

Feast of Tabernacles: Rapture Types and Scenario

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COULD the resurrection-rapture occur around the Feast of Tabernacles?

Here are 14 biblical parallels that suggest it could:

1. WHEAT GATHERING

Tabernacles, or the Festival of Ingathering, is when wheat is gathered into barns or granaries (Ex. 23:16; Deut. 16:13).

The Rapture is when believers are gathered into God's "barn" in heaven (2 Thess. 2:1; Matt. 3:12; John 14:2).

2. WEDDING REMINDER

Tabernacles is when the Law, or "wedding covenant," is read (Deut. 31:10, 11; Neh. 8–10).

The Rapture is when the wedding covenant is consummated.

3. BRIDAL WEEK

Tabernacles is celebrated for seven days, corresponding to the seven-day bridal week (Gen. 29:27).

The seven-day bridal week corresponds to the seven-year wedding celebration in heaven after the Rapture.

4. REJOICING WITH PALMS

Tabernacles is a time of rejoicing before the Lord with palm branches (Lev. 23:40).

Revelation 7 shows the redeemed saints in heaven rejoicing with palm branches (v. 9).

5. IMPORTANT TO GENTILES

The Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated by all the nations throughout the Millennium, indicating that it has special significance to Gentiles (Zech. 14:16).

The Rapture is a primarily Gentile event.

6. FULL MOON

Tabernacles begins at the full moon, signifying fullness.

The Rapture is when the full number of Gentiles has come in (Rom. 11:25).

7. HARVEST IS PAST

Tabernacles is observed after summer, when the harvest is past.

After the summer harvest is when the Jews lament not being saved: "The harvest is past ...the summer has ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20).

8. TIME OF RELEASE

Tabernacles is the appointed time of release, or debt forgiveness (Deut. 31:10 AMP).

The Rapture is the ultimate release from worldly concerns.

9. FIRST STOP AFTER DEPARTURE

After departing Egypt, the Israelites first camped at a place called *Sukkot*, meaning "Tabernacles" (Ex. 12:37).

The departure from Egypt is a picture of the Rapture, when believers depart the world.

10. NEW DWELLINGS

Tabernacles is when the Jews remember how they previously lived in temporary dwellings (Lev. 23:42, 43).

The Rapture is when believers receive new and permanent “dwellings,” i.e., glorified bodies and mansions in heaven (1 Cor. 15:53; John 14:2).

11. TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus’ transfiguration “after six days” occurred during the Feast of Tabernacles (Matt. 17:4).

The transfiguration after six days foreshadows the Church’s glorification after 6,000 years.

12. LIMITED APPEARANCE

In John chapter 7, Jesus attends the Feast of Tabernacles in partial secrecy because His time had not yet fully come and His Jewish brothers did not believe in Him (vv. 5, 6).

Similarly, the Rapture is a limited appearance at a time of Jewish unbelief.

13. TEMPLE DEDICATION

The First Temple was dedicated to God during the Feast of Tabernacles (1 Kings 8:65).

The Last Temple, the Church, or Body of Christ, will be dedicated at the Rapture (Eph. 2:20–22).

14. LIBERTY DECLARED

Tabernacles begins five days after the Day of Atonement, the day on which liberty is declared by a trumpet blast (Lev. 25:9).

The liberty proclaimed on the Day of Atonement foreshadows the liberty from death at the Rapture (1 Cor. 15:51–54; Rom. 8:19–23).

With the above parallels in view, here is a plausible festival scenario:

- The memorial trumpet blasts on the Feast of Trumpets are a reminder, or wakeup call, that Judgment Day is at hand.
- The ten Days of Awe leading up to the Day of Atonement represent the final opportunity to be sealed for redemption before liberty is declared.

- The full moon at Tabernacles signifies the fullness of the Gentiles and the end of the Church Age, when the “wheat” is gathered into God’s “barn” and the harvest is celebrated.

Resurrection-Rapture: Festival Scenario

Feast of Trumpets

Awakening Blast
(Lev. 23:24)

Day of Atonement

Jubilee Declaration
(Lev. 25:9)



Feast of Tabernacles

Seven Days = Seven Years
of Rejoicing

Tishrei 1–10

Tishrei 15–21

Days of Awe

Last Chance to Repent

Rapture Zone

First-Day
Assembly
(Lev. 23:35)

Last-Day
Assembly
(Lev. 23:36)

Revelation 7 shows the saints in heaven celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles (v. 9). If the seven days of Tabernacles correspond to the seven years of Tribulation, the first-day assembly represents the resurrection-rapture (main harvest gathering), while the eighth-day assembly is when the tribulation saints and martyrs join the congregation and the millennial rest period begins (Rev. 20:4).

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Having outlined a scenario, we understand that only God knows the day of the Rapture (Matt. 24:36). While it could occur between the Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles, it doesn’t have to.

So, keep watch!

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NOTES:

1. The Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles begin on October 2 and 7, respectively, in 2025.

2. Due to a rapture prediction that went viral on platforms like TikTok and YouTube, September 23, 2025, became the most publicized and watched Feast of Trumpets ever, receiving worldwide attention from skeptics and believers alike. Could the rapture prediction 'heard round the world' have been a God-ordained awakening blast?

3. Liberty is declared on the Day of Atonement once every 50 years, during the Jubilee (Lev. 25:8, 9). While there is no way to know for certain when the Jubilee is, multiple reckonings point to 2025: <https://tinyurl.com/yjmvym46>