

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

JOHN – PARTS 7 & 8 The Feast of Tabernacles

Lesson 16

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Feast of Tabernacles

- Feast of Booths
- *Sukkot* (“Temporary Booths”)
 - *Sukah* : Singular
 - *Sukan* : Dwelling
 - *Skn / Shkn*

Institution

- Leviticus 23:33-44
- 7 Day / Autumn (15th of Tishri)
 - “*You shall live in booths seven days in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt.*” (Lev. 23:42-43)

Meaning

- Autumn
- Feast of Ingathering (Ex. 23:16b; 39:22)
- Messianic Holiday

Practice

- Zechariah 14

The survivors from the nations will “go up year after year to worship the king, Yahweh Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.” (V. 16)

Practice

1. Continuous daylight with an absence of winter (Zech. 14:6)
 2. An unfailing source of water
 - “on that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem...” Zech. 14:8
- Huge Issues

Practice

1. Golden Pitcher

- Pool of Siloam
- Isaiah 12:3 “With joy you shall draw water out of the wells of salvation.”
- Temple into Kidron Valley
- Prophetic Implications

Practice

1. Golden Pitcher
2. Temple Lighting
 - Throughout the Night
 - Dawn, Trumpet Blares
 - Fidelity to Yahweh

John 7 & 8

- Buzz about Jesus and Messianic Festival
- Goes up Secretly
- Festival Mid-Point Teaching in Temple
- More Buzz

Last Day

- Loud Voice

“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He that believes in me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”

- Golden Pitcher
- Holy Spirit
- Messianic buzz - Galilee Issue

Full Messiah

Again Jesus spoke to them saying, “I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (8:12)

- Festival significance
- Additional Significance

Light - Significance

- Psalm 27:1 “Yahweh is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?”
- 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path”
- Isaiah 42:6 “I will make you...a light for the Gentiles.”

Confrontation

- Need Two Witnesses

Temporary Believers

- Abide and Be True Disciples

“You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.”

- Abraham’s Seed
- Slaves to Sin or Free Indeed
- Refusing to Hear = Children of Devil
- Jesus Greater than Abraham
- “I am”

Points for Home

- Jesus is Full Messiah
- On Jesus' Terms
- Jesus Meets all Needs
- Jesus Sets us Free
- Sin is NOT our Master