

*Welcome To  
The Feast of Tabernacles  
(Sukkot – The Feast of Temporary Dwellings)*

2019



*This Feast  
brings us one step closer to the completion of  
God's Plan of Salvation.*

*God has a plan for restoring to man what he lost in the  
Garden of Eden and the Feasts outline that plan.*

*They provide us with a progressive-step-by-step picture in  
outline form of God's complete plan for restoring to mankind  
what he lost in the Garden of Eden.*

## *What Did Man Lose?*

- Gen 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them (not "let Us) have dominion (NIV "rule over"...let them have rulership) over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ....male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it (manage it, rule over it....they were to duplicate on earth what exists in heaven);...
- Satan sabotages God's plan. ....Man sins/loses earthly kingdom.

## *Summary of Man Losing an Earthly Kingdom and God's Plan to Restore What He Lost*

- Gen 1 & 2 – God creates the universe and planet earth and gives man an Earthly Kingdom to rule (dominate/subdue it).
- Gen 3 – Man rebels and loses this Earthly Kingdom.
- Gen 3 thru Malachi – Is about God's promise that the Messiah would come to crush Satan's head and restore the KOG to man.
- Matt 4:17 Jesus begins His ministry by preaching the KOG.
- Matthew to Revelation – God working out His Plan through His Church to restore what man lost...an Earthly Kingdom.

## *“Outline of God’s Plan of Salvation – Progressive Steps”*

- *Spring Holy Days (First Coming – Suffering Servant)*
  - *Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread (Death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and us becoming more like Him)*
  - *Pentecost (Receiving Holy Spirit so we can do God’s Work)*
- *Fall Holy Days (Second Coming – Conquering King)*
  - *Trumpets (Return of Jesus the Messiah)*
  - *Day of Atonement (Binding of satan for 1000 years)*
  - *Feast of Tabernacles/Last Great Day (God’s Millennial-1000 Year Rule and then the Rest of the Dead)*

## The Command to Observe This Day

- Lev 23:1-2 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to the children of Israel (God intended to use the nation of Israel as the catalyst that would take salvation to the entire world), and say to them: ‘The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim (we proclaim them by observing them) to be holy convocations, these are My feasts (not the feast of the Jews but God’s feasts...we belong to God, so these feasts are ours also.)
- Feast = mo’ed: “set time/fixed time” or “an appointment, or an appointed time”... (we are keeping an appointment with God.)

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- Lev 23:33-43 Then the Lord 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 (Sukkot: booths, tents, huts, temporary dwellings vs permanent home) for seven days to the Lord. 35 On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it. 36 For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it. ....

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- 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 the Lord for seven days; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest.
- Feasts connected to Israel's Agricultural Year:
  - Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread = Barley Harvest
  - Pentecost = Wheat Harvest
  - Tabernacles = Produce Harvest (fruits, nuts, etc) happened at the end of the year (Ex 23/16 Feast of Ingathering...fruit harvest)



## *The Most Joyous Feast of the Year*

- *Deut 16:13-17 "You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress. 14 And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter (celebrating this Feast with your entire household makes it extra joyous), your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates. 15 Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast...in the place which the Lord chooses, because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice.*

*We are to celebrate this Festival with an  
“extreme level of joy”.*

*We are to “Rejoice before the LORD”  
for seven days.*

*(Refer to Message given Last Week)  
“Time to Get Super Happy”*

*There are multiple layers of meaning and spiritual lessons that we can learn from celebrating this Feast*

*But*

*I want to focus today on one particular meaning:  
“We Are Not Home Yet – This Life is Temporary”*

## *Everything in This World is Temporary*

- *In order to get to the Promised Land after the nation of Israel was freed from Egyptian bondage, they had to journey through the desert-wilderness for 40 years...all this time dwelling in tents...not in permanent home-structures.*
- *The lesson for us is: everything in this world is temporary*. It's not the place in which we want to stay...it's the place through which we journey in order to get to our destination...in order to get "home to the Promised Land".
- *We only pass through this world...it isn't our home...it's only temporarily our "tent world"....we're only camping temporarily.*

## *Everything in This World is Temporary*

- *All of life experiences are “all tents...all temporary stays” moving from place to place throughout life.*
- *Every life circumstance, every life experience, every stage of life is just a “temporary-tent-dwelling”.*
- *Your childhood was a tent...you lived there for a while, and then you moved on to another season in life...you moved on to adulthood...then you have or will move on to old age.*
- *Your good times and your bad times...your successes and your failures...your problems, your joys and sorrows...all just*

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## *Everything in This World is Temporary*

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- *No matter what happens in this world or in your life, we must not forget....it's only temporary...we must stay focused on the destination....the Promised Land....the 1000-Year reign.*
- *We are just passing through....we are to live this life as if we were living in a tent-temporary dwelling.*

## *Abraham Saw His Life As a Journey From Temporary to Permanent*

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- *Heb 11:8-10 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

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- *Heb 11:13-16 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.*



## *Paul Saw His Life as Temporary*

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- 2 Cor 4:16-18 *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

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- *2 Cor 5:1-8 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.*

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- *5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

## *Our Citizenship Is In Heaven*

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- *Phil 3:17-21 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame — who set their mind on earthly things.*

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- *20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

## God's End Goal – To Dwell With Us Once Again

- Ex 25:8-9 *And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.*
- John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt (tabernacle) among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*
- Christ was probably born *during the Feast of Tabernacles. No shepherds in the fields during the December winter.*

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- Rev 7:15-17 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell (tabernacle) among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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- *Rev 21:1-4 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.*



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- *4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

## *“Future House of God” Just a Glimpse of It*

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- *Isa 2:1-5 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord'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.*

## *“Future House of God” Just a Glimpse of It*

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- *3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, 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 the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.*

## *“Future House of God”*

### *Just a Glimpse of It*

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- *Isa 11:6-9 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea."*

*During the 1000 Year Reign – KOG  
Everybody Will Observe Sukkot*

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- *Zech 14:16-19 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 17 And it shall be that whicheckever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain.*

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- *18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.*
- *Eventually everyone will be observing this Feast...even Egypt.*

## *Not Home Yet Story*

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- *An old missionary couple had been working in Africa for years and were returning to New York to retire. They had no pension; their health was broken; they were defeated, discouraged, and afraid. They discovered they were booked on the same ship as President Teddy Roosevelt, who was returning from one of his big-game hunting expeditions. No one paid any attention to them. They watched the fanfare that accompanied the President's entourage, with passengers trying to catch a glimpse of the great man. As the ship moved across the ocean, the old missionary said to his wife, "Something is wrong." "Why should we have given our lives in faithful service for God in Africa all these many years and have no one care a thing about us?"*

## *Not Home Yet*

- *Here this man comes back from a hunting trip and everybody makes much over him, but nobody gives two hoots about us. "Dear, you shouldn't feel that way", his wife said. He replied "I can't help it; it doesn't seem right." When the ship docked in New York, a band was waiting to greet the President. The mayor and other dignitaries were there. The papers were full of the President's arrival. No one noticed this missionary couple. They slipped off the ship and found a cheap flat on the East Side, hoping the next day to see what they could do to make a living in the city.*



## *Not Home Yet*

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- *That night the man's spirit broke. He said to his wife, "I can't take this; God is not treating us fairly". His wife replied, "Why don't you go in the bedroom and tell that to the Lord?" A short time later he came out from the bedroom, but now his face was completely different. His wife asked, "Dear, what happened?" "The Lord settled it with me", he said. "I told Him how bitter I was that the President should receive this tremendous homecoming, when no one met us as we returned home. And when I finished, it seemed as though the Lord put His hand on my shoulder and simply said; "But you're not home yet."*

## *Who Will Be There? In God's Kingdom*

John 7:37-39 Now on the final and most important day of the Feast, Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice, If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink! 38 He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water. 39 But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).

*Who will be there?*

*Those who “trust” Him.*

*World thinks this way: Bless me first, then I will trust You.*

*God's people think this way: I will trust you first, then you will  
bless me.*

*We all need to learn to “trust Him”!!!*