

A still life composition featuring several lulavim (bundles of palm, willow, and myrtle branches) and etrogim (citron fruits) arranged on a dark, textured surface. The lulavim are bound with white palm fronds. The etrogim are bright yellow and have a bumpy texture. The background is a dark, mottled brown with some faint, embossed patterns.

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FEAST OF

Tabernacles

The Mystery of Shemini Atzeret -- the "Eighth Day"



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Shemini Atzeret, then, represents the completion of one cycle, and the beginning of another NEW cycle, according to God's Plan. It represents a NEW BEGINNING. This "new beginning" requires "rain" -- a type of the Spirit of God poured out in order to produce a new crop and a new harvest! Shemini Atzeret represents the beginning of a new RAINY SEASON, during which the earth is nourished by rain from the heavens. Spiritually, then, it represents the pouring out anew of God's Holy Spirit and the continuation and expectation of a NEW HARVEST for the Kingdom of God!

Thus the Festivals of God are intimately bound up with the cycles of the earth -- the seasons of spring, summer, fall, and winter. They are connected closely and in depth to the **AGRICULTURAL HARVESTS** of the year -- both spring and fall. But there is a mighty, profound, rich spiritual lesson in all this. What is this lesson? What do the annual cycles of planting and harvest have to do with God's spiritual Plan?



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The Meaning of the Number "Eight"

The very name of this festival, "Shemini Atzeret," literally means "The Eighth Assembly." It is the final holy day of God's Holy Day Plan. However, there is great significance in the number "eight" itself!

E. W. Bullinger, in his book *Number in Scripture*, explains about the meaning and symbolism of numbers, including the number "eight." He declares:



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"In Hebrew the number eight is *Sh'moneh*, from the root *Shah'meyn*, 'to make fat,'

'cover with fat,' 'to super-abound.' As a participle it means 'one who abounds in

strength,' etc. As a noun it is 'super-abundant fertility,' 'oil,' etc. *So that as a*

numeral it is the super-abundant number. As seven was so called because the

seventh day was the day of completion and rest, so *eight*, as the eighth day, was

over and above this perfect completion, and was indeed the *FIRST* of a new series,

as well as being the eighth. Thus it already represents two numbers in one, the

first and eighth" (p.196).

Even as "seven" is God's number of perfection, or completion (as the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week, which completes and perfects the week), so "eight" is the *same as the first day of the NEXT week*, but counting from the days of the previous week. Thus it represents clearly "A NEW BEGINNING."



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An example of "eight" used in this connection in the Scriptures is the fact that as Peter tells us, there were EIGHT souls in the Ark of Noah, who began the NEW WORLD after the Flood! We read of the time when "the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, *eight souls were saved by water*"

(I Peter 3:20).

Interestingly, in the future Temple of God described in Ezekiel, we find that there were *seven* steps that led into the outer court (Ezek.40:22, 26); however, there were *eight* steps that led from the outer court to the inner court (Ezek.40:31, 34, 37). The first seven led from labor to rest, but the eight led from rest to intimate fellowship with God and pure worship!



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The consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests of God required seven days of being set apart (Lev.8:35), but it was on the "eighth day" that they were anointed as "priests," thus beginning a "new" ministry and office before God and the people.



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David was the "eighth" son of Jesse, thus also beginning a "new dynasty" in Israel when he became king (I Sam.16:10-11; II Sam.7:12).



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Bullinger adds concerning the significance of this number "8":

"It is 7 plus 1. Hence it is the number specially associated with Resurrection and Regeneration, and the BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA OR ORDER.

"When the whole earth was covered with a flood, it was Noah 'the eighth person'

(II Pet.2:5) who stepped out on to a new earth to commence a new order of things.

'Eight souls' (I Pet.3:20) passed through it with him to the new or regenerated world.

"Hence, too, circumcision was to be performed on the EIGHTH DAY (Gen.17:12)

. . . . The first-born was to be given to YHWH on the eighth day (Exo.22:29-30).

John 7:37-38

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.



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The Last Great Day Of The Feast



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Deuteronomy 16:13-15

13 Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine:

14 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.

15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto Yahweh thy Elohim in the place which Yahweh shall choose: because Yahweh thy Elohim shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

“Our fathers when they were in this place turned with their backs toward the temple of Yahweh, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east; but as for us, our eyes are turned toward Yahweh”

Ezekiel 8:1-18



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1 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of my Sovereign Yahweh fell there upon me.

2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.

3 And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of Elohim to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.

4 And, behold, **the glory of the Elohim** of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So

I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.

7 And he brought me to the door of the court;
and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.

8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig
now in the wall: and when I had digged in the
wall, behold a door.

9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the
wicked abominations that they do here.

10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about.

11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, Yahweh seeth us not; Yahweh hath forsaken the earth.

13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of Yahweh's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of Yahweh's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of Yahweh, between the porch and the altar, *were* about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of Yahweh, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

John 7:14

Now about the midst of the feast Yahshua went up into the temple, and taught.

What did Yahshua teach in the Temple at this feast?



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**Yahshua was also in Jerusalem during
the feast of Shavuot in John 5**

John 5:1

**After this there was a feast of the Jews; and
Yahshua went up to Jerusalem.**



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John 5:17-19

17 But Yahshua answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that Yahweh was his Father, making himself equal with Elohim.

19 Then answered Yahshua and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 5:44-47

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from Elohim only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

**Yahshua returned to
Galilee where he declared
that he was the
Bread of Life**



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John 6:53-56

53 Then Yahshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

John 6:63-66

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Yahshua knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

John 6:67-69

67 Then said Yahshua unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Master, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim.

John 7:1-5

- 1 After these things Yahshua walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.
- 2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.
- 3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.
- 4 For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.
- 5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

John 7:6-10

6 Then Yahshua said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready.

7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast: for my time is not yet full come.

9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

**What did Yahshua teach
in the Temple at this
feast?**



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John 7:28-29

28 Then cried Yahshua in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.

29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

Yahshua declares that he is the source of The Living Water



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He said at the time of the Ceremony of the Water Pouring



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Isaiah 12:1-3

1 And in that day thou shalt say, O Yahweh, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

2 Behold, El *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for Yah YAHWEH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Psalms 118:24-25

24 This *is* the day *which* Yahweh hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O Yahweh: O Yahweh, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.



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**This is the day that
Yahshua stood up and
spoke to the crowd.**



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John 7:37-39

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Isaiah 58:11

And Yahweh shall guide thee continually,
and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make
fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a
watered garden, and like a spring of water,
whose waters fail not.



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John 7:39

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified.)

John 7:40-43

40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

41 Others said, This is the Messiah. But some said, Shall Messiah come out of Galilee?

42 Hath not the scripture said, That Messiah cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

43 So there was a division among the people because of him.

**When Yahshua returns he
will not come in secret.**



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Matthew 24:23-27

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Messiah, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Messiahs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you,
Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth:
behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe
it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the
east, and shineth even unto the west; so
shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Isaiah 12:4-6

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise Yahweh, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing unto Yahweh; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.



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The Plan of God Unveiled!



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As we have already seen, in discussions of the previous holy days of God, the Fall Festivals picture the whole Plan of God. The Feast of Yom Teruah pictures the call to Repentance (the blowing of trumpets of warning), followed by the Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur, which pictures the Judgment Day when the Messiah returns to judge the world. This holy day is followed by the seven day Feast of Sukkot, or "Ingathering," which pictures the Millennial Reign of the Messiah, for 1,000 years (Rev.20:1-4).

**AND then The Last Great
Day**



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Matthew 24:35-36

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

1 Corinthians 15:21-

21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are Messiah's at his coming.

24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to Yahweh, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

27 For he(Yahweh) hath put all things under his(Yahshua) feet. But when he(Yahweh) saith all things are put under *him(Yahshua)*, *it is* manifest that he(Yahweh) is excepted, which did put all things under him(Yahshua).

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him(Yahshua), then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him(Yahweh) that put all things under him(Yahshua), that Yahweh may be all in all.

Romans 11:33-36

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of Elohim! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of Yahweh? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever.

Amen.

To GOD Be The GLORY!



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