

Feast of Tabernacles 2023

We Are Finally Here

Finally, we are here. Whew! Is there anyone, I mean anyone here who has any doubts that Satan and his minions have been working *overtime* on thwarting everyone's efforts to get here? Trials, conflicts, and ordeals? It sounds as rhythmic as lions and tigers and bears, oh my! But hey! We are here, safe on base, our faith has pressed through much like the woman with the bleeding issue pressed through the crowd to touch the hem of His garment.

Matthew 9:20-22- “And behold, a woman who had been *afflicted* with a flow of blood *for* twelve years, after coming behind *Him*, touched the hem of His garment. For she said within herself, “If only I shall touch His garment, I shall be healed.” But Jesus turned; and seeing the woman, He said to her, “Be of good courage, daughter; your faith has made you whole.” And from that hour the woman was healed.”

Even with all of their hard work and the countless hours of overtime, we have One working for us that has an even higher Source of Influence. Because our Lord is

greater, He equips and empowers us to deal with and overcome the enemy no matter how many, or how often, or how intense the trial or storm may be, so long as we remember who we are in Him, yield to His Spirit, and His will, and give no place to the devil.

Ephesians 6:11-17- “Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil Because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against principalities *and* against powers, against the world rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual *power* of wickedness in high *places*. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having worked out all things, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girded about with truth, and wearing the breastplate of righteousness, And having your feet shod with *the* preparation of the gospel of peace. Besides all *these*, take up the shield of the faith, with which you will have the power to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one; And put on the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God;”

1 John 4:4- “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them because greater *is* He Who *is* in you than the one who *is* in the world.”

With these scriptures in mind, we know that Satan's overtime paychecks to his minions are going to bounce, *insufficient funds*.

The Feast of Tabernacles is the culmination of our Holy Day season and the one we begin the countdown for back in June. It finalizes God's plan of salvation for mankind with the Last Great Day at the end of the week. Since We celebrated the Day of Atonement last week, we know the Satan will be locked up in the abyss for 1000 years and we have returned to earth with our Lord Jesus Christ as His resurrected saints to rule with Him in His Kingdom. We will be at one with Him.

As the Millennial Reign begins, the wars are ended and a time of peace will fall upon the future earth.

Isaiah 11:6-10- "Also the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the cub lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den. 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. “And in that day there shall be the Root of Jesse standing as a banner for the people; to Him the nations shall seek; and His rest shall be glorious.”

It is hard to imagine a lion eating straw like an ox, but if it is in God’s Word, I know it will come to pass.

It will be a time of rest for the war-torn earth but not for us. Without the influence of Satan, we can begin to teach what is left of humanity, God’s way of life.

Mankind can rebuild, in peace. Diseases will be cured and the deaf and blind will see and hear.

Isaiah 29:18- “And in that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and darkness.”

Our work will begin. Everyone on the earth will have full knowledge of The Lord.

No wonder. Anyone who is still alive and survived the great tribulation will have no difficulty in remembering. The Spirit of God will Take care of the rest. But again, as we mentioned last week, God will not take away man’s free will.

As Kings and Priests, we will rule over those who survive and the future generations that will be born among the nations.

Isaiah 11:11-12- “And it shall come to pass in that day, the LORD shall again set His hand, the second time, to recover the remnant of His people that remains, from Assyria and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Ethiopia, and from Persia, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coasts of the sea. And He shall lift up a banner for the nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel and gather together the scattered ones of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”

During the Millennium, people will be required to worship Jesus Christ, The King and Lord and go to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zechariah 14:16- “And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came up against Jerusalem ***shall*** even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”

This is a scriptural reminder to them of Christ's sovereignty and their place in His plan for their salvation. But remember, they will *still* have free will. They can still refuse and rebel but refusal comes with consequences.

Zechariah 14:17-19- “And it shall be, whoever will not come up from all the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt that has no rain, does not come up to present themselves, *this* shall be the plague with which the LORD shall strike the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be Egypt's punishment, and the punishment of all the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”

We will not delve into the rebellion aspect of this at this time as it will focus on Satan and his antics and I have had about enough of him lately for ten lifetimes. However, the end result or punishment phase of this refusal will come at the end of the millennial reign when Satan is loosed for a short period and he gathers his rebellious followers for one last attempt at overthrowing God and our Lord Jesus Christ. This has got to be the worst case of Alzheimer's in history. Paroled after 1000-year sentence, after losing a major war, after getting kicked out of heaven with one third of the angels...if that is not memory loss, I do not know what to call

it. As we mentioned on the Day of Atonement, God is so over him, he does not even dispatch any of His angels to handle the matter, He simply consumes them with fire from Heaven and casts Satan and his demons into the lake of fire to be tormented into the ages of eternity.

Revelation 20:9-10- “Then *I saw* them go up upon the breadth of the earth and encircle the camp of the saints, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and consumed them; And the Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *had been cast*; and they, *Satan and the demons*, shall be tormented day and night into the ages of eternity.”

What a great ending to the Millennial Reign, but nothing with our God is really an ending. It is only a new beginning. A new heaven and a new earth! (**Revelation 21**)

We have so much to be thankful for, too many blessings we cannot begin to count.

We are joined by precious friends who travelled from just a little further than

Naples, Florida... Welcome Byron, Kathryn, young Byron, Durrell from

California! (My apologies for any omissions or misspellings)

But for today, we are here. We made it. We are on base for now. Another year has passed, perhaps all too quickly. Many changes have and are taking place. God is moving in all of us. He has His creation purpose for each and every one of us by His own design.

Ephesians 4:11-13- “And He gave some as apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers For the perfecting of the saints, for *the* work of *the* ministry, for *the* edifying of the body of Christ; Until we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto *the* measure of *the* stature of the fullness of Christ;”

Wherever we may fit into the body of Christ, always remember, the greatest role that anyone of us will ever play is servant to your fellow brethren. There is nothing more fulfilling.

Deuteronomy 16:13-15- “You shall keep the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine press. And you *shall rejoice in your feast*, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your male servants, and your female servants, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow within your gates. Seven days you shall keep a solemn feast to the

LORD your God in the place which the LORD shall choose. Because the LORD your God shall bless you in all your increase, and in all the works of your hands, therefore ***you shall surely rejoice.***”

As The Lord commands in this scripture, “you shall surely rejoice,” who are we to argue? Let the rejoicing begin! Amen!

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