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- Leviticus 23:33-44
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- John 7:1-39; 17:13-19
- Matthew 17:1-8

NOT OF THIS WORLD:

TABERNACLES 2026

- The Feast of Tabernacles
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PROPHETIC SEED:

"You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. **You shall dwell in booths for seven days.** All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, **that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.**" "" Leviticus 23:41-43 NKJV

"And **the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us**, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

"They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As **You sent Me into**

the world, I also have **sent them into the world**. And for their sakes **I sanctify Myself**, that **they also may be sanctified** by the truth.”

John 17:16-19 NKJV

INTRODUCTION

The Word became flesh and pitched a tent among us. He tabernacled with us, and we beheld His glory. Yet He was here for what seemed like just a vapor of time because He was never meant to stay. “I am in this world but not of this world,” He would say. Y’shua’s physical life is strikingly symbolic of Israel’s after their exodus from Egypt, as they ventured into freedom and tabernacled in the wilderness. Pitch a tent; be sure it’s a temporary structure because you won’t be staying very long. This is not your land; you are just sojourners passing through. Your permanent home is elsewhere.

It was true for the Israelites in the wilderness; it was true for Y’shua when He was born into this world; and it is true even for you. This is not your permanent home, and your body is not your permanent destination. In this world, you will have trials, but be of good cheer because He has overcome this world. In your permanent body and permanent home, there will be no more trials, no more tears, and no more pain. There will be only righteousness, peace, and joy.

Yes, the imagery in the Feast of Tabernacles is striking. But that should come as no surprise because that is true of all the Feasts of the Lord. The stories are real, and the history is important, but greater and more profitable are their prophetic significance. God makes promises, and we should never settle for less. Had Israel settled in the wilderness, built permanent housing, and walled cities, they'd have been tempted to remain there; and they'd have fallen short of God's destination. They'd have never inherited the fullness of God's covenant.

Do you fall short? The implications for such are staggering, both personally and prophetically. If you are not careful, your life can easily become defined by: "This world is all there is, and the things of this world are what I am after to satisfy my soul." But you see, it is after those very things that pagans seek; don't! For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—are not of the Father. And this world is passing away, and the lust of it; however, he who does the will of God will tabernacle forever. And that is precisely the prophetic implication—to tabernacle forever. This is not your world; you are just sojourners passing through; your permanent home is elsewhere. Your ultimate citizenship is in heaven; here on Earth, you have no permanent city, so you must seek the one to come—a permanent glorified dwelling! Knowing this and living for such is to your great advantage!

Fall Feasts (2026)

1. [Sober and Watching: Feast of Trumpets 2026](#)
2. [Become a Perfect Copy: Yom Kippur 2026](#)
3. **Tabernacles:** Fri, Sept. 25 sundown to Fri. Oct. 2 sundown
(**teach** Sept. 25)
4. **Simchat Torah:** Friday, Oct. 2 sundown, (**teach** Oct. 2)

Not of This World: Tabernacles 2025

1. Tabernacles: the imagery and purpose of Y'shua's and our temporary home
2. The Feasts Matter (All points to Christ)
 - A. Biblical Feast Cycle / Journey and Destination
 - (1) Spring Feasts (Captivity/Wilderness: Death—Burial—Resurrection—Holy Spirit)
 - (2) Fall Feasts (Promised Land: Return—Judgement—Kingdom—Eternity)

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

1. Tabernacles Details

A. Background

- (1) The Command

(a) The first day of the seventh month is Trumpets; the tenth day is Yom Kippur; and on the fifteenth day begins Tabernacles.

1. “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘**The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it. For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it. ‘These are the feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day— besides the **Sabbaths of the LORD**, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the LORD. ‘Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the**

LORD for seven days; **on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest.** And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. **It shall be a statute forever in your generations.** You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. You shall dwell in booths for seven days. **All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt:** I am the LORD your God.' " So Moses declared to the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD." Leviticus 23:33-44 NKJV

- a) On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the Feast of Tabernacles begins. It lasts for seven days.
- b) The first day is a Sabbath Rest
- c) And when it ends, the next day, the eighth day, is also a Sabbath Rest.
- d) During the feast you are to dwell in a temporary tabernacle as a reminder of what it was like in

Israel's exodus from Egypt and how they moved around in temporary dwellings in a temporary land.

2. All who are native Israelites (children of Israel) were brought out: WHO? YOU!

a) **You were there!** [1 Corinthians 10:1-4] *“Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that **all our fathers** were **under the cloud**, all **passed through the sea**, all were **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea, all **ate the same spiritual food**, and all **drank the same spiritual drink**. For they **drank of that spiritual Rock** that followed them, and **that Rock was Christ**.”*

b) **You are Children of Israel!** [Ephesians 2:11-13] *“Therefore remember that you, once **Gentiles** in the flesh—who are called **Uncircumcision** by what is called the **Circumcision** made in the flesh by hands—that at that time you were **without Christ**, **being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel** and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But **now in Christ Jesus** you who once were far off have been **brought near by the blood of Christ**.”*

(b) Greater Detail...

1. **“On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work, and you shall keep a feast to the LORD seven days. (Numbers 29:12)**
2. All the offerings: (Numbers 29:13-34)
3. **‘On the eighth day you shall have a sacred assembly. You shall do no customary work. [offerings]**
(Numbers 29:35-38)
 - a) We will explore the significance of the Eighth Day in our next teaching.

(2) In the Millennial Kingdom

(a) The command is still in effect even at the very end...

1. **“And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not**

come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the **punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.**” Zechariah 14:16-19 NKJV

Y'SHUA AND TABERNACLES

2. Y'shua and the Feasts of Tabernacles

A. A Temporary Dwelling

(1) We are all sojourners.

(a) He tabernacled among us!

1. “And the Word became flesh and **dwelt [Tabernacled] among us**, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14 NKJV

a) ...and we witnessed His glory

(b) Your life is Temporary: a vapor—here today and gone tomorrow!

1. “whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For **what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.**” James 4:14 NKJV

(c) This is not your permanent residence, so be on the lookout for the one that is on the way.

1. “For here **we have no continuing city**, but we seek the one to come.” Hebrews 13:14 NKJV
- (d) On your temporary stay, keep away from that which will infect your soul with darkness.
 1. “Beloved, **I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts** which war against the soul,” I Peter 2:11 NKJV
- (2) In this world but...NOT of This World
 - (a) Y’shua was not of this world; you are not of this world!
 1. “But now I come to You, and **these things I speak in the world**, that **they may have My joy fulfilled** in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them **because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not** pray that You should **take them out of the world**, but that You should keep them from the evil one. **They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world**, I also have **sent them into the world**. And for their sakes **I sanctify Myself**, that **they also may be sanctified by the truth.**” John 17:13-19 NKJV
 2. Sent into this World Temporarily! Why Tabernacles?

- a) ***“You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, **that your generations may know** that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.’ ”***

Leviticus 23:42-43 NKJV

3. Sent into this World Temporarily! For what?

- a) **He speaks TRUTH in this world:** so we have His joy fulfilled in us.
- b) **He does not pray for us to be removed from the world:** He prays for our protection.
- c) **He sent us into the world:** to be sanctified by the truth—but not to be part of this world!

(3) The Things of This World: Do not and do...

- (a) Do not love the world or the things of this world—they are all passing away.

1. **“Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it;** but he who does the

will of God abides [tabernacles] forever." I John
2:15-17 NKJV

(b) Do not focus on possessing and preserving things for this temporary existence; they will all decay and that life will end.

1. **"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,**
where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break
in and steal;" Matthew 6:19 NKJV

(c) Do not worry about all the things you need in this life.
God will provide everything.

1. **"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life,** what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? **"So why do you worry about clothing?** Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field,

which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" Matthew 6:25-30 NKJV

(d) Do not worry about provisions. The pagans are the ones who should worry about provisions in this temporary life, because this life is all they have.

1. ""Therefore **do not worry, saying**, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' **For after all these things the Gentiles seek.** For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things." Matthew 6:31-32 NKJV

(e) Do not worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes, so why worry about it?

1. "Therefore **do not worry about tomorrow**, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Matthew 6:34 NKJV

(f) You should instead focus on building wealth in your permanent home.

1. "but **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:20-21 NKJV

(g) You should seek the things that will be valuable in your permanent life and that which you need in this life will come right along as needed.

1. “But **seek first the kingdom** of God and His righteousness, and **all these things shall be added to you.**” Matthew 6:33 NKJV

B. It's the Feast of Tabernacles

(1) The Feast in Jerusalem

(a) Following passover that year, Y'shua spent some time in Capernaum, in Galilee (See John 6). That is when He introduced this very controversial idea. *“I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; **and the bread that I shall give is My flesh**, which I shall give for the life of the world.”* (John 6:51) (SEE: [Surrender Quitting & Practice Perseverance](#) for a complete teaching in John 6.) He stayed out of Judea (and Jerusalem) as they were seeking to kill Him and it was not time for that yet.

1. “After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. Now the Jews’ **Feast of Tabernacles was at hand**. His brothers therefore said to Him, “**Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also**

may see the works that You are doing. For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.” For even His brothers did not believe in Him. Then Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. **You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast**, for My time has not yet fully come.” When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.” John 7:1-9 NKJV

2. Jews’ Feast of Tabernacles? *“And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘**The feasts of the Lord**, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, **these are My feasts.**”* Leviticus 23:1-2 NKKV

- a) It was coming up on the Feast of Tabernacles and He was being encouraged to go to Jerusalem for the festivities.
- b) **Three Pilgrimage Feasts:** Passover/Pentecost/Tabernacles (Exodus 23:14-18)

- c) His brothers (who still doubted who He was) figured it would be a good time and location to become more widely known.
- d) At first, Y'shua did not agree and told them He'd stay out of the city for the feast. The time was not right so He remained in Galilee.

(2) But then He "changed" His mind...

- (a) I'm doing what the law says to do, what about you?
 - 1. "But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. **Then the Jews sought Him at the feast,** and said, "Where is He?" And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews. **Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.** And the Jews marveled, saying, "**How does this Man know letters, having never studied?**" Jesus answered them and said, "**My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own

authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. Did not Moses give you the law, **yet none of you keeps the law?** Why do you seek to kill Me?" The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" Jesus answered and said to them, **"I did one work, and you all marvel.** Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are **you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?** Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.'" John 7:10-24 NKJV

2. Y'shua shows up at the feast, but He does so secretly.

"How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

- a) The Jews who were against Him expected He'd be there, so they were on the lookout and talk about Him was mixed. Some believed; some saw Him as a deceiver.

- b) The believers kept mostly to themselves as they had fear of those who were against Him.
 - c) But, midway through the eight day feast, Y'shua made Himself known in the temple and what He taught astounded the people, as they knew He had no formal rabbinic training.
 - d) We don't see here exactly what He taught, but we do see what He said about their amazement over His knowledge.
3. *If you are in the will of God you will recognize that what I teach is on God's authority. If not, you will miss it. You can also tell where the teaching originates by whom is receiving the glory. Anyone seeking to glorify himself is NOT from God."*
- a) **I'm doing what the law says to do, what about you?** *"Jesus answered them and said, "**My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, **whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.** He who **speaks from himself seeks his own glory;** but He who seeks **the glory of the One who sent Him** is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. Did not*

*Moses give you the law, yet **none of you keeps the law?** Why do you seek to kill Me?"* John 7:16-19
NKJV

- b) **Prioritizing laws: Y'shua goes on to expose the hypocrisy of the Jewish leaders in John 7:20-24.**

"You claim to follow Moses while breaking the law of Moses. You want to kill me for healing a man on the Sabbath, and yet Moses would circumcise a child on the Sabbath if that is what it takes to obey the command to circumcise on the eighth day."

(3) Truth cannot be refuted!

(a) Others looking on begin questioning the doubters...

1. "Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? But look! **He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?** However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from." Then Jesus cried out, **as He taught in the temple,** 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. **But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.**" Therefore they

sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?" John 7:25-31 NKJV

2. If this is the guy you want to kill, why do you say nothing to refute what He is teaching?
 - a) Maybe you rulers actually believe He is the Messiah.
 - b) None of you even know from where He came.
 - c) Y'shua continued to teach in the temple. "You really do know Me and from where I come because I am from the God you claim to worship."
 - d) The unbelievers wanted to seize Him, but that time had not come.
 - e) Those who believed could not imagine the Messiah doing anything more miraculous than what they had already witnessed in Y'shua.

(4) The religious leaders will seek but not find!

- (a) Those who believe and what they believe really trigger the Pharisees and chief priests.

1. "The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the

chief priests sent officers to take Him. Then Jesus said to them, **“I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me and not find Me,** and where I am you cannot come.” Then the Jews said among themselves, **“Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him?** Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What is this thing that He said, ‘You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come’?”” John 7:32-36 NKJV

- a) The Pharisees and chief priests send officers to arrest Him but Y’shua tells them, *“Back off. I’m going away soon. I won’t be around too much longer. And by the time you realize who I am, it will be too late for some of you. You will seek Me and not find Me.”*
- b) They are curious about where He will be going as they are not seeing with spiritual eyes. They can only surmise He is talking about escaping into the surrounding areas to teach the Greeks.

(5) Rivers of Living Water

- (a) A Message for the Feast of Tabernacles

1. **“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. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”** 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 7:37-39 NKJV
2. One the last day of the feast (the eighth day), Y’shua connects His ministry to the traditional Water Libation Ceremony.
 - a) *“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**”*
 - b) Tradition...“Pouring of the water” or the Water Libation Ceremony
 - 1) Every burnt offering and peace offering sacrificed on the altar was accompanied by a flour offering and by the pouring of a prescribed amount of wine on the altar. During the seven days of the Festival of Tabernacles, water too was poured on the altar as a libation accompanying the daily morning sacrifice.

- 2) According to the Talmud, Tabernacles is the time of year in which God judges the world for rainfall; therefore this ceremony invokes God's blessing for rain in its proper time.
- c) Earlier in His ministry Y'shua revealed the deep prophetic meaning of the living water to the Samaritan woman. Sure you need yearly rain for survival in this life, but if you want everlasting life you need a different kind of water.
 - 1) "Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, **and He would have given you living water.**"
John 4:10 NKJV
 - 2) "Jesus answered and said to her, "**Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.**" John 4:13-14 NKJV
- d) When Y'shua stood up at the feast and said, *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He*

*who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water,***” He was proclaiming ***to all who could hear**, that every law, all the feasts, and even their traditions, pointed to Him! (*A clue about what He taught in the temple earlier in the feast.)

C. ***What was Y’shua Teaching at the Feast?**

- (1) He was in the temple teaching...(John 7:14-15)
 - (a) “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.” (John 7:16-17)
- (2) But what was He teaching? It does not say in John what He taught in the Temple, other than what He said to defend what He had done (healing a man on the Sabbath) and that what He taught was from His Father.

THE TRANSFIGURATION(S)

3. **His and Yours**

A. **His Transfiguration**

- (1) He tabernacled among us...
 - (a) And we beheld His glory!
 - 1. “And the Word became flesh and **dwelt [Tabernacled] among us**, and **we beheld His glory**,

the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14 NKJV

a) What did that glory look like?

(2) Let’s set the stage!

(a) A being of light!

1. “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, **led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light [Glory: a prophetic preview of what Y’shua will look like in His glorified body, and us too!]**. And behold, **Moses and Elijah appeared to them**, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly **a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”** And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” When they had lifted up their eyes,

they saw no one but Jesus only.” Matthew 17:1-8
NKJV

2. Y’shua goes up on the mountain with Peter, James and John and He transfigures into a being of light, a glorified human. Moses and Elijah appear—prophetic figures of...
 - a) The perfect Law of liberty: radical grace-empowered-faith-based-obedience)
 - b) The Prophets: the prophet who prepares a way for the Messiah’s coming.
 - c) They want to set up a sukkah for each of them, Y’shua, Moses, and Elijah (like for Tabernacles).
 - d) At that time a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” Just like at Y’shua’s baptism.
- (b) Don’t tell anyone until...
 1. “Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, **“Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”**”
Matthew 17:9 NKJV
 2. As they leave the mountain, Y’shua instructs the three to say nothing until after His resurrection.

- a) And that is precisely what we see happen when Peter tells about it in II Peter 1:17-18. (More on that in a moment)
- (c) Then they ask Y'shua what may be the most important prophetic question possible about Elijah.
 - 1. "And His disciples asked Him, saying, **"Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"**"
Matthew 17:10 NKJV
 - 2. They already know that Elijah must come first to pave a way for the coming of the Messiah. Why? And how did they know?
 - a) And this is what Y'shua tells them...
 - 1) *"Jesus answered and said to them, **"Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands."** **Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.**"* Matthew 17:11-13 NKJV
 - b) Elijah must come first to restore all things—we will explore what this mean in a moment.

- c) **Elijah has come already...** and he came in an interim ministry through John the Baptist...
- 1) *“He will also go before Him **in the spirit and power of Elijah**, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to **make ready a people prepared** for the Lord.”* Luke 1:17 NKJV
- d) **Elijah is coming...** the prophecy over John’s life before his birth points to...
- 1) [Malachi 4:5-6] *“...{5}**Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before** the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. {6} And **he will turn The hearts...**”*
 - 2) [Isaiah 40:3] *“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: **“Prepare the way of the Lord;** Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.”*
 - 3) **Note:** amazingly the Malachi prophecy also points to Moses, the other prophetic figure on the mountain with Y’shua, Peter, James, and John: *“**Remember the Law of Moses**, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments.”*
Malachi 4:4 NKJV

(3) Prophetic Details of the Transfiguration

(a) Peter, James, and John find themselves on the mountain with Y'shua. They witness Y'shua transfigure into a being of light, a glorified human.

1. *"He tabernacled among us, and we beheld His glory."* John 1:14
2. This is what a glorified body looks like, a body of flesh and bones as opposed to flesh and blood.
3. This is the body we inherit in the end as our corruptible bodies become incorruptible. (See I Corinthians 15:42-54)
4. This is the body Y'shua got because He went to the cross instead of abandoning the mission. He resurrected with a glorified body and this way when we receive our glorified bodies we can be married to Him as the same species (glorified humans).

(b) Then Moses and Elijah appear to talk with Y'shua. (What did they say?)

(c) Peter sees this as a good thing. He wants to build three tabernacles (for the Feast of Tabernacles): one for Y'shua, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

(d) Then a voice came out of the Heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear

Him!" As they left the mountain, Jesus instructed them to tell no one what they saw happen until after the resurrection.

1. This is scene at His baptism:

- a) "Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, **"I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"** But Jesus answered and said to him, **"Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."** Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, **"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."**" Matthew 3:13-17 NKJV

2. This is what Peter reported in II Peter after the resurrection as permitted by Y'shua:

- a) "For He received from God the Father honor and glory **when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in**

whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And **so we have the prophetic word confirmed**, which you do well to heed as a **light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts**; knowing this first, that **no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation**, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but **holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."** II Peter 1:17-21 NKJV

- (e) On the mountain, His Disciples were versed enough to recognize that their experience is connected with the prophecy in Malachi: first that the "**Sun of Righteousness shall rise.**" *"He was transfigured before them. **His face shone like the sun...**"* (Matthew 17:2) Then, that Elijah must come as the restoration prophet and forerunner to the Christ. *"Then **the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.**"* (Matthew 17:13)

1. **The morning star rises in your hearts:** *"For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And*

the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the Lord of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name **The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings;** And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this," Says the Lord of hosts." Malachi 4:1-3 NKJV

- (f) **"Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"** (Matthew 17:10): To restore all things... v. 11
 - 1. **"Remember the Law of Moses,** My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before** the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And **he will turn The hearts** of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." Malachi 4:4-6 NKJV
- (g) More prophetic connections (to wire your brain prophetically)!

1. "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: **"Prepare the way of the Lord;** Make straight in the desert A highway for our God." Isaiah 40:3 NKJV
 2. [PETER... *"to restore all things..."* Mat. 17:11] "and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, **whom heaven must receive until the times of *restoration of all things**, which God has **spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets** since the world began." Acts 3:20-21 NKJV
- (h) Y'shua affirms their thoughts about Elijah's ministry
1. Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.
 2. Elijah has come already (the spirit of Elijah in John the Baptist).
 3. As John suffered, so will Christ!
- (i) Peter got it!
1. **Spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets:**
[II Peter 1:20-21] no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

B. Your Transfiguration

- (1) Glorified Bodies and Citizenship in Heaven

- (a) Your residence (tabernacle) here is temporary. Your permanent tabernacle is as a glorified human (like we saw with Y'shua on the mountain.)
1. "For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will **transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body**, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself." Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV
- (b) Your temporary tabernacle is corruptible; your glorified body is permanent!
1. "So also is the resurrection of the dead. **The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.** It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. **It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.** There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." I Corinthians 15:42-44 NKJV
- (c) Your permanent body... "Death is swallowed up in victory."
1. "Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We

shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”” I

Corinthians 15:50-54 NKJV

(d) The kingdom is about righteousness and peace and joy!

1. “for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness and peace and joy** in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17 NKJV

(2) No more pain, nor more tears, no more trials.

(a) Your temporary tabernacle cannot consummate the marriage with Y’shua; your glorified body is the same species and can become the bride of Christ!

1. “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven

from God, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “**Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them,** and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.” Revelation 21:1-3 NKJV

(b) Your temporary tabernacle will experience tribulations; your glorified body is free from any suffering!

1. “And **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain,** for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4 NKJV

(3) From Glory to Glory until Glorified

(a) Being transformed into Christ's image. “*He tabernacled among us, and we beheld His glory.*” John 1:14

1. “Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image [glorified body] from glory to glory,** just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II Corinthians 3:16-18 NKJV

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. The Feast of Tabernacles

- A. How do you find the Feast of Tabernacles on the Calendar?
- B. Describe the important details of the feast. (See: Leviticus 23:33-44; Numbers 29:12-38)
- C. How is it related to the Millennial Kingdom? (See Zechariah 14:16-19)

2. How is the Feast of Tabernacles prophetically significant for Christians?

- A. How is the birth and life of Y'shua related to this Festival? (See John 1:14)
- B. How might it be significant to our understanding of being sojourners living in the temporary dwellings of our bodies? (See James 4:14; I Peter 2:11; Hebrews 13:14)

3. Consider the temporary dwellings symbolism of Tabernacles...

- A. How do Y'shua's words in John 17:13-19 support that idea?

4. We are warned regarding the erroneous belief that this life is all we have...

- A. Use the following passages to craft a short narrative on the subject. (See: I John 2:15-17; Matthew 6:19-34)

5. Y'shua arrives at the Feast of Tabernacles in John 7:1-39...

- A. In your own words describe all the events of that occurred over those eight days.
 - B. Why were the religious leaders astonished.
 - C. What specifically happened on the last day and how does it relate to John 4:10-14?
- 6. It is clear that Y'shua's must defend His teachings at the Feast...**
- A. What does He defend and how?
- 7. We see that at Y'shua's birth the Word became flesh and dwelt [Tabernacled] among us, and we beheld His glory (John 1:14).**
- A. How might the events of the transfiguration in Matthew 17:1-13 be the fulfillment of beholding His glory?
 - B. What specific instruction does Y'shua give Peter, James and John and why? How does that instruction relate to Matthew 3:13-17 and II Peter 1:17-18?
 - C. What question do they ask when they come down from the mountain and what is Y'shua's answer.
 - D. How might His answer relate to Malachi 4:4-6, Isaiah 40:3, Luke 1:17 and Acts 3:20-21?
- 8. You too will experience a transfiguration...**
- A. Use the following passages to describe that transfiguration.
(See: Philippians 3:20-21; I Corinthians 15:42-54)
- 9. What is the culmination of Y'shua's and our transfiguration?
(See: Revelation 21:1-4)**