

October 19, 2024

Prophetic Promises

We are told...

Deu 16:13 "You are to keep the festival of Sukkot for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing-floor and winepress.

Deu 16:14 Rejoice at your festival—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, the L'vi'im, and the foreigners, orphans and widows living among you.

Deu 16:15 Seven days you are to keep the festival for Adonai your God in the place Adonai your God will choose, because Adonai your God will bless you in all your crops and in all your work, so you are to be full of joy!

Deu 16:16 "Three times a year all your men are to appear in the presence of Adonai your God in the place which he will choose—at the festival of matzah, at the festival of Shavu`ot and at the festival of Sukkot. They are not to show up before Adonai empty-handed,

Deu 16:17 but every man is to give what he can, in accordance with the blessing Adonai your God has given you.

We know the final act will commence with the blowing of the shofar during Rosh Hashanah (Feast of Trumpets), when out of Zion will come the redeemer to restore righteousness to His people during Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). Sukkot is...

The Feast of Unity

There will come a time when the world, which came against Israel, will be unified through Messiah and will worship Him during Sukkot, His celebration:

"Finally, everyone remaining from all the nations that came to attack Yerushalayim will go up every year to worship the king, ADONAI-Tzva'ot, and to keep the festival of Sukkot." Zechariah 14:16

Those that do not celebrate Sukkot, will suffer consequences as was talked about previously. As was the time during the Temple that the priests would perform a water offering to the Lord, a prayer for rain for the upcoming growing season, so to will water be represented.

"If any of the families of the earth does not go up to Yerushalayim to worship the king, ADONAI-Tzva'ot, no rain will fall on them. If the family of Egypt doesn't go up, if they refuse to come, they will have no [annual] overflow [from the Nile];

moreover, there will be the plague with which ADONAI will strike the nations that don't go up to keep the festival of Sukkot. This will be Egypt's punishment and the punishment of all the nations that don't go up to keep the festival of Sukkot" Zechariah 14:17 - 19

Therefore, even in the day when the nations will be unified through Messiah, should anyone not worship Messiah during Sukkot, will receive the plague of no rain. The intent of this Feast is to worship God who is with us. During the Millennial kingdom, there will be no excuse not to worship God during Tabernacles. Both Jewish and non-Jewish believer will be worshipping God at Tabernacles and beyond.

The Feast of Joy

We have already witnessed through both scripture and by example of the nation of Israel, that this Feast was given by God to be a Feast of celebration and one of joy.

"[Rejoice at your festival](#) - you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, the L'vi'im, and the foreigners, orphans and widows living among you." Deuteronomy 16:14

A commandment by God to be joyful. How can one not be joyous when they are part of God's commonwealth?

The Feast of Ingathering (The Final Harvest)

There will come a final day when God's judgment is done. It will be like a final harvest...believers being gathered by God unto Himself. We can find this throughout God's Word.

"For you, too, Y'hudah, a harvest will come! "When I restore the fortunes of my people." Hosea 6:11

"Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe; come, and tread, for the winepress is full. The vats are overflowing, for their wickedness is great." Joel 3:13

"He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world. As for the good seed, these are the people who belong to the Kingdom; and the weeds are the people who belong to the Evil One. The enemy who sows them is the Adversary, the harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels." Matthew 13:37 - 39

" Then I looked, and there before me was a white cloud. Sitting on the cloud was someone like a Son of Man with a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Another angel came out of the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud, "Start using your sickle to reap, because the time to reap has come - the earth's harvest is ripe!" The one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested." Revelation 14:14 - 16

Just as a farmer gathers in the ripe fruit when its time is finished, so to will Messiah gather together His followers.

We start with Israel. The remnant is brought back to her land, with God fully restoring His relationship with a people that He chose from among all nations many years ago.

This gathering will also include non-Jewish believers who will be gathered. Once known as strangers / foreigners / enemies ...they are now adopted into the covenant God made with Israel and Judah, being joint heirs to all the promises of God. These same people who battled against Israel...

" Finally, everyone remaining from all the nations that came to attack Yerushalayim will go up every year to worship the king, ADONAI-Tzva'ot, and to keep the festival of Sukkot. If any of the families of the earth does not go up to Yerushalayim to worship the king, ADONAI-Tzva'ot, no rain will fall on them." Zechariah 14:16 - 17

will now, along with Israel keep Sukkot. Those that choose not to honor God through this Feast will experience drought in their land.

The Feast of Rest

The Feasts of God have been modeled after creation. Six days God created...Six Feasts God worked in bringing us closer to salvation. On the seventh day He rested. On the seventh Feast, salvation was complete.

The Feasts all included a day of rest (in some instances two). Sukkot includes two days of rest.

"On the first day there is to be a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work." Leviticus 23:35

"For seven days you are to bring an offering made by fire to ADONAI; on the eighth day you are to have a holy convocation and bring an offering made by fire to ADONAI ; it is a day of public assembly; do not do any kind of ordinary work." Leviticus 23:36

The Feast of Restoration

The nation of Israel, is rightly restored after they have been made aware of their transgression, their rejection of Messiah. It is through His mercy that God reconciles His people back unto Himself.

"When that day comes, I will seek to destroy all nations attacking Yerushalayim; and I will pour out on the house of David and on those living in Yerushalayim a spirit of grace and prayer; and they will look to me, whom they pierced." They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son; they will be in bitterness on his behalf like the bitterness for a firstborn son. When that day comes, there will be great mourning in Yerushalayim, mourning like that for Hadad-Rimmon in the

Megiddo Valley. Then the land will mourn, each family by itself - the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Natan by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shim'i by itself, and their wives by themselves; all the remaining families, each by itself, and their wives by themselves." Zechariah 12:9 - 14

The Feast of Glory

We have seen God's glory during this Feast as stated earlier with Solomon and the dedication of the Temple. It was God's Glory that filled the temple.

"...so that because of the cloud, the cohanim could not stand up to perform their service; for the glory of ADONAI filled the house of God." 2 Chronicles 5:14

At the time when this Feast has been fulfilled in all of its glory that God has intended for it, we will have a complete understanding of the richness of God and the relationship He desires to have with His people...believers in Him (Messiah) both Jewish and non-Jewish.

Future Promises Relating to Tabernacles

Sukkot is a Feast of Light to the nations outside Israel that were in darkness. The promises that we look at apply to those (the church) that have been grafted into the vine, being Messiah, and now have claim to the promises that will soon happen. No longer are they in darkness. No longer are they strangers to the covenants of God, made with Israel.

It will be at this Feast that Messiah will establish the Kingdom of God on earth...

"But in the acharit-hayamim it will come about that the mountain of ADONAI's house will be established as the most important mountain. It will be regarded more highly than the other hills, and peoples will stream there. Many Gentiles will go and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of ADONAI, to the house of the God of Ya'akov! He will teach us about his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For out of Tziyon will go forth Torah, the word of ADONAI from Yerushalayim. He will judge between many peoples and arbitrate for many nations far away. Then they will hammer their swords into plow-blades and their spears into pruning-knives; nations will not raise swords at each other, and they will no longer learn war. Instead, each person will sit under his vine and fig tree, with no one to upset him, for the mouth of ADONAI-Tzva'ot has spoken. For all the peoples will walk, each in the name of its god; but we will walk in the name of ADONAI our God forever and ever." Micah 4:1 - 5

God provides John an image of the future Kingdom of God...

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer there. Also I saw the holy city, New Yerushalayim, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "See! God's Sh'khinah is with mankind, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and he himself, God-with-them, will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will no longer be any death; and there will no longer be any mourning, crying or pain; because the old order has passed away."

Then the One sitting on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new!" Also he said, "Write, 'These words are true and trustworthy!'" And he said to me, "It is done! I am the 'A' and the 'Z,' the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty I myself will give water free of charge from the Fountain of Life. He who wins the victory will receive these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the untrustworthy, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those involved with the occult and with drugs, idol-worshippers, and all liars - their destiny is the lake burning with fire and sulfur, the second death." Revelation 21:1 - 8

We have previously referred to Zechariah, regarding what was revealed to him some 2500 years ago.

We cannot talk about the future promises found in Sukkot without including Psalm 118 as part of this article. The essence of this psalm is woven into the very fabric of this Feast of Joy, Celebration, Restoration, Unity, Glory, Rest and Ingathering.

"Give thanks to ADONAI; for he is good, for his grace continues forever. Now let Isra'el say, "His grace continues forever." Now let the house of Aharon say, "His grace continues forever." Now let those who fear ADONAI say, "His grace continues forever." From my being hemmed in I called on Yah; he answered and gave me more room. With ADONAI on my side, I fear nothing -what can human beings do to me? With ADONAI on my side as my help, I will look with triumph at those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in ADONAI than to trust in human beings; better to take refuge in ADONAI than to put one's trust in princes. The nations all surrounded me; in the name of ADONAI I cut them down. They surrounded me on every side in the name of ADONAI I cut them down. They surrounded me like bees but were extinguished [as quickly] as a fire in thorns; in the name of ADONAI I cut them down. You pushed me hard to make me fall, but ADONAI helped me. Yah is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. The sound of rejoicing and victory is heard in the tents of the righteous: "ADONAI's right hand struck powerfully! ADONAI's right hand is raised in triumph! ADONAI's right hand struck powerfully!" I will not die; no, I will live and proclaim the great deeds of Yah! Yah disciplined me severely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open the gates of righteousness for me; I will enter them and thank Yah. This is the gate of ADONAI; the righteous can enter it. I am thanking you because you answered me; you became my salvation. The very rock that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone! This has come from ADONAI, and in our eyes it is amazing. This is the day ADONAI has made, a day for us to rejoice and be glad. Please, ADONAI! Save us! Please, ADONAI! Rescue us! Blessed is he who comes in the name of ADONAI. We bless you from the house of ADONAI. ADONAI is God, and he gives us light. Join in the pilgrim festival with branches all the way to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I thank you. You are my God; I exalt you. Give thanks to ADONAI; for he is good, for his grace continues forever."