

LPC OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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FALL FESTIVALS- THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES AND THE EIGHTH DAY

The Feast of Tabernacles is a 7 day feast- the first day of it being a High Holy Day (day of remembrance and not working)-Lev. 23:34-35. The ancient Hebrews built booths, or sukkahs (and hence the Hebrew name of the holiday, Sukkot), and camped out in them to represent how they lived coming out of Egypt (Lev.23:34, 41-43). The Feast shows us how they, and we, are temporary pilgrims on earth through the use of temporary booths. We see the connection of needing a transformation to receive our perfect, spiritual body in the future. Hebrews 11:13 says we are strangers and pilgrims on earth. The people of Israel celebrated it at the end of harvest time (Deut.16:13,14). So, it's also called the Feast of Ingathering (Ex. 23:16). This was the time to celebrate the abundance God had given them, along with peace and prosperity contrasted with their former lives of slavery and forced labor.

This Feast of Tabernacles foreshadows Jesus' 1000 year reign when He returns to earth in the Millennium. Then it will celebrate the harvest of mankind as they learn how to live righteously with God/Jesus (Isaiah 2:2-3). It says in Isaiah 66:15-16 that all nations will go up to the mountain of the Lord's house (Jerusalem), and He will teach His ways. Since Satan was put away during the Day of Atonement it would now be possible for more people to learn God's truth without being deceived. It will not only be knowledge learned but, also, spiritual change will take place (Ezekiel 36:26-27). The world will learn peace (Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3). Even animals will be peaceful (Isaiah 11:7-9). The earth also will heal (Isaiah 35:6-7) and yield good crops (Amos 9:13). In Revelation 5:10 and 20:6 believers who were His firstfruits before His second coming will be in His Kingdom as kings and priests to guide others into the Kingdom. They will work to help all countries get right with God (Rev. 2:26). Zechariah 14:16 describes people from all over the world going every year to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. It will be a time when God's law will cover the earth like water (Isaiah 11:9, Habakkuk 2:14). Rev. 20:7-10 tells how God will destroy Satan and those who don't choose to follow Him at the of the Millennium.

The day after the seven days of The Feast of Tabernacles is the last High Holy Day. It's called The Eighth Day or The Last Great Day (Lev. 23:39). It foreshadows the time that comes right after the Millennium.

In looking at everything going on around us today it looks as if more people are doomed than saved. But, in 1 Timothy 2:4 Paul writes "God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth". In 2 Peter 3:9 Peter writes God is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance". When Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles He gave His speech about living water flowing from anyone believing in Him and coming to Him when one is thirsty (John 7:1-14, 37,38). Historically, it is said that a tradition on this Feast was that the Temple priests brought water in the golden pots and poured it on the altar. The people would blow trumpets and sing Isaiah 12:3- "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation". This water signifies the Holy Spirit. This promise has not happened yet for the masses of those living and those dead.

Rev. 20:11-15

11 And I saw a great white throne and Him That sat on it Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

(This is on earth.)

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

(These were the unsaved dead brought back after the 1000 years of Jesus' reign in God's Kingdom on earth.)

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

(Death and hell means grave according to Strong's Concordance.)

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

(So this is the end of death and the grave.)

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

We often wonder what will happen to loved ones who have died not knowing God and His salvation and people from the beginning of time from all over the world who have long gone. Some people believe they will never receive eternal life. Others hope that somehow God, in His infinite mercy, will provide salvation for them. Of course, no one knows what goes on in a person's mind in the last instant before death. But, as we just read in Rev. 20:11-15 the unsaved will be brought back from the grave to go before God on His throne after the Millennium is over. Could it possibly be a space of time between these verses? If there is a substantial time period here could these "dead" be allowed to learn and choose God's ways? If these people are judged "according to their works" then what works are able to have names be entered into the book of life? Will any or some names be entered because of their works? Wouldn't the ten commandments play a part in a person's life? Within the time or space of the great white throne judgement could one do these works here- here without the devil deceiving him/her (since the devil will have been cast away before this event)?

This is a mysterious High Holy Day. We don't know what will happen. But we know God is totally merciful, loving, so fair and just, forgiving, so good- beyond our comprehension. He's got it taken care of in His Infinite wisdom and most almighty, perfect, awesome way. There's no need or profit for us to worry. We can lean back on Him and rest knowing He will do His true, right will. There is so much hope and possibility in this beautiful plan God has for us. So we can go out (from our sleep) every day full of blessedness (definition is happiness), full of thanks, shining our light on the piece of the world around us.

VOLUNTEERS:	Flowers- The Clarks	Ushers- The Clarks	Fellowship- The Clarks
2 Sun.	9:30am	Worship, World Communion	Guest Minister- Greg Gregory
	Sunset	Feast of Trumpets Begins	
3 Mon.		Feast of Trumpets	
9 Sun.	9:30am	Worship, Fellowship	Guest Minister- Wally Spragins
10 Mon.		Columbus Day	
11 Tues.	Sunset	Day of Atonement Begins	
12 Wed.		Day of Atonement	
	12:00am	LPC Auction in Will's Landing	
16 Sun.	9:30am	Worship	Guest Minister- Greg Gregory
	Sunset	Feast of Tabernacles Begins (Lasts 7 Days)	
23 Sun.	9:30am	Worship	Guest Minister- Greg Gregory
	Sunset	Feast of Tabernacles Ends	
	Sunset	The Eighth Day Begins	
24 Mon.		The Eighth Day	
30 Sun.	9:30am	Worship	Guest Minister- Greg Gregory
31 Mon.		Halloween	

Wanda Clark will send Session minutes later.