

Good Tidings of Great Joy:

THE FEAST OF

TABERNAcles

THE FALL FEAST DAYS

- **Feast of Tabernacles** (in the 7th month)
 - **Day of Trumpets**
 - 1st Day – High Sabbath
 - **Day of Atonements**
 - 10th Day – High Sabbath from 9th at even
 - **Tabernacles**
 - 7 days, 15th – 21st Days, with a High Sabbath on the first day
 - **Eighth Assembly**
 - 22nd Day – High Sabbath

Feast of Tabernacles

- Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days unto אףאל. On the first day shall be a set apart convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. (Leviticus 23:34-35)
- And on the fifteenth day of this seventh month, when ye shall have completely gathered in the fruits of the earth, ye shall keep a feast to אףאל seven days; on the first day there shall be a rest... And on the first day ye shall take goodly fruit of trees, and branches of palm trees, and thick boughs of trees, and willows, and branches of osiers from the brook, to rejoice before אףאל your Elohiym seven days in the year. (Leviticus 23:39-40, LXXE)
- ...it shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate (H2287) it in the seventh month. (Leviticus 23:41)



The Feast of Booths

- The Feast of Tabernacles is also known as:
 - The Feast of Booths
 - The Feast of Ingathering
 - Sukkot
- ...the Feast of Tabernacles (חג הסוכות)... (Leviticus 23:34)
 - “Feast” (H2282, חג), defined as festival or feast; root word is (H2287, גחג), defined to observe a festival, celebrate, dance
 - “Tabernacles” (H5521, סוכה), **defined as booth** (a temporary shelter); plural form: (סוכות); definitive article form: (הסוכות)
- ...the Feast of Ingathering (חג האסוף)... (Exodus 23:16)
 - “Ingathering” (H614, אסף), defined as a gathering in of crops (harvest)





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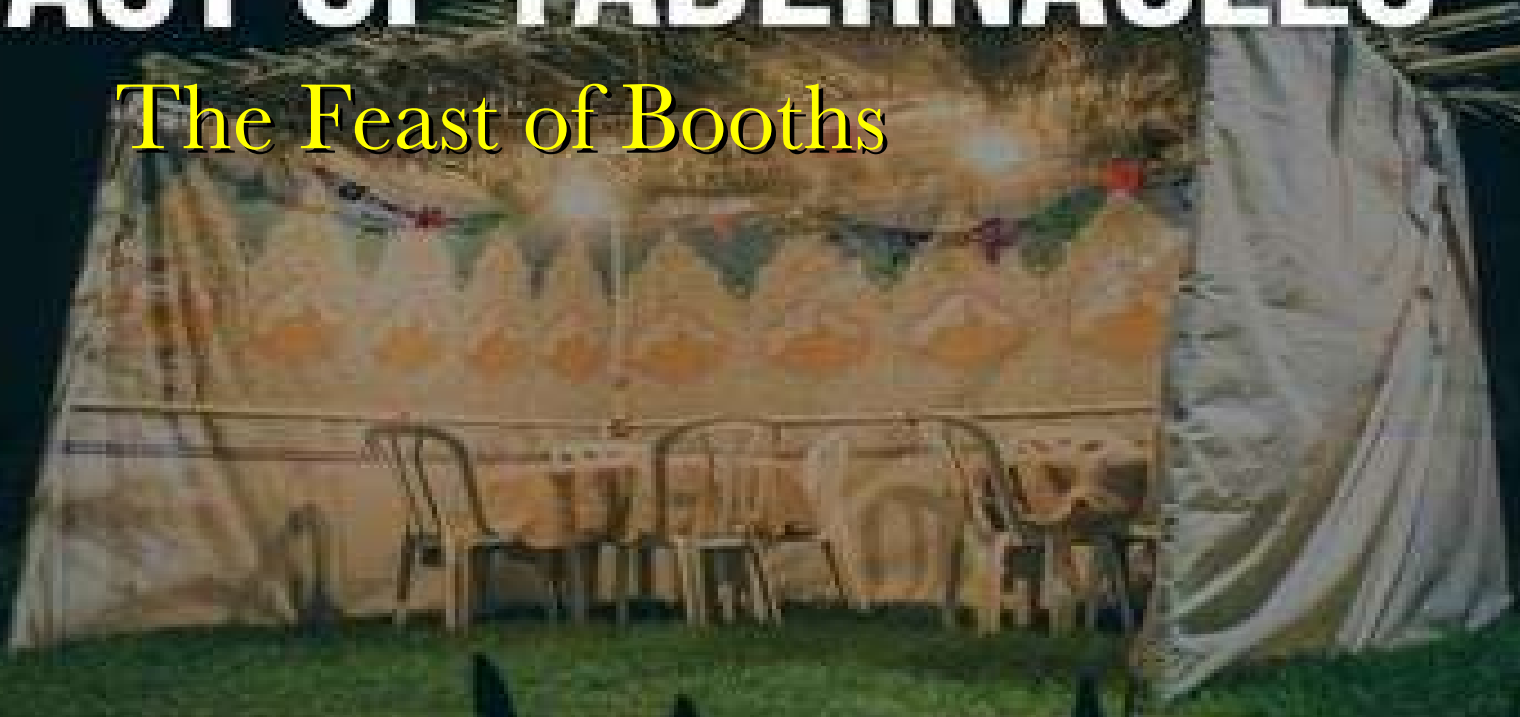
Sukkot

The Feast of
Booths

- 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 אלהיך your Elohiym. (Leviticus 23:42-43)

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

The Feast of Booths



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Noah's Vineyard

- And in the seventh week in the first year thereof, in this jubilee, Noah planted vines on the mountain on which the ark had rested, named Lubar, one of the Ararat Mountains, and they produced fruit in the fourth year, and he guarded their fruit, and gathered it in this year in the seventh month. (Jubilees 7:1)
- Crops harvested in the spring:
 - Barley (beginning at the Day of First Fruits)
 - Wheat (beginning at the Feast of Weeks)
- Crops harvested in the fall (grapes, olives, nuts, fruits)
 - All crops were harvested and processed prior to the Feast of Tabernacles

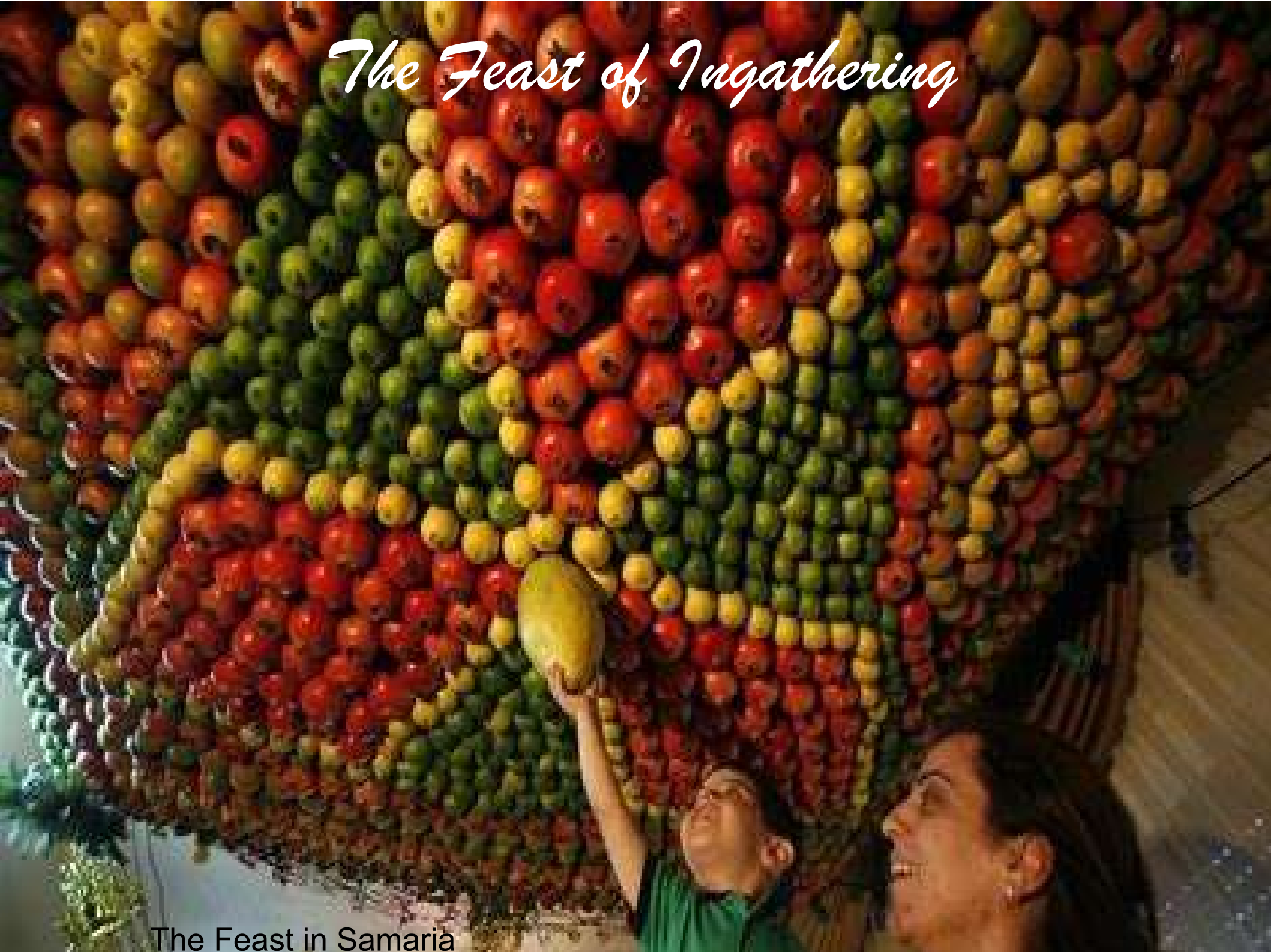


The Feast of Ingathering

- Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto Me in the year... and the Feast of Ingathering (חג האסוף), which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. (Exodus 23:14/16)
- Thou shalt keep for thyself the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when thou hast gathered in from thy corn floor and thy wine press (Deuteronomy 16:13, LXXE)
- Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before אףאל... and in the Feast of Tabernacles: and they shall not appear before אףאל empty: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of אףאל thy Elohiym which He hath given thee. (Deuteronomy 16:16-17)



The Feast of Ingathering



The Feast in Samaria

The Feast of Tabernacles

Abraham's Child of Promise

...on the Festival of the First Fruits of the Harvest, Yitschaq was born...and we returned in the seventh month, and found Sarah with child before us and we blessed him, and we announced to him all the things which had been decreed concerning him, that he should not die till he should beget six sons more, and should see them before he died; but that in Yitschaq should his name and seed be called: And that all the seed of his sons should be Gentiles, and be reckoned with the Gentiles; but from the sons of Yitschaq one should become a set apart seed, and should not be reckoned among the Gentiles. For he should become the portion of the Most High, and all his seed had fallen into the possession of אֱלֹהִים, that it should be unto אֱלֹהִים a people for His possession above all nations and that it should become a kingdom and priests and a set apart nation. (Jubilees 16:16-18)

The Feast of Tabernacles Abraham

- And we went our way, and we announced to Sarah all that we had told him, and they both rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And he built there an altar to אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָם who had delivered him, and who was making him rejoice in the land of his sojourning, and he celebrated a festival of joy in this month seven days, near the altar which he had built at the “Well of the Oath”. And he built booths for himself and for his servants on this festival, and he was the first to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles on the earth. And during these seven days he brought each day to the altar a burnt offering to אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָם, two oxen, two rams, seven sheep, one he-goat, for a sin offering, that he might atone thereby for himself and for his seed.

(Jubilees 16:19-22)

- All of the totals of burnt offerings of oxen, rams, sheep, and goats are divisible by 7.

The Feast of Tabernacles

Abraham

- And, as a thank-offering, seven rams, seven kids, seven sheep, and seven he-goats, and their fruit offerings and their drink offerings; and he burnt all the fat thereof on the altar, a chosen offering unto אִזְרָאֵל for a sweet smelling savor. And morning and evening he burnt fragrant substances, frankincense and galbanum, and stackte, and nard, and myrrh, and spice, and costum; all these seven he offered, crushed, mixed together in equal parts (and) pure. And he celebrated this feast during seven days, rejoicing with all his heart and with all his soul, he and all those who were in his house, and there was no stranger with him, nor any that was uncircumcised. (Jubilees 16:23-25)
 - All of the totals of thanksgiving offerings of rams, kids, sheep, and he-goats are divisible by 7.
 - Seven different types of spices were burnt for offerings

The Feast of Tabernacles

Abraham

- And he blessed and **rejoiced**, and he called the name of this festival “The Festival of אֶתְּאֵל”, **a joy acceptable to the Most High אֶתְּאֵל**. And we blessed him forever, and all his seed after him throughout all the generations of the earth, because he celebrated this festival in its season, according to the testimony of the heavenly tablets. For this reason it is ordained on the heavenly tablets concerning Yisrael, that **they shall celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles seven days with joy, in the seventh month, acceptable before אֶתְּאֵל -a statute forever throughout their generations every year**. And to this there is no limit of days; for it is ordained forever regarding Yisrael that they should celebrate it and dwell in booths, and set wreaths upon their heads, and take leafy boughs, and willows from the brook. And Abraham took branches of palm trees, and the fruit of goodly trees, and every day going round the altar with the branches seven times [a day] in the morning, he praised and gave thanks to אֶתְּאֵל his Sovereign Ruler for all things in joy.

(Jubilees 16:27-31)

Levi Begins as a Priest on Sukkot

And he went up on the new month of **the seventh month** to Bethel... and Levi dreamed that they had ordained and made him the priest of the Most High אֱלֹהִים, him and his sons forever; and he awoke from his sleep and blessed אֱלֹהִים. And Yacob rose early in the morning, on the fourteenth of this month... And on the fifteenth of this month, he brought to the altar... And he and all his sons and his men were eating (this) with joy there during seven days and blessing and thanking אֱלֹהִים, who had delivered him out of all his tribulation and had given him His vow. And he tithed **all the clean animals**, and made a burnt sacrifice, but the unclean animals he gave (not) to Levi his son, and he gave him all the souls of the men. And Levi discharged the priestly office at Bethel before Yacob his father in preference to his ten brothers, and he was a priest there, and Yacob gave his vow: thus he tithed again the tithe to אֱלֹהִים and sanctified it, and it became set apart unto Him. (Jubilees 31:3; 32:1-2/4/7-9)

Giving a Tenth to Celebrate

- And on the fifteenth of this month, he brought to the altar fourteen oxen from amongst the cattle, and twenty-eight rams, and forty-nine sheep, and seven lambs, and twenty-one kids of the goats as a burnt-offering on the altar of sacrifice, well pleasing for a sweet savor before אף אע. This was his offering, in consequence of the vow which he had vowed that he would give a tenth, with their fruit-offerings and their drink offerings. And when the fire had consumed it, he burnt incense on the fire over the fire, and for a thank-offering two oxen and four rams and four sheep, four he-goats, and two sheep of a year old, and two kids of the goats; and thus he did daily for seven days. And he and all his sons and his men were eating (this) with joy there during seven days and blessing and thanking אף אע, who had delivered him out of all his tribulation and had given him his vow... (Jubilees 32:4-7)
 - 14 oxen, 28 rams, 49 sheep, 7 lambs, and 21 kids... all sacrifice totals given by Jacob are divisible by 7

A Command to Feast!

- And for this reason it is ordained on the heavenly tablets as a Torah for the tithing again **the tithe to eat before** אףאז from **year to year**, in the place where it is chosen that His NAME should dwell, and to this Torah **there is no limit of days forever**. This ordinance is written that it may be fulfilled from year to year in eating the second tithe before אףאז in the place where it has been chosen, and nothing shall remain over from it from this year to the year following. For in its year shall **the seed** be eaten till the days of the gathering of the seed of the year, and **the wine** till the days of the wine, and **the oil** till the days of its season. And all that is left thereof and becomes old, let it be regarded as polluted: let it be burnt with fire, for it is unclean. And thus let them eat it together in the sanctuary, and let them not suffer it to become old (Jubilees 32:10-14)

The Ark Brought into The Temple (First Day of Tabernacles)

- Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of אֱלֹהִים was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of Elohiym. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of אֱלֹהִים out of the city of David, which is Zion. Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of אֱלֹהִים unto His place, to the oracle of the house, into the most set apart place... (2 Chronicles 5:1-4/7)

Tabernacles Celebration

- Also the Levites which were the singers...being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps... and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets: It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking אָפְּאֵל; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised אָפְּאֵל, saying, For He is good; for His mercy endures for ever:... (2 Chronicles 5:12-13)



The Temple Filled With Glory on Tabernacles

- ...then the house was filled with the cloud of the glory of אֱלֹהִים. And the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of אֱלֹהִים filled the house of Elohiym.

(2 Chronicles 5:13-14, LXXE)

- Our Father responded to the praising, singing, and thanksgiving from the white clad Levites by filling His New Dwelling with His Glory!
- This is our example! Where is His House Now!
 - **But I say unto you, That in this place is One greater than the temple**. (Matthew 12:6)
 - Know ye not that ye are the temple of El, and *that* the Spirit of El dwelleth in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16)



The Prayer of Solomon (First Day of Tabernacles)

- ...Solomon... stood before the altar of אֱלֹהִים in the presence of all the congregation of Israel...and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven, And said, **O אֱלֹהִים Elohiym of Israel, there is no Elohiym like Thee** in the heaven, nor in the earth; which **keeps covenant**, and **shows mercy unto Thy servants, that walk before Thee with all their hearts:**
(2 Chronicles 6:1/12-14)



The Prayer of Soloman (First Day of Tabernacles)

- ...And **if** Thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against Thee...**if** they pray toward this place, and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin, when Thou dost afflict them; **Then** hear Thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy servants, and of Thy people Israel, when Thou hast taught them the **good way, wherein they should walk**; and **send rain upon Thy land**, which Thou hast given unto Thy people for an inheritance. (2 Chronicles 6:24/26-27)



Will אֱלֹהִים Dwell With Men?

- But will Elohiym in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; **how much less this house which I have built!** (2 Chronicles 6:18, LXXE)
- Who found favour before Elohiym, and desired to find a tabernacle for the Elohiym of Jacob. But Solomon built Him an house. Howbeit **the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands**; as saith the prophet, **Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool: what house will ye build Me?** saith אֱלֹהִים: or **what is the place of My rest?** Hath not My hand made all these things? (Acts 7:46-50)
 - Thus saith אֱלֹהִים, **Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: what kind of a house will ye build Me?** and **of what kind is to be the place of My rest?** For all these things are Mine, saith אֱלֹהִים: **and to whom will I have respect, but to the humble and meek, and the man that trembles at My words?** (Isaiah 66:1-2, LXXE)
- Ye ...uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Set Apart Spirit: as your fathers *did*, so *do ye*. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: (Acts 7:51-52)

Fire From Heaven on Tabernacles

- Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the **fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of יהוה filled the house.** And the priests could not enter into the house of יהוה, because the glory of יהוה had filled יהוה's house. And when all the children of Israel saw how **the fire came down, and the glory of יהוה upon the house,** they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised יהוה, saying, For **He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.** (2 Chronicles 7:1-3)

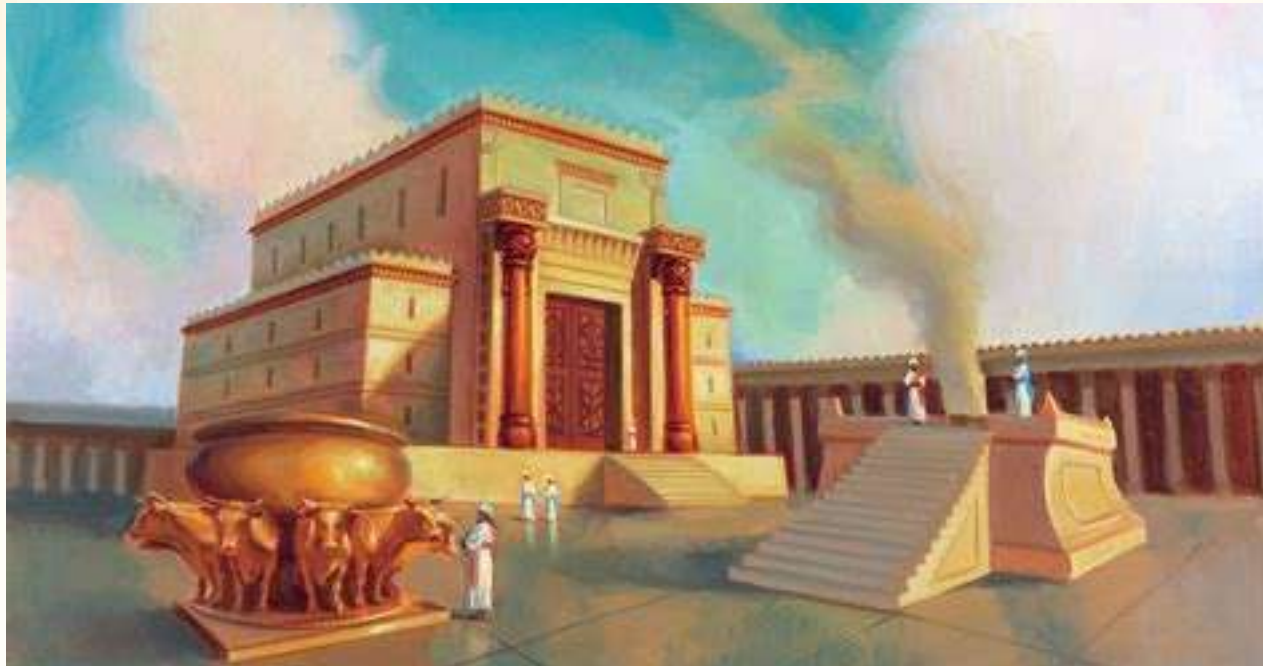




The Seven Days of Tabernacles

Dedication of The First Temple Altar

- And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for **they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.** And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that **אֱלֹהִים** had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people. (2 Chronicles 7:9-10)



Division of the Priestly Courses

- Now *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron... And David distributed them... Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah...The seventh to Hakkoz, **the eighth to Abijah**...the four and twentieth to Maaziah. (1 Chronicles 24:1/3/8/10/18)
 - ...the seventh to Cos, the eighth to Abia (1 Chronicles 24:10, LXXE)
- Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of... the place of the mercy seat, And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of אֶלְיָאֵל, and... for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of אֶלְיָאֵל... (1 Chronicles 28:11-13)
- Then Solomon offered up to אֶלְיָאֵל whole-burnt-offerings on the altar which he had built to אֶלְיָאֵל before the temple...And **he established, according to the order of his father David, the courses of the priests, and that according to their public ministrations:** and the Levites were appointed over their charges, to praise and minister before the priests... (2 Chronicles 8:12/14)

Priestly Courses Were Seven Days

- And of the priests... And their brethren... were to come after seven days from time to time with them. For these Levites... were in *their* set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of Elohiym... And *some* of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices. (1 Chronicles 9:10/25-26/30)
- So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the Sabbath, with them that were to go out on the Sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses. (2 Chronicles 23:8)
 - David had prepared...He divided them into courses...he found of these priests twenty-four courses... and he ordained that one course should minister to Elohiym eight days, from Sabbath to Sabbath... And thus the courses distributed by lot, in the presence of David, and Zadok and Abiathar the high priests... and that course which came up first was written down as the first...and so on to the twenty-fourth; and this partition hath remained to this day. He also made twenty-four parts of the tribe of Levi; and when they cast lots, they came up in the same manner for their courses of eight days. (Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, Book 7, 14.7)
 - The outgoing course offered the Daily Morning Sacrifice and the additional offerings: the incoming course offered the Daily Evening Sacrifice and the censers (Sukkah, 56b*)

* Talmud: from the synaqqoue of satan

All Hands On Deck!

- Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in **the Feast** which was in **the seventh month**...And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of אֲרָכָה unto His place, to the oracle of the house, into the most set apart *place*...And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the set apart *place*: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course: (2 Chronicles 5:3/7/11)

Priestly Order Summary

- 24 divisions of priests total, with each division of priests serving at the Temple for 8 days (starting Sabbath afternoon and the entire following week through the following Sabbath morning)
- The priests had public ministry functions during the time of their division service
- All of the priests were sanctified and served during the feasts

Priestly Order Summary

Course #	Course	Notes	~Month	Week Count	Course #	Course	Notes	~Month	Week Count
	ALL COURSES	Atonements/	7	1		ALL COURSES	Passover/	1	27
	ALL COURSES	Tabernacles	7	2		ALL COURSES	Unleaved Bread	1	28
1	<u>Jehoiarib</u>		7	3	1	<u>Jehoiarib</u>	Omer Week 1	1	29
2	<u>Jedaiah</u>		8	4	2	<u>Jedaiah</u>	Omer Week 2	1	30
3	<u>Harim</u>		8	5	3	<u>Harim</u>	Omer Week 3	2	31
4	<u>Seorim</u>		8	6	4	<u>Seorim</u>	Omer Week 4	2	32
5	<u>Malchijah</u>		8	7	5	<u>Malchijah</u>	Omer Week 5	2	33
6	<u>Mijamin</u>		8	8	6	<u>Mijamin</u>	Omer Week 6	2	34
7	<u>Hakkoz</u>		9	9	7	<u>Hakkoz</u>	Omer Week 7	3	35
8	<u>Abijah</u>		9	10	8	<u>Abijah</u>	Shavuot	3	36
9	<u>Jeshua</u>		9	11	9	<u>Jeshua</u>		3	37
10	<u>Shecaniah</u>		9	12	10	<u>Shecaniah</u>		3	38
11	<u>Eliashib</u>		10	13	11	<u>Eliashib</u>		4	39
12	<u>Jakim</u>		10	14	12	<u>Jakim</u>		4	40
13	<u>Huppah</u>		10	15	13	<u>Huppah</u>		4	41
14	<u>Jeshebeab</u>		10	16	14	<u>Jeshebeab</u>		4	42
15	<u>Bilgah</u>		11	17	15	<u>Bilgah</u>		4	43
16	<u>Immer</u>		11	18	16	<u>Immer</u>		5	44
17	<u>Hezir</u>		11	19	17	<u>Hezir</u>		5	45
18	<u>Aphses</u>		11	20	18	<u>Aphses</u>		5	46
19	<u>Pethahiah</u>		11	21	19	<u>Pethahiah</u>		5	47
20	<u>Jehezekel</u>		12	22	20	<u>Jehezekel</u>		6	48
21	<u>Jachin</u>		12	23	21	<u>Jachin</u>		6	49
22	<u>Gamul</u>		12	24	22	<u>Gamul</u>		6	50
23	<u>Delaijah</u>		12	25	23	<u>Delaijah</u>		6	51
24	<u>Maaziah</u>		1	26	24	<u>Maaziah</u>	Trumpets	7	52

The Prophecy of John the Immerser

- There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before Elohiym, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of אִתְּאֵל blameless. And they had no child... And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before Elohiym in the order of his course, According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of אִתְּאֵל. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of אִתְּאֵל standing on the right side of the altar of incense... the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John... And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple... as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. (Luke 1:5-11/13/21-23)

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8	Abijah		9	10	8	Abijah	Shavuot	3	36

Timeline To Messiah's Birth

- **3rd month:** Zacharias receives the prophecy for John on Shavuot
 - (Luke 1:5-11/13/21-22)
- **~4th month:** Elisabeth conceives
 - And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived... (Luke 1:23-24)
- **~5th - 9th months:** Elisabeth secludes herself
 - Elisabeth... hid herself **five months**... (Luke 1:24)
- **~10th month:** Mary receives the prophecy for Messiah (6th month of Elisabeth's pregnancy)
 - And in the sixth month... the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary... thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name מִיכָאֵל. (Luke 1:26/30-31)

Timeline To Messiah's Birth

- **10th month** – Mary conceives (6th month of Elisabeth's pregnancy)
 - ... thy cousin Elisabeth... this is the sixth month with her... And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste... And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth... when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb (Luke 1:36/39-41)
- **~10-12th month** – Mary stays with Elisabeth (the winter months)
 - And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house. (Luke 1:56)
- **1st month (the following year)** – Elisabeth delivers John
 - Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. (Luke 1:57)
- **7th month** – Miriam delivers Messiah (6 months after John is born)
 - And she brought forth her firstborn Son... (Luke 2:7)

No Room At The Inn

- ...a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered... Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because **there was no room for them in the inn.** (Luke 2:1/4-7 – NKJV)
 - Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before ^{אף אז} thy Elohiym in the place which He shall choose; in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles... (Deuteronomy 16:16)

Mary Was Tough

- Joseph also went... out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, ...to... Bethlehem... To be registered with Mary his betrothed wife, who was with child. (Luke 2:4-5 - NKJV)
 - Nazareth is about 65 miles north (straight line) of Bethlehem
 - The journey, including some mountainous areas, took 4-6 days
 - Mary travelled while being about 9 months pregnant!



John Tells Us Messiah's Birthday

- But will Elohiym in very deed dwell with men on the earth?...
(2 Chronicles 6:18 – Soloman's prayer on the first day of Sukkot)
- In the beginning the Son was Eloah. The Son of El was both with El, and the Son of El was Eloah... All things were made by Him; and without Him nothing was made... For He is life... (John 1:1/3-4/HSG)
- And so El was made flesh, and dwelt among you... (John 1:14/HGS)
 - “dwelt”, skay-no'-o (G4637, ἐσκήνωσεν - 3rd person singular of σκηνόω), defined as to tent or encamp, to reside (as Elohiym did in the Tabernacle of old, a symbol of protection and communion)
– usage: dwelt/ tabernacled
 - Root word: skay'-nos, (G4636, σκῆνος), defined as a hut or temporary residence, (figuratively) the human body (as the abode of the spirit) – tabernacle

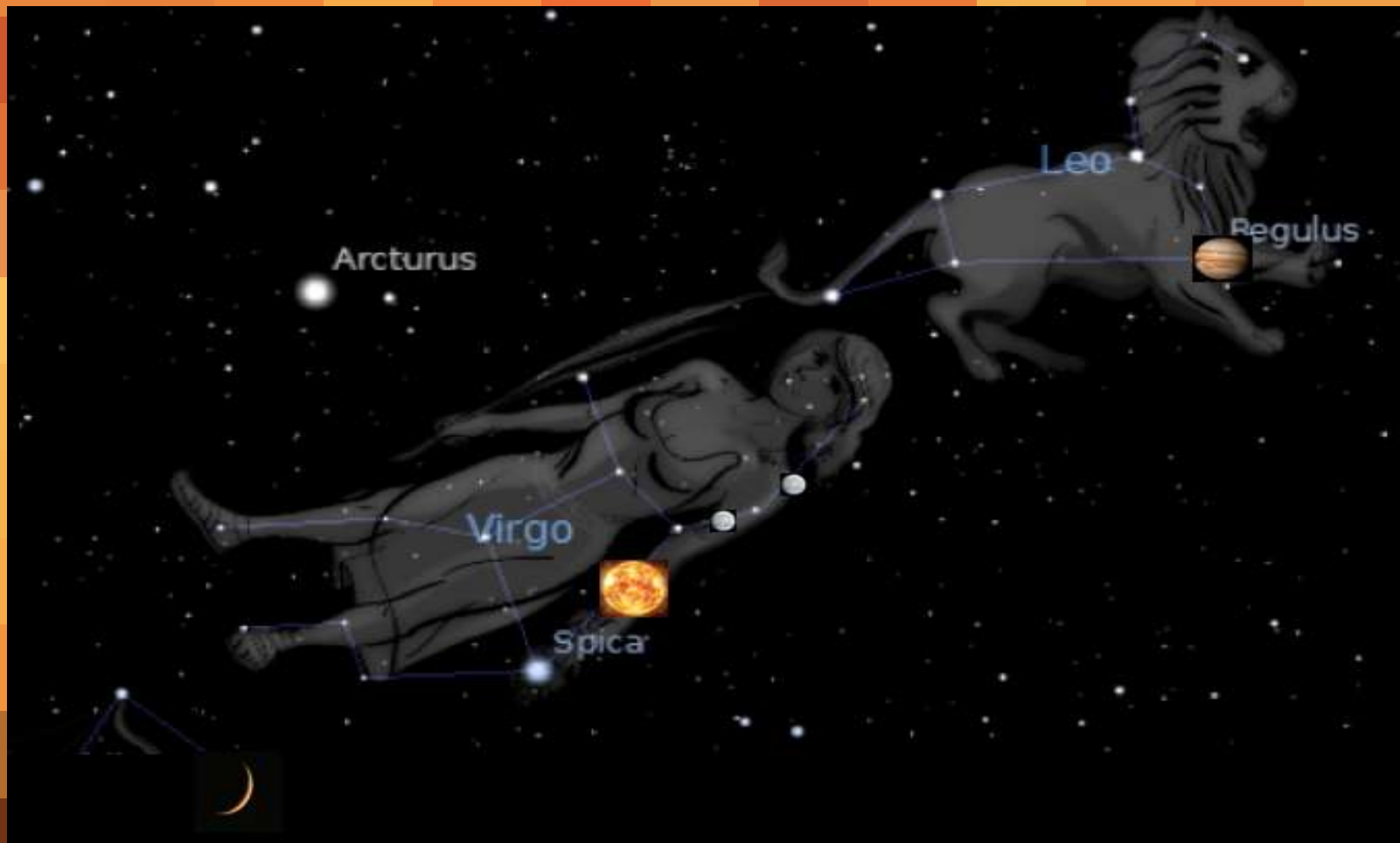
Messiah's Birthday

The First Day of the Feast of Tabernacles
The Fifteenth Day of the Seventh Month

- But will Elohiym in very deed dwell with men on the earth?... (2 Chronicles 6:18 – Soloman's prayer on the first day of Sukkot)
- And El was made flesh, and dwelt among you... (John 1:14/HSG)
- *Messiah was born and began to tabernacle amongst us... on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles (the High Sabbath)!!*

A Great Wonder in Heaven

- And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. (Revelation 12:1-2)



Messiah's Birthday

- And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (Luke 2:7-8)
 - Jerusalem/ Bethlehem avg low in Sept/Oct: 57-61 degrees
 - Jerusalem/ Bethlehem avg low in Dec/Jan: 39-43 degrees
 - Dec/Jan is also in the rainy season

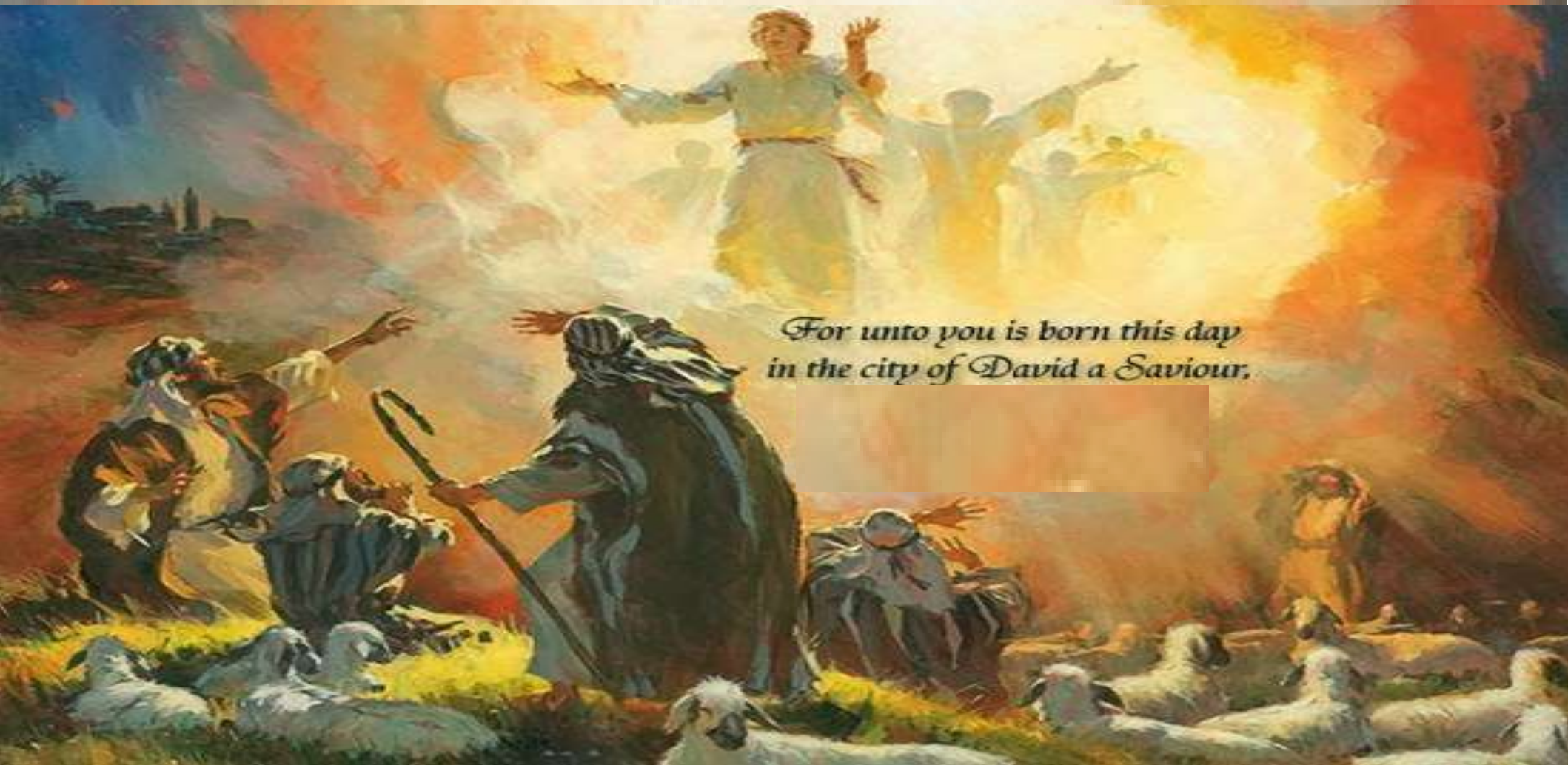


Good Tidings of Great Joy

- And, lo, the angel of אֱלֹהִים came upon them, and the glory of אֱלֹהִים shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Messiah the Adon. (Luke 2:9-11)
 - ...the priests could not stand to minister...for the glory of אֱלֹהִים filled the house of Elohiym (2 Chronicles 5:14, LXXE)
 - Thou shalt keep for thyself the Feast of Tabernacles... And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite, and the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow that is in thy cities. (Leviticus 16:13-14, LXXE)
 - ...whosoever shall be left of all the nations... shall even come up every year to worship the king, אֱלֹהִים Almighty, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. (Zechariah 14:16)

Wrapped in Swaddling Clothes

- And this shall be the sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger. (Luke 2:12)



Sidenote: Shepherds “Not Qualified”

...the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which אַף אֵלֶּיךָ hath made known unto us... And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. (Luke 2:15/17)

- *Shepherds were not considered to be trustworthy as witnesses in front of the Sanhedrin... a very handy disqualification if any shepherd happened to come forth as a witness to angels announcing and then verifying Messiah's birth*

The Sanhedrin text below is part of the Talmud, developed by the synagogue of satan (evil)



- *Shepherds are disqualified only in Palestine, but elsewhere they are eligible... A herdsman in general is ineligible (Sanhedrin 25b)*
- *a shepherd in general is incompetent. (Sanhedrin 26b)*

Bethlehem Ephratah and the Tower of the Flock

- But thou, **Bethlehem Ephratah**, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. (Micah 5:2)
 - “Bethlehem” (H1035, בית-לחם), House of Bread
 - “Ephratah” (H672, אפרתה), Place of Fruitfulness
- And you, O **tower of the flock**, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, even **the first dominion shall come**, the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem. (Micah 4:8)
 - “tower of the flock” (H4029, from H4026-H5739, מגדל-עדר) is “tower flock” or Migdal Edar

Rachel's Travail

- And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. (Genesis 35:16)
 - “Rachel” (H7354, רחל), defined as “ewe”, wife of Jacob
 - Ewe – a female sheep, especially a mature one
- And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin. (Genesis 35:18)
 - “Benoni” (H1126, בן-אוני), defined as “son of my sorrow”
 - “Benjamin” (H1144, בנימין), defined as “son of the right hand”

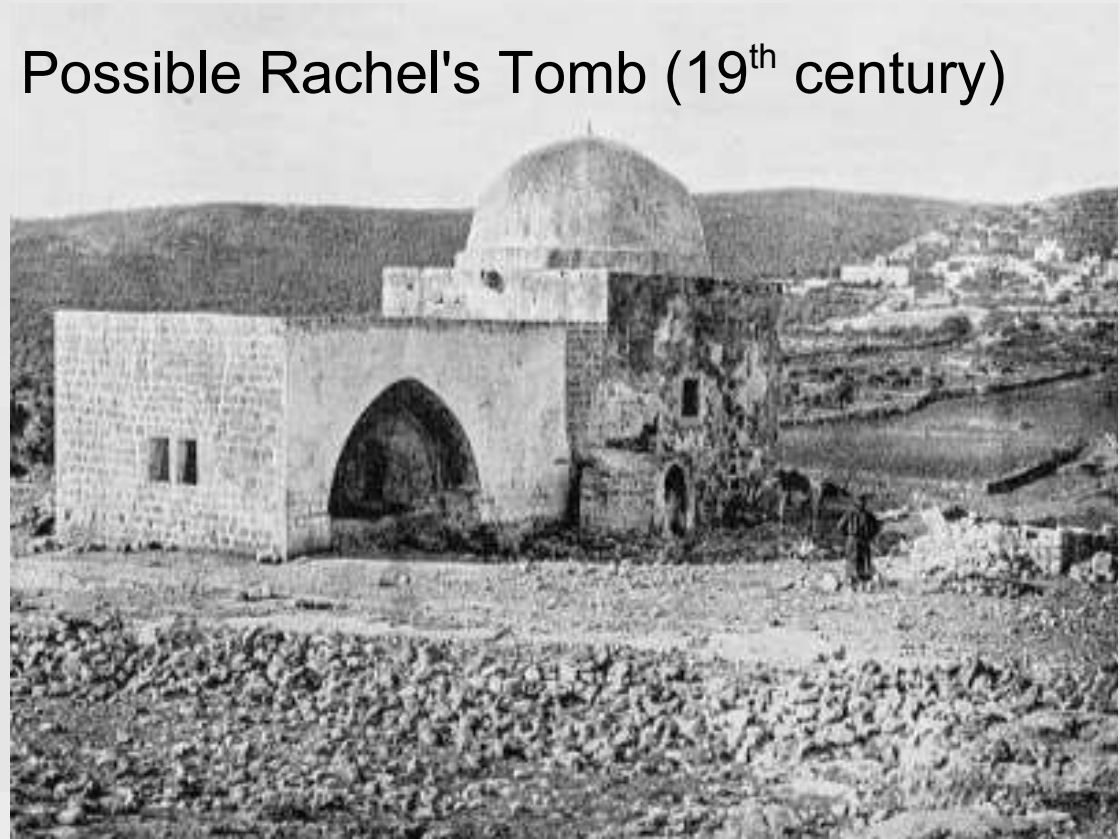
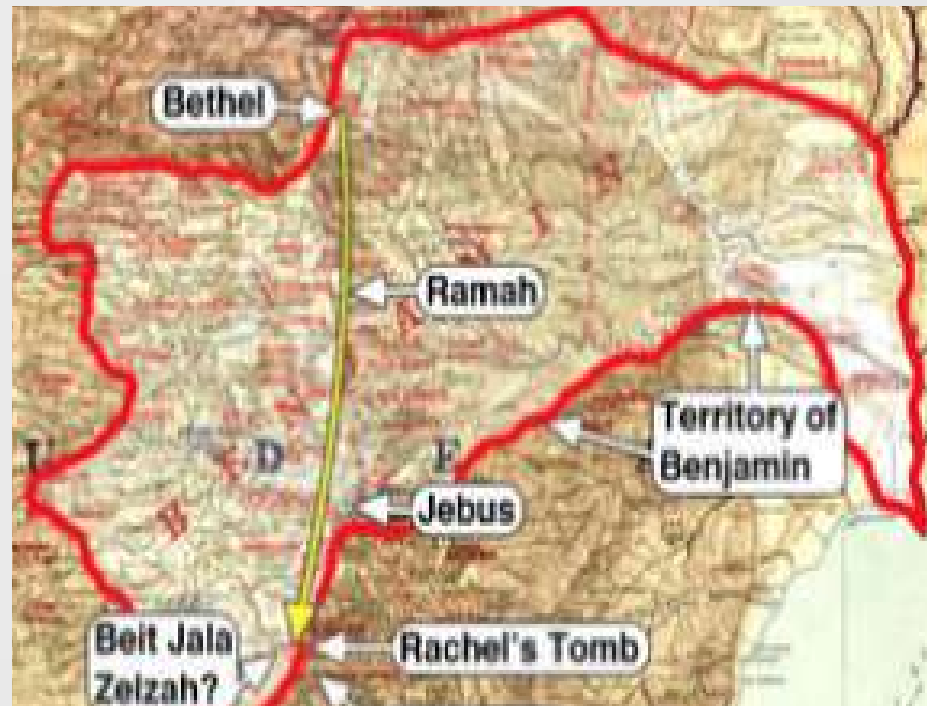
The Birth of the Son of Israel

- A baby male lamb was born. His mother called him "Son of my sorrow" and His Father called Him "Son of the right hand".
 - He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. (Isaiah 53:3)
 - ...Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary His mother... (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) (Luke 2:34-35)
 - אֲדֹנָי said unto Adonai, Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. (Psalm 110:1)
 - This אֱלֹהִים hath Elohiym raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of Elohiym exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Set Apart Spirit, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. (Acts 2:32-33)

Rachel's Tomb

- And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to **Ephrath, which is Bethlehem**. And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day. And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the **tower of Edar**. (Genesis 35:19-21)
 - “tower of Edar” (H4029, מגדל-עדֶר), from H4026 and H5739, defined as tower of the flock (Migdal Edar)

Possible Rachel's Tomb (19th century)



Migdal Edar* (Bethlehem, early 20th century)



*possible original Migdal Edar site

Migdal Edar* (Bethlehem)



*possible original Migdal Edar site

The Tower of the Flock

Micah 4:8; Luke 2:8-20

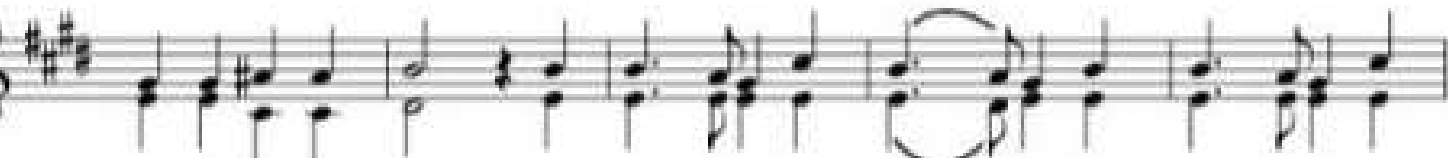
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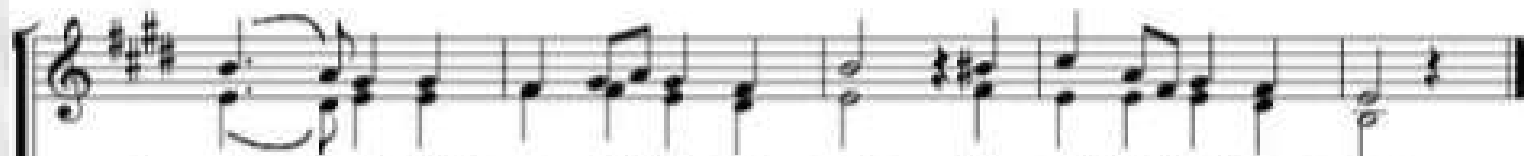
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1. De - clared the Pro - phet Mi - cah, There stood near Beth - le - hem town, The
2. Thus it was when Christ was born, The an - gel came to this Tower, To
3. Those hap - py shep-herds trav-eled To see that birth so bles - sed; They



1. Tow-er of the Flock -- From where, to ho - ly Zi - on Came, the lambs for sac -
2. tell the shep-herds there, That had been born a Sa - vior, And Christ the Lord, that
3. found the Ho - ly Babe With Ma - ry and her hus - band With - in the sta - ble.



1. ri - fice With - in the Tem-ple court -- Here would God's king-dom come.
2. Sa - vior, In Beth-le - hem was found, And in a man - ger lay.
3. low - ly. And there they all kneeled down To re - ver - ence the Child.



Migdal Edar

- Migdal Edar in Bethlehem Ephratah (the Tower of the Flock) was the structure used to breed and maintain the flock of lambs destined to be sacrificed at the Temple for the feasts and other appointed times.
 - The upper level(s) was used by the shepherds to watch the flock in the fields and living arrangements
 - The ground level floor was where the lambs were kept for shelter, feeding, and birthings as needed



* Talmud: from the synagogue of satan

Jerusalem Talmud Shekalim 7:3

Halakha 3 · MISHNA If an animal that is fit for the altar was found straying, from Jerusalem and as far as Migdal Eder, and similarly if it was found within that distance from Jerusalem in any other direction, it is presumed that the animal came from Jerusalem. Most of the animals in Jerusalem were designated for offerings, and presumably this one was as well. Males are presumed to be burnt-offerings, as only males are brought as burnt-offerings. Females are presumed to be peace-offerings, as it is permitted to bring a female peace-offering. **Rabbi Yehuda says:** An animal that is fit for the Paschal offering, i.e., a one-year-old male lamb or kid, is presumed to be a Paschal offering, provided that it was found within thirty days before the Festival of Passover.

Some Shepherds Were Priests

- Your lamb shall be without blemish... (Exodus 12:5)
 - The shepherds that tended the sacrificial flock around Migdal Edar would have been specially trained to ensure that lambs remained unblemished from birth to delivery to the Temple.
 - The time just after birth was a high risk time a new born Migdal Edar lamb to become blemished/scarred by kicking its legs in a first effort to stand up or subsequent falls. The shepherds were able to ensure this did not happen by using...

* Talmud: from the synagogue of satan

Thereupon R.SIMEON SAYS: HE IS TRUSTWORTHY AS REGARDS SOMEBODY ELSE'S FIRSTLING (In the case of a priestly shepherd with a master who is also a priest, the shepherd's testimony is believed.) - Bechoroth 35b

Swaddling Clothes and Mangers

- Wrapping the lamb in cloth strips would keep the lamb immobile with straightened legs.
- The swaddled lambs would be laid in a clean manger for safety and a thorough inspection until they were strong enough to join their mother



The Manger... at The Tower of the Flock

- And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a the manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7)
 - “a” (G3588,), a definite article (the, this)
- And this shall be the sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a the manger. (Luke 2:12)
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The Lamb of אֵילֵאֵל

- From the angel's instructions, the shepherds knew exactly where to find the newborn Messiah because it only described one place... and they were the ones that wrapped all of the new-born Temple sacrificial lambs in swaddling clothes and laid them in the birthing manger in Migdal Edar (the Tower of the Flock), just outside Bethlehem.
- Behold the Lamb of El, which takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29),
 - The Lamb of אֵילֵאֵל, the sacrifice for the world's iniquities, was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the clean birthing manger in Migdal Edar.

...the glory of אֱלֹהִים filled the house of Elohiym

...in this place is One greater than the temple.



The Body Is Messiah's



We honor Messiah's birth by celebrating!!

Good Tidings of Great Joy:

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