

# 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 Elohim's Plan. It represents a NEW BEGINNING. This "new beginning" requires "rain" -- a type of Spirit of Elohim 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 Elohim's Set-Apart Spirit and the continuation and expectation of a NEW HARVEST for the Kingdom of Elohim!



Thus the Festivals of Elohim 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 Elohim'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 day of Elohim's Holy Day Plan. However, there is great significance in the number "eight" itself!

E. W. Bullinger, in his book *Number in Scripture*, explains what 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 Elohim'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 Elohim 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 Elohim 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 Elohim and pure worship!



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The consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests of Elohim 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 Elohim 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. And on the last day, the great day of the festival, יהושע stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and let him who believes in Me drink.”

38. “As the Scripture said, out of His innermost 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**

**“Perform the Festival of Sukkot  
for seven days after the  
ingathering from your  
threshing-floor and from your  
winepress,**

14. and you shall rejoice in your festival, you and your son and your daughter, and your male servant and your female servant, and the Lēwite, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates.

15. “For seven days you shall celebrate to יהוה your Elohim in the place which יהוה chooses, because יהוה your Elohim does bless you in all your increase and in all the work of your hands, and you shall be only rejoicing!



# Ezekiel 8:1-18



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



1. And it came to be in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth of the new moon, as I sat in my house with the elders of Yehudah sitting before me, that the hand of the Master יהוה fell upon me there.

2. And I looked and saw a likeness, like the appearance of fire. From His waist and downward the appearance was like fire, and from His waist and upward the appearance of brightness, like glowing metal.

3. And He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair. And the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens, and brought me in visions of Elohim to Yerushalayim, **to the door of the north gate of the inner court,** where the seat of the image of jealousy was, which causes jealousy.

4. And see, the esteem of the Elohim of Yisra'el was there, like the vision that I saw in the plain.



**5. And He said to me, "Son of man, please lift your eyes toward the north."**

**And I lifted my eyes northward, and north of the slaughter-place gate I saw this image of jealousy in the entrance.**

**6. And He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Yisra'el are doing here, driving Me away from My set-apart place? And you are to see still greater abominations."**

7. Then He brought me to the door of the court. And I looked and saw a hole in the wall.

8. And He said to me, "Son of man, please dig into the wall." And when I dug into the wall I saw a door.

9. And He said to me, "Go in, and see the evil abominations which they are doing there."



10. And I went in and looked and saw all kinds of creeping creatures, abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Yisra'ěl, carved all around on the walls.

11. And facing them stood seventy men of the elders of the house of Yisra'ěl, and in their midst stood Ya'azanyahu son of Shaphan. Each one had a censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12. And He said to me, “Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Yisra’el are doing in the dark, each one in the room of his idols? For they say, ‘יהוה does not see us, יהוה has forsaken the land.’ ”

13. And He said to me, “You are to see still greater abominations which they are doing.”

14. And He brought me to the door of the north gate of the House of יהוה, and I saw women sitting there, weeping for Tammuz.



15. Then He said to me, “Have you seen this, O son of man? You are to see still greater abominations than these.”

16. And He brought me into the inner court of the House of יהוה. And there, at the door of the Hēkāl of יהוה, between the porch and the slaughter-place, were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the Hēkāl of יהוה and their faces toward the east, and they were bowing themselves eastward to the sun.

17. And He said to me, "Have you seen, O son of man? Is it a small matter to the house of Yehudah to do the abominations which they have done here? For they have filled the land with violence, and turn back to provoke Me. And see, they are putting the branch to My nose.

18. "Therefore I shall indeed deal in wrath. My eye shall not pardon nor would I spare. And they shall cry in My ears with a loud voice, but I shall not hear them."



# John 7:14

And about the middle of the festival יהושע went up into the Set-apart Place, and He was teaching.

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 festival of the Yehudim, and יהושע went up to Yerushalayim.**



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## John 5:17-19

17. But יְהוֹשֻׁעַ answered them, “My Father works until now, and I work.”

18. Because of this, then, the Yehudim were seeking all the more to kill Him, ‘because not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He also called Elohim His own Father, making Himself equal with Elohim.’

**19. Therefore יְהוֹשֻׁעַ responded and said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son is able to do none at all by Himself, but only that which He sees the Father doing, because whatever He does, the Son also likewise does.**



## **John 5:44-47**

**44. “How are you able to believe, when you are receiving esteem from one another, and the esteem that is from the only Elohim you do not seek?”**

**45. “Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Mosheh, in whom you have set your expectation.”**

**46. “For if you believed Mosheh, you would have believed Me, since he wrote about Me.**

**47. “But if you do not believe his writings, c how shall you 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

יהושע therefore said to them,  
“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless  
you eat the flesh of the Son of  
Adam and drink His blood, you  
possess no life in yourselves.  
54. “He who eats My flesh and  
drinks My blood possesses  
everlasting life, and I shall raise  
him up in the last day.



**55. “For My flesh is truly food,  
and My blood is truly drink.**

**56. “He who eats My flesh and  
drinks My blood stays in Me,  
and I in him.**

## **John 6:63-69**

**“It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh does not profit at all. The words that I speak to you are Spirit and are life.**

**64. “But there are some of you who do not believe.” For יהושע knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would deliver Him up.**



**65. And He said, "Because of this I have said to you that no one is able to come to Me unless it has been given to him by My Father."**

**66. From then on many of His taught ones withdrew and were not walking with Him any more.**

67. יהושע. therefore said to the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?”

68. Then Shim'on Kěpha answered Him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You possess words of everlasting life.

69. “And we have believed, and we know that You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim.”



## John 7:1-10

And after this יְהוֹשֻׁעַ was walking in Galil, for He did not wish to walk in Yehudāh, because the Yehudim were seeking to kill Him.

2. And the festival of the Yehudim was near, the Festival of Sukkot.

3. So His brothers said to Him, 'Get away from here and go into Yehudāh, so that Your taught ones also see the works that You are doing.'

4. “For no one acts in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these works, show Yourself to the world.”

5. For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

6. יהושע therefore said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.



7. "It is impossible for the world to hate you, but it hates Me because I bear witness of it, that its works are wicked.

8. "You go up to this festival. I am not yet going up to this festival, for My time has not yet been filled."

**9. And having said this to them,  
He stayed in Galil.**

**10. But when His brothers had  
gone up to the festival, then He  
also went up, 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

יהושע therefore cried out in the Set-apart Place, teaching and saying, “You both know Me, and you know where I am from. And I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

29. “But I know Him, because I am from Him, and He 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

And in that day you shall say, “I thank You יהוה, though You were enraged with me, Your displeasure has turned back, and You have comforted me.

2. “See, Ėl is my deliverance, I trust and am not afraid. For Yah, יהוה, is my strength and my song; and He has become my deliverance.”

3. And you shall draw water with joy from the fountains of deliverance.



## Psalms 118:24-25

This is the day יהוה has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25. I pray, O יהוה, please save  
us now; I pray, O יהוה, please  
send 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

on the last day, the great day of the festival, יהושע stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and let him who believes in Me drink.

38. “As the Scripture said, out of His innermost shall flow rivers of living water.”

**39. And this He said concerning the Spirit, which those believing in Him were about to receive, for the Set-apart Spirit was not yet given, because יהושע was not yet esteemed.**



## Isaiah 58:11

“Then יהוה would guide you continually, and satisfy your being in drought, and strengthen your bones. And you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.



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## **John 7:40-43**

**Many from the crowd, when they heard the word, then said, “This truly is the Prophet.”**

**41. Others said, “This is the Messiah,” but others said, “Does the Messiah then come out of Galil?”**



**42. “Did not the Scripture say that the Messiah comes from the seed of Dawid and from the village of Běyth Leḥem, where Dawid was?”**

**43. So a division came about among the people because of Him.**

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



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## **Matthew 24:23-27**

**“If anyone then says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe.**

**24. “For false messiahs and false prophets shall arise, and they shall show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.**

**25. “See, I have forewarned you.**

**26. “So if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe.**

**27. “For as the lightning comes from the east and shines to the west, so also shall the coming of the Son of Adam be.**



# Isaiah 12:4-6

And in that day you shall say,  
“Praise יהוה, call upon His Name;  
make known His deeds among the  
peoples, make mention that His  
Name is exalted.



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5. “Sing to יהוה, For He has done excellently; this is known in all the earth.

6.”Cry aloud and shout, O inhabitant of Tsiyon, for great is the Set-apart One of Yisra’ěl in your midst!”



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# The Plan of Elohim Unveiled!



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**As we have already seen, in discussions of the previous holy days of Elohim, the Fall Festivals picture the whole Plan of Elohim. 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

**“The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My words shall by no means pass away.**

**36. “But concerning that day and the hour no one knows, not even the messengers of the heavens, but My Father only.**



## **1 Corinthians 15:21-28**

**For since death is through a man,  
resurrection of the dead is also  
through a Man.**

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

**23. And each in his own order:  
Messiah the first-fruits, then  
those who are of Messiah at His  
coming,**

24. then the end, when He delivers up the reign to Elohim the Father, when He has brought to naught all rule and all authority and power.

25. For He has to reign until He has put all enemies under His feet.

26. The last enemy to be brought to naught is death.



27. For “He has put all under His feet.” But when He says “all are put under Him,” it is clear that He who put all under Him is **excepted.**

28. And when all are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself shall also be subject to Him who put all under Him, in order that **Elohim be all in all.**

## **Romans 11:33-36**

**Oh, the depth of riches, and wisdom and knowledge of Elohim! How unsearchable His judgments and untraceable His ways!**

**34. “For who has known the mind of יהוה? Or who has become His counsellor?”**



**35. “Or who first gave to Him, and it shall be given back to him?”.**

**36. Because of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all, to whom be esteem forever. Aměn.**

**To ELOHIM Be The GLORY!**



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