

**THE LIFE OF CHRIST IN THE GOSPELS**  
Class #251 – Tuesday PM June 24, 2008

**Isaiah 55:11** So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

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**Psalm 82**

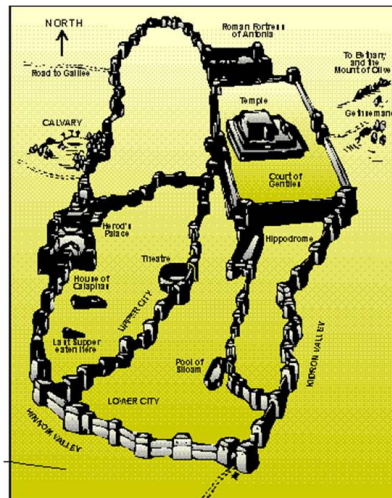
**John 7:37** Now on the **last day**, the great *day* of the feast,

- Feast of Booths
- The feast of booths was celebrated in accordance with the Mosaic Law (**Lev. 23:39-43**).

**God's Lunar Calendar**

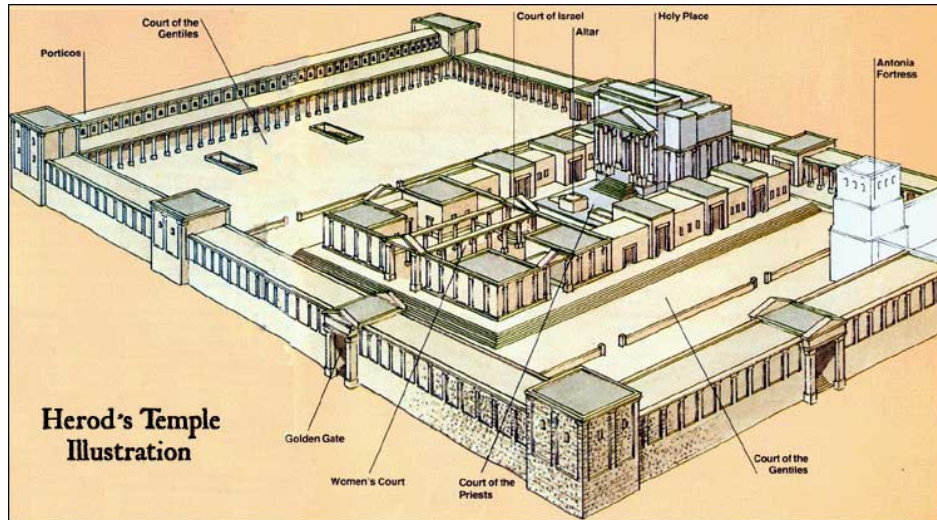
<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>FEAST</u>	<u>EQUIVALENT</u>
1. Nissan	30	PO,UB,FF	Mar-Apr
2. Iyar	29		Apr-May
3. Sivan	30	PENTECOST	May-Jun
4. Tammuz	29		Jun-Jul
5. Av	30		Jul-Aug
6. Elul	29		Aug-Sep
7. Tishri	30	TRPTS, ATN, BTHS	Sep-Oct
8. Cheshvan	29/30		Oct-Nov
9. Kislev	29/30		Nov-Dec
10. Tevet	29		Dec-Jan
11. Shevat	30		Jan-Feb
12. Adar	29/30		Feb-Mar

- Thousands of Israelites had assembled in Jerusalem.
- Each had a palm [*Lulab*] branch in their right hand. Lulab was a myrtle and a willow branch tied together.
- Jesus Christ is present in the Temple and He is observing the procession from the temple, led by a priest, to the pool of Siloam to draw water.



## Most important events during the feast -

- 1) The drawing of water
- 2) Lighting of the menorah



- Three blasts of the trumpet would signal the priest's entrance into the temple area.
- That priest would link up with another priest who carried the drink offering and they would ascend to the altar.

## Psalm 82

<sup>1</sup> God takes His stand in His own congregation; He judges in the midst of the rulers.

- The congregation would **repeat** the verse.
- **Rulers** – refer to those in authority over Israel; the religious leaders.
- The religious leaders had been dealing unjustly with Israel.
- God took His stand during the Feast of Booths among His own congregation.
- Jesus Christ, the Lord God of Israel, judged in the midst of the religious leaders.
- He took a stand among the congregation of Israel in the Temple and judged the rulers with His words.

**John 7:19-24** “Did not Moses give you the Law, and *yet* none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?” <sup>20</sup> The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?” <sup>21</sup> Jesus answered them, “I did one deed, and you all marvel. <sup>22</sup> For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on *the* Sabbath you circumcise a man. <sup>23</sup> If a man receives circumcision on *the* Sabbath so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on *the* Sabbath? <sup>24</sup> Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

## Psalm 82 (Continued)

<sup>2</sup> How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah.

- “Halelu – ya”
- Yet the religious leaders were guilty of judging unjustly.

<sup>3</sup> Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute. <sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver *them* out of the hand of the wicked.

- “Halelu – ya”
- The Sanhedrin, Pharisees, and Sadducees had not judged with righteous judgment as they should.

<sup>5</sup> They do not know nor do they understand; they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

- There was no spiritual understanding or discernment among the rulers.
- They walked about in spiritual darkness.
- They were unable to discern the origin of what Jesus Christ taught in the temple.
- But after the priest recited the verse they all said - - “Halelu – ya.”

<sup>6</sup> I said [God to the religious leaders], “You are gods [in the sense of having authority and responsibility in officiating God’s law during the Age of Israel].”

**John 10:31-34** The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?” <sup>33</sup> The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I SAID, YOU ARE GODS’?”

### Psalm 82:6

<sup>6</sup> I said, “You are gods, and all of you are sons of the Most High.

- The Lord Jesus Christ said that in **John 10:34**.
- The religious leaders were God’s representatives, rulers, and ambassadors.
- His appointed priests and representatives – designated to officiate the law

<sup>7</sup> “Nevertheless you will die like men and fall like *any* one of the princes.”

*Ritual without reality!*

- “Halelu – ya”

<sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is You who possesses all the nations.

- Everyone said - “Halelu – ya.”
- Lulabs were waved for the last time and the people bowed down.

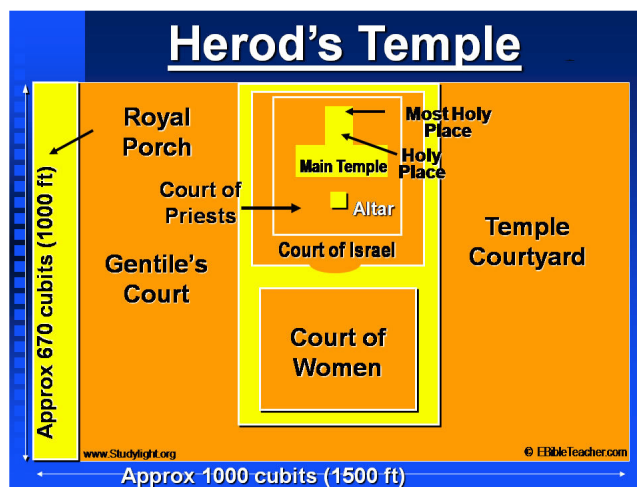
- A silence fell over Jerusalem until the sacrifices began.
- Jesus Christ answered part of their petition.

**John 7:37** Now on the **last day**, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood

- **stood** - ἵστημι – **HISTEMI** - *To stand up*
- In order to stand up one must be lying down, seated, or on His knees when the priest quoted **Psalm 82:8**.
- Jesus Christ was observing this feast with everyone.

<sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is You who possesses all the nations.

- Jesus Christ stood up in the temple in the fulfillment of that request – “Arise, O God”
- But the fulfillment was only partial – at this time He would not “judge the earth.”
- Look up **John 12:47**.
- To save the world requires an invitation.



That's why He . . . cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

<sup>38</sup> “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’ ”

- ἵστημι – **HISTEMI** also carries the meanings: *to make a stand; to acknowledge the validity of something.*

‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’ ”

- When the priest went to draw water from the pool of Shiloam – that water came from a fresh water spring from within the earth.
- The priest's pouring of that water into the silver funnel symbolized God's pouring out of blessing upon His people.

- Review **Titus 3:5**.
- That water was a *type* – a symbol of something [*or someone*] that would be fulfilled at a later date.
- An *antitype* is the fulfillment of a *type*.
- The *antitype* spoken of here is the Holy Spirit who would be poured out upon the believer at a later date.

**“From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water”**

Jesus Christ stood up and acknowledged the validity of the water in the ritual - it symbolized the Holy Spirit.

<sup>39</sup> But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

*How did people respond to this invitation?*

**John 7:40-44** Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, “This certainly is the Prophet.”

<sup>41</sup> Others were saying, “This is the Christ.” Still others were saying, “Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?”

<sup>42</sup> “Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” <sup>43</sup> So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.

<sup>44</sup> Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

**Zechariah 14:16; Joel 2:28-29; Ezekiel 36:24-28**

All this took place in the morning [*when the sacrifices occurred*].

When evening came our Savior once again was found in the temple.

- Positioned Himself in the Court of Women adjacent to the Treasury

**John 8:20** These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.

- Every night during the feast, the temple servants would light the lamps to illuminate the Court of Women.
- The people would assemble to dance.
- This evening celebration symbolized the joy that people would experience when Messiah would rule from David’s throne.
- The Levites would chant **Psalm 120-134**.

**John 8:12** Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”

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*All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard Bible (NASB) unless otherwise noted.*