabbath set aside for God (and Yeshua). Tabernacles coincides with His introduction into the world, the birth being completed on the eighth day by circumcision which officially “marked” Him as Jewish. The entire eight-day feast, beginning to end, prophetically lined up with Jesus, Messiah, “God with us.” It is not just a coincidence that both the first day and last day of Tabernacles was a special Sabbath.

It was on that last Sabbath of Tabernacles where Jesus declared Himself to be the source of “living water.” John 7:37-38 says, ***“In the last day, that great day of the feast (Tabernacles), Jesus stood and cried (out loudly) saying, ‘If any man thirst (hungry for God, thirsting for His anointing), let him come to me, and drink. He that believes on me, as the scriptures said, out of His belly shall flow rivers of living water.’”***

On the anniversary of His circumcision He hereby declared His deity. They recognized this declaration- it matched Jeremiah 17:13 where it says, ***“...they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.”*** Jesus was saying, “I am that living water fountain. Come drink of me.” There is also some thought that there is still a future prophetic fulfillment of Tabernacles as Messiah will once again return to earth and “tabernacle” among us to rule and reign from Jerusalem with His saints. We are His saints, all who have believed upon Him.

Yes, He will again “tabernacle” with us on earth. In the meantime, we (you and I) are His tabernacles, the physical body temples for the habitation of Holy Spirit as we await His return.

Tomorrow is also a special celebration, Simchat Torah, which we shall then address. Stay tuned.