

Christian Proclamation of the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day

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See related study: "Feasts of the Lord in the Old and New Testaments." Yeshua (Jesus) keeps all these feasts.

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Date of the Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast of Tabernacles (also known as 'Sukkot,' or 'Booths,' or 'Ingathering') is a seven-day Feast of the Lord that begins on the fifteenth day of the seventh month (15th of Tishri on the Hebrew calendar) which is a holy day of convocation.

On the Gregorian calendar which all the world uses, the **Feast of Tabernacles** begins at sunset the day before (see separate calendar of holy days).

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Note: God's time is reckoned from sunset to sunset, so a new Hebrew calendar day starts at sunset *on the Gregorian day before*.

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the **feast of tabernacles** for seven days unto the LORD. On the first day shall be an holy convocation: you shall do no servile work therein. Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD" (Lev 23:33-36)

Date of the Last Great Day Feast

Tell 3 friends!
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Call a talk show!
Pray about it!

The eighth and last day of the Feast of Tabernacles is commonly known as 'the Last Great Day' which is also a holy convocation.

The eighth-day of the Feast of Tabernacles occurs on the twenty-second of Tishri (Hebrew calendar). (cf., *Lev 23:33-44; Rev 21:3*)

"... on **the eighth day** shall be an holy convocation unto you; and you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and you shall do no servile work therein." (*Lev 23:33-44*)

How to Calculate the Date of the Feast of Tabernacles

God's Word Trumps the
"man of sin" (*2 Thes 2:3*)

The Holy Bible gives perfectly clear instructions for calculating the exact date of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day. (cf., *Lev 23:33-44; Rev 21:3*)

Always rely upon God's Word instead of the tradition of men (cf., *Mat 15:3, 6; Mark 7:9; Col 2:8*) for many liars have gone forth that Satan may deceive, if possible, the very elect. (*Mat 24:24*) God's Word is accurate and clear.

Look at God's Signs in the Sky!
A Still Small Voice, p. 52

Step Procedure to Find the Gregorian Date (*Lev 23:33-36*):

- 1 On the Hebrew Calendar, find the seventh month (Tishri) day 15.
 - 2 On the Gregorian Calendar, find the corresponding date of Tishri 15.
 - 3 First holy convocation of Tabernacles begins at sunset the day before the Gregorian calendar date because biblical days are from sunset to sunset. (*Gen 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23; 2:3; Mat 28:1*; cf., *A Still Small Voice*, p. 174).
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How to Calculate the Date of the Last Great Day of Tabernacles

Ancient Hebrews used an inclusive method of reckoning dates.

Step Procedure to Find the Gregorian Date (*Lev 23:33-44*):

- 1 On the Hebrew Calendar, find the seventh month (Tishri) day 22.

Note: The eight days includes Tishri 15, so count eight days including Tishri 15 as follows: 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, which makes eight days. (cf., *Lev 23:33-44; Rev 21:3*) The Hebrews' inclusive method of reckoning dates means you include the fifteenth as part of the eight days.

- 2 On the Gregorian Calendar, find the corresponding date of Tishri 22.
 - 3 The Last Great day holy convocation of Tabernacles begins at sunset the day before the Gregorian calendar date because biblical days are from sunset to sunset. (*Gen 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23; 2:3; Mat 28:1*; cf., *A Still Small Voice*, p. 174).
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Tabernacles is also
a feast of charity

God's chosen people
observe God's
appointed feasts
of the Lord

Those who observe these holy days are marking themselves off from the world as the children of the living God. (cf., *Rev 14:12*; *2 Thes 3:2*; *Jude 1:3*)

The Israelites were instructed to make and dwell in booths (hence, tabernacles):

...from "boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days" during the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles. (*Lev 23:40*)

The **purpose** for dwelling in temporary booths is:

"That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God." (*Lev 23:42-43*)

The Feast of Tabernacles also typifies the time when God will abide (i.e., tabernacle) with His people:

"... Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God," (see *Rev 21:1-27*)

Thus, Tabernacles signifies a new heaven and a new earth for God's chosen people who have (through His faith and love) kept His feasts and laws. (cf., *1 John 5:2-3*; *2 John 1:6*)

The offerings during Tabernacles were to be done in addition to the weekly seventh-day Sabbath.

Thus, it is still appropriate to offer the following:

- Personal service to the church or to individuals in need.
- Praise to God.
- Spiritual activities like group and individual private prayer.
- Money offerings to God's church or directly to people in need:

1. gifts (food, money, clothes, shelter),
2. vows (to give regularly every day), and
3. all your freewill offerings. (*Lev 23:38*)

Note: We also give to needy individual people, unlike the rich, many of whom give only to institutions (many institutions use the gift to support the high salaries and lifestyles of their executives).

Notice that during Tabernacles God's Word commands all possible forms of charitable giving and praise of God are to be done, putting this feast on a level above any other.

The Purpose of the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day Feast,

Continued:

We are to view the concept of tabernacling with the living God as a special right of his chosen people who keep His times and law.

Also, God probably wants His people to feel the presence of His protection and blessing.

All of these benefits of dwelling in the house of the Lord on earth prepare us for living in His **many mansions** after the second coming of Jesus. (*Is* 2:2-3; *Micah* 4:1-4)

"In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ...

"... I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (*John* 14:1-3)

The Feasts of the Lord are the Acceptable Year of the Lord

The two holy days of the feast of Tabernacles are the eighth and ninth feasts of the Lord making up the acceptable year of the Lord. (*Lev* 23:1-44)

The Holy Spirit specifically ordained Jesus to preach the feasts of the Lord:

"The Spirit of the Lord ... has anointed Me to ... preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (*Isaiah* 61:1-2) See our separate study entitled "*The Acceptable Year of the Lord*."

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By proclaiming and observing the feasts of the Lord, Jesus is showing us how to worship God in His system of religious truth. (*John* 4:24; *Acts* 17:11)

Remember, the feasts of the Lord begin with the weekly seventh-day Sabbath:

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...." (*Exodus* 20:8-11)

The nine Feasts of the Lord (including the weekly Sabbath) in *Leviticus* chapter 23, act-out God's plan of salvation through Christ Jesus and prepare us to be children of God.

Thus, Christians must observe the nine Feasts of the Lord because God describes them as perpetual.

Jesus and His Disciples and Apostles kept these very feasts. (*Mark* 14:12-26; *Acts* 13:14, 17:2, 18:4, 20-21, 20:16, 21:17-24, *1 Cor* 5:7-8; *Heb* 4:8-11)

Jesus commanded us to walk as He did; the Disciples and Apostles commanded us to keep the faith as it was delivered to the saints.

Observing these holy days proves that you are willing to submit to the will of the living God.

Those who observe these holy days are marking themselves off from the world

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as the children of the living God. (cf., *Rev 14:12*; *2 Thes 3:2*; *Jude 1:3*)

So important are the Feasts of the Lord as part of God's commandments, statutes, and judgments that He warned that the specific consequence of failing to observe them would be:

- **Terrorism** like the 911 attack on the World Trade Center.
- Enemy victory.
- Withdrawal of blessings. (*Lev 26:1-21*)

Christians ought to heed His warning! (*Eph 5:6-7*)

"And it shall come to pass, that ... the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

"This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the **punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.** " (*Zec 14:16-19*; emphasis added; cf., *Rev 21:1-27*)

Bible Readings for the Feasts of the Lord

Jesus' death and resurrection replaced animal sacrifices with the practices of praise and spiritual sacrifices to God (cf., *Heb 10:1-16*; *Deut 33:19*) including:

- Service. (*Rom 12:1*; *Heb 13:16*)
- Gifts and tithes. (*Phil 4:18*; *Jon 2:9*)
- Praise of thanks. (*Heb 13:15*)
- Joy and gladness. (*Jer 33:11*)
- He teaches us to walk in His ways and paths. (*Is 2:2-3*; *Micah 4:1-2*)
- Daily readings of the law of God. (cf., *Neh 8:14-18*)
- Prayer. (*Ps 141:2*)
- Thanks. (*Ps 54:6*; *107:22*; *116:17*)
- Singing. (*Ps 27:6*)
- Righteousness. (*Ps 4:5*; *51:17*)

Spiritual Activities for the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day

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As with the weekly Sabbath day, the feast is a holy day and you may not go to work nor work others, etc. You may also:

- Set up a tent (booth, tabernacle) for the feast outside or inside your home.
- Show gladness to others and toward God.
- Read daily the law of God. (cf., *Neh 8:14-18*)

Other acceptable activities for holy days include:

- Attending a holy convocation ("assembling of ourselves together").
 - Doing good works ("provoke unto love and to good works") like:
 - Remembering the poor and the stranger.
 - Helping others. (cf., *Heb 10:19-29*; *Lev 23:21-22*; see also: *James 1:27*)
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**Jesus Keeps the Feast of
Tabernacles and the Last
Great Day Feast**

The Holy Spirit is Ready
for All Christians Now

"Now the Jews' **Feast of Tabernacles** was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto Him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You do.

"For there is no man that does any thing in secret, and he himself seeks to be known openly.

"If you do these things, show thyself to the world. ... In **the last day, that great day of the feast**, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.

**Jesus Keeps the Feast of
Tabernacles and the Last
Great Day Feast,
Continued:**

"He that believes on Me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" (*John* 7:2-4; 37-39)

**The Lord's Feasts
Are the Seal or Mark
of the Living God**

Saved by Grace
Not by Feasts

Feasts of the Lord
Prepare Us for
Everlasting Life

By observing and keeping the nine holy days listed in *Leviticus* 23, you are taking the seal or mark of the living God. (*2 Tim* 2:19) The choice is yours.

"The foundation of God stands sure, having this seal: the Lord knows those who are His." (*2 Tim* 2:19; cf., *Rev* 7:2-3) All others perish. (*Rev* 9:4; 14:9-11)

These feasts do not earn us salvation, for we are saved by faith in the blood of Christ Jesus.

Rather, these **Feasts of the Lord** prepare us to be a part of God's everlasting kingdom in heaven after the second coming! (*1 Cor* 15:52)

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