

**MESSIAH IN THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Sukkot) - Lev 23:33-43**  
**(The Feast of Booths and The Feast of the In-Gathering)**

**Lev 23:33-43**<sup>33</sup> And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. <sup>36</sup> Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein. <sup>37</sup> These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day: <sup>38</sup> Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD. <sup>39</sup> Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. <sup>40</sup> And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. <sup>41</sup> And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. <sup>42</sup> Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: <sup>43</sup> 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.

### The Dual-Purpose of the Use of Trees

#### 1. For Waving the Branches in their Rejoicing

The children of Israel are to rejoice (Lev 23:40) because: "YHVH", their God, will bless them in all their produce, and in every work of their hands. They shall only be joyful (Deu 16:15).

#### 2. For Building the "Booths" to Dwell in For 7 days

The children of Israel are to dwell in "booths" for 7 days (Lev 23:42) in order that, their generations may know that the Lord made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt; because He is "YHVH" (Lev 23:43).

### Messianic Application

#### 1. Christ's First Advent: John 7:2-53.

- a. At the beginning of the feast (John 7:2-13) Christ tells his brethren his time is not fully come (John 7:6, 7:8)
- b. In the middle of the feast (John 7:14-36) Christ teaches in the temple
- c. The last day of the feast (John 7:37-43) Christ announces the pouring out of the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39) like the rains at two different harvests (advents) (James 5:7):

(1) Acts 2:41 - beginning with 3,000 souls saved on Pentecost in this church age.

(2) Zec 12:10 - upon All Israel at the second coming (Rom 11:25-32, Jer 31:31-34, Eze 36:24-28)

Zec 12:10 And I will **pour upon the house of David**, and **upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications**: and they shall look upon **me** whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

Peter in Acts 2:14-21 is saying the same Holy Spirit poured out back in Acts 2 is also the same Spirit that will be poured out in Joel 2:28-32a at the second coming.

#### 2. Christ's Second Advent (When Tabernacles Time is Fully Come)

The Feast of The "In-gathering" the Fruit Harvest & His Gathering The Elect From The 4 Winds/The 4 Corners of The Earth (Deu 30:3-5, Isa 11:11-12, Eze 37:9, Mat 24:31, Mar 13:27).

The prescribed method for waving the "Lulav" and the "Esrog" held together waving them 3x each from the east, the south, the west and the north; then pull down 3x from the direction of heaven and then pull upwards 3x from the earth (*Kitzur Shulhan Arukh 136-137*). In like manner, we read of the Ingathering of the "Tabernacles" {bodies} of the Elect:

a. The Saints that are Alive & Remain through the Tribulation in their Old-Sin Natured Bodies:

Isaiah 11:11-12 <sup>11</sup>And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the Lord shall set his hand again the second time **to recover the remnant of his people**, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. <sup>12</sup>**And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall ASSEMBLE the outcasts of Israel, and GATHER together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."**

b. The Saints Previously Raptured Returning with the Lord from Heaven

Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels **with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall GATHER together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other,**

- Viewed Here Together With the Ones Alive on the Earth:

Mark 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall **GATHER together** his elect **from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.**

Deuteronomy 30:3-5 <sup>3</sup>That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee. <sup>4</sup>**If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:** <sup>5</sup>And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

c. The Saints of the Old Testament are raised at the End of the Tribulation Period (cf. Dan 11:40-12:2, 12:13)

Ezekiel 37:9-14 <sup>9</sup>Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain that they may live.** <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said unto me, Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel:** behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.** <sup>13</sup>And ye shall know that I [am] the LORD, **when I have opened your graves,** O my people, and **brought you up out of your graves,** <sup>14</sup>**And shall put my spirit in you,** and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken [it], and performed [it], saith the LORD."

The Fruit Harvest Imagery of the 2nd Coming:

- a. *The Fig Tree* (Mat 24:32) and *"ALL" the trees* (Luk 21:29) were illustrated by Jesus to refer to the second coming. Whereas, at his first coming He curses the fig tree and Mark's gospel account records with that incident that: *"the time of figs was not yet"* (Mar 11:13).
- b. Following Christ's return to Earth, no one is to learn war any more (Isa 2:4, Mic 4:1-3). The subsequent peace on earth during the Millennium is pictured in the imagery of everyone being able to abide (thus: "dwell" or "booth"): *"under his vine and under his fig tree."* (Mic 4:1-4, Zec 3:8-10).
- c. *The Grapes of Wrath* are those people who come against (Rev 19:15) the Lord, who's in *"the temple of God in heaven"* (Rev 14:17-20). He destroys them in a *"great winepress"* of the wrath of God.
- d. The people themselves are spoken of as being planted (Jer 32:41).
- e. *The Mount of Olives* is the focal point. Jesus pronounced judgment upon Jerusalem for rejecting Him at His first appearance from the *Mount of Olives*. He indicated that their house (tabernacle or temple of God's presence) would be made desolate. He also stated that Jerusalem would not see Him again until they say: *"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord"* (Mat 23:37-39, 24:1-2).

The Hallel (Psalm 113-118) - Messiah as Israel's Tabernacle of Defense at the 2nd Coming (Psalm 118)

Psa 118:5-12 <sup>5</sup>I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, *and set me* in a large place. <sup>6</sup>The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? <sup>7</sup>The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me. <sup>8</sup>*It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. <sup>9</sup>*It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes. <sup>10</sup>**All nations** compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them. <sup>11</sup>They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. <sup>12</sup>They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

cf. Zec 12:2-3 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both

against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

The "residue" of people in Zec 14:2 that are not cut off from the city are 1/3 of them that remain after the tribulation is over (Zec 13:8-9) and they are the remnant of All Israel that will be saved (Rom 11:25-32, Jer 31:31-34, Eze 36:24-28).

Psa 118:13-18 <sup>13</sup> Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me. <sup>14</sup> The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become my salvation. <sup>15</sup> The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. <sup>16</sup> **The right hand of the LORD** is exalted: **the right hand of the LORD** doeth valiantly. <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. <sup>18</sup> The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Psa 80:14-19 **RETURN**, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; And **the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted**, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself. It is burned with fire it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance (2 Thes 2:8). Let thy hand be upon: THE MAN OF THY RIGHT HAND, upon: THE SON OF MAN whom thou madest strong for thyself. So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psa 118:19-26 <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD: <sup>20</sup> This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter. <sup>21</sup> I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner. <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD'S doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. <sup>26</sup> Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

Mat 23:37-39 <sup>37</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not! <sup>38</sup> Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. <sup>39</sup> For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hos 5:15-6:3 <sup>15</sup> I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

6:1-3 <sup>1</sup> Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. <sup>3</sup> Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Zec 12:8-9 <sup>8</sup> In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. <sup>9</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Zec 14:3-4 <sup>3</sup> Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. <sup>4</sup> **And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives**, (Acts 1:10-12) which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zec 14:12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite **all the people that have fought against Jerusalem**; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Zec 14:16-19 <sup>16</sup> And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came 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.** <sup>17</sup> And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. <sup>18</sup> And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, *that have no rain*; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up **to keep the feast of tabernacles.** <sup>19</sup> This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.