

The House of "Dates"

Now that we surpassed Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, we must continue to trust and reconsider our most recent conclusions leading up to the very **last day**. Due to the extraordinary harmony of the calendar that could only be fingered by the holy hand of God, we can be assured that we are closing in on the ultimate revelation. Just as Israel was led through the wilderness, they had the miracles and provisions of God to reflect on for reassurance whenever they were tested by trial. Yet, many still murmured despite the ongoing nurture the Lord had provided.

And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: But *as truly as I live*, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: **But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.** {Numbers 14:20:24}

When reassessing the timeline "*Countdown of Trumpets*," Rosh Hashanah stands out firmly established. This was the feast of John the Baptist, which launched the priesthood of Christ; the very same day "the heavens were opened." (Matt 3:16) It also celebrated the 50th jubilee year 1994, resolved 69 weeks of Dan 9:25 (5/21/11-9/17/12) and Hezekiah's 10° sign to go "up" to the Lord. For both years 1994 & 2012, Rosh Hashanah fell exactly 17 weeks from the solar eclipse.

In our last study "*Enduring to the End*" we were drawn to John chapter 6. Here Jesus went over the sea of Galilee "And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased." (John 6:2) In order to prove his disciple, Jesus multiplies five loaves of barley and two small fishes to satisfy the hunger of 5,000 men.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, **but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life**, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed...⁴⁹Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. {John 6:26-27, 49}

Amazingly judging by the doubters' response, Christ's miraculous healings and proofs were not quite convincing, nor even was His status as a sheep herder or son of a carpenter:

They said therefore unto him, **What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee?** what dost thou work?...⁴¹The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, **Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?** how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? {John 6:30, 41-42}

It's significant that of 8 citations in the bible, Christ refers to the "**last day**" rapture four times here in John 6. Another is connected with Lazarus & two are related to the Feast of Tabernacles.

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Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? **What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. {John 6:60-64}

From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? **Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.** And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve. {John 6:66-71}

By the time Jesus would sadly ask the twelve if they too would go away also, many of His disciples had already left “and walked no more with him.” Incredible as it may seem, Jesus questions whether they would believe if they could actually see His ascension. So too today, in spite of seeing God’s marvelous time-paths and parallels to the ascension; many are also offended, disregarding and walking away from an amazing consolidation of divine revelation.

Now that the ten days has passed since Rosh Hashanah (Sept 17), we must search the scriptures for another definition for a “Sabbath day’s Journey,” from where the disciples gazed up at Christ’s ascension before traveling to Jerusalem. The bible cites Bethany as the location of the ascension:

Then opened he their **understanding, that they might understand the scriptures...**
⁴⁹**And, behold, I send the promise** of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. **And he led them out as far as to Bethany,** and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, **and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:** And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. {Luke 24:45, 49:53}

The town of Bethany is also where Christ raised His friend Lazarus up from the dead after the two sisters sought for His passion and power to heal their beloved brother.

When Jesus heard *that*, he said, **This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby...**¹⁷Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already. **Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:** {John 11:4, 17-18}

Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, **I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.** Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: {John 11:23-25}

Thus far Lazarus' account, which led to Palm Sunday, is our fifth of eight associations to the resurrection on the "last day." Another "last day" reference is found in Nehemiah in the context of **the Feast of Tabernacles**. This feast is associated with "palm branches" as well.

And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should **dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month**: And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and **palm branches**, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written. So the people went forth, and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. Also day by day, from the first day unto the **last day**, he read in the book of the law of God. **And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.** {Nehemiah 8:14-18}

Biblically, the "date-palm" symbolizes the joy of final victory at the end, as in Rev. 7:9-10...

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed **with white robes, and palms in their hands**; And cried with a loud voice, saying, **Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne**, and unto the Lamb.

It just so happens that the Feast of Tabernacles (*beginning September 30th*) in the seventh month is only a few days beyond Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 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. On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. 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...** ³⁹Also 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. 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. 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.** Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: **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.** And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD. {Lev 23:33-36, 39-44}

The Feast of Tabernacles at hand

After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. **Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.** His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For *there is* no man *that* doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, show thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him. **Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.** The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: **I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.** When he had said these words unto them, he abode *still* in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews...³⁶What *manner of* saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come? **In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. {John 7:1-13, 36-38}

As required, Jesus observed the Passover (Joh 12:12) and the Feast of Dedication (*Pentecost*) (John 10:22-25), however, it was not yet His time to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. By implication, we can anticipate that Tabernacles will be feast He will indeed fulfill when His time is “fully come.”

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. {Acts 2:1-3}

A “last day” reference to judgment

Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: **For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.** Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. **He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.** {John 12:39-48}

After Lazarus is raised from the dead

Then Jesus six days before the **passover** came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him,...⁹Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus. **On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees,** and went forth to meet him, and cried, **Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.** And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. These things understood not his disciples at the first: **but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him,** and *that* they had done these things unto him. The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. {John 12:1-4, 9-17}

~ Hosanna in the highest ~

And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring *him*. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down **branches** off the trees, and strawed *them* in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, **Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.** And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve. {Mark 11:1-11}

A signal for the end...

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! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. 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.** {Matt 23:37-39} (Luke 13:34-35)

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death. **Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:** This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter. I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner. This is the LORD'S doing; *it is* marvellous in our eyes. **This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.** {Psalm 118:15-26}

Bethany at the River Jordan

Historically “dates” were indigenous in the town of “Bethany,” which was therefore known as “the house of dates.” It is also referred to as “Bethabarah” (John 1:28) at the River Jordan where John baptized new believers. It later also became known the “house of misery” because over time the land grew wild and wretched. Only those continuing to watch on the housetop (Mark 13:15) will desire any intimacy with “dates.”

Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment. **Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him. For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be?** {Ecc 8:5-7}

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The life King Hezekiah, who was given the sign of the sundial to know when to go up the house of the Lord on the “third day” (*Promise study #12 – Summer Fruit*), was extended “fifteen” years.

Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: **on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years;** and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. {2 Kings 20:5-6}

A count of fifteen days from Rosh Hashanah (Sept 17th) lands on the start of “*the third day*” of Tabernacles - October 2, 2012. **This date falls exactly 500 (50 x 10) days from May 21, 2011, our equivalent to “Pass-over” - Judgment or being brought out or Egypt.** You have to count 50 days (Lev 23:15-16) from Passover to reach Pentecost when the darkened signs occurred. According to our biblical calendar of history, October 2 is also noted as the first arrival and birth date of our Lord and Savior in the year 7 BC. It now becomes clear that the signs will precede the rapture on the third day (*Oct. 2/3 – evening/morning*) of the feast of Tabernacles; which will leave five more days of the 8-day feast for the world’s torment just before it’s judgment. (Rev 9:5-6)

Tabernacles - prophesized by Joel

And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes. **Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine: And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.** Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, **therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.** {Duet. 16:12-15}

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and **your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:** And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: **The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:** {Acts 2:16-20}

“Three Tabernacles” at “Glory on the Mountain”

But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make **three tabernacles;** one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. **While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.** And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. **And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.** {Luke 9:32-36}

When Christ stated at the Transfiguration “**That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power**” - Peter, James and John who He brought up the mountain (Mark 9:1-9) were 3 of the 4 disciples who dared to “asked him privately, **Tell us, when shall these things be?**” {Mark 13:3-4}

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**. 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. 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. **This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.** {Zech 14:16-19}

~ *Silence in Heaven* ~

Fifteen furlongs is about two miles and takes about a half an hour to walk, which brings to mind the physical nature of the seventh seal recorded in Revelation, chapter 8:

And when he had opened the seventh seal, **there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour**. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: **and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound**. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;...{Revelations 8:1-8}

When the Ten Commandments that reflect God's covenant / promise were given at Mt Sinai, "...it came to pass on the **third day** in the morning, **that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud**; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled." {Exodus 19:16}

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And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow *is* the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the **third day at even**. {1 Sam 20:5} (Isa 26:-20-21)

*By faith Abraham...⁸sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, **dwelling in tabernacles** with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, **whose builder and maker is God**.* {Hebrews 11:8-10}

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Amen

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