## **The joy of the Lord is our Strength! 9 July 2023**

## **As we finish Nehemiah and the history of Israel in the Old Test, we must read chapter 8 and 9 for our final time with the People, law, land, captivity and return.**


## **The people of Israel get to celebrate the Feast Of Tabernacles for the first time since Joshua!**

## **It is a time of great Joy because it has been 943 years since they celebrated this!**


## **Its fulfillment is in the future for Israel**


## **For Believers this has already been fulfilled!**


## **2 Key observances:**

## **The pouring out of the water**


## **The lighting of the lampstands**

## ***John 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive;***


## ***for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.***

## ***John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”***

## **Ever since their rejection of the Messiah they have been walking in darkness.**


## **They have no temple!**


## **There is no Holy of Holies!**


## **They have no way to atone for sin!**


## **Only those Jews and Gentiles who have believed this message:**


## ***Acts 2:40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.***


## **Walk in the light!**


## ***John 12:46 “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.***

## **Everyone else walks in the darkness!**

## ***12:47 “And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him–the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.***

## ***49 “For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.***

## ***50 “And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”***


## **You want physical proof that those who reject this Word will be judged in the *future*?**

## **This was given*,* 1,953 years ago.**

## ***Luke 19:41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, “If you had known, even you,***

## ***especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.***

## ***43 “For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 “and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”***

## **Judgment came then, judgment will come in the future.**

## **As for those in the body of Christ this great feast is fulfilled…**

## ***John 5:24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.***


## ***Has* = present tense**


## ***Shall not come* = future tense**

## ***Has passed* = Perfect tense**


## ***Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,***

## **For the nation of Israel, Feast of Tabernacles is yet to come because of unbelief.**


## **At the end of the time of Jacob’s trouble**


## **There will be the battle for Jerusalem by the Antichrist’s armies.**

## ***Joel 3:1 “For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,***


## ***2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.***


## ***Zech 14:2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished.***

## ***Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.***


## ***Zech 14:3 Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.***

## ***Rev 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns.***


## ***He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.***


## ***14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.***


## ***Isa 63:1 Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?– “I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?***


## ***3 “I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me.***

## ***For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.***

## **They have called upon the name of the Lord and God delivers them.**


## **A prayer like Nehemiah 9:5-38**


## ***Zech 12:10 “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication;***

## ***then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.* Once this happens God delivers them.**


## ***Zech 14:8 And in that day it shall be That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. 9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.***


## ***In that day it shall be– “The LORD is one,” And His name one!***

## Next week: Final things