

The “Sign” of Thy Coming

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? **and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?** {Matt 24:1-3}

Being ten weeks from our final time path to Tabernacles, this year’s Tisha B’av July 16, 2013 turns out to be Hezekiah’s ten degree “sign” to go up to the house of Lord on the third day (2 Kings 20:8-11) from the end of the feast, September 25, 2013 as revealed to us when we considered the count noted by the prophet Haggai (*70 Weeks of Daniel 9*). We’ve learned that it is crucial to know that the disciples asked the question of “when” privately on the Mount Olives, which is the very same location of Christ’s Ascension. This makes the words of Zechariah who was a contemporary Haggai even that more compelling:

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: **and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.** And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light. {Zech 14:4-7}

Because the last day has never occurred before, the characteristics of that day is solely known to the Lord. However, Zechariah also tells us that the timing of the event is revealed to those who watch as commanded and that keep the “feast of Tabernacles.”

And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even 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* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, *that have no rain*; there shall be the plague, wherewith **the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.** This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. {Zech 14:16-19}

This study is the 32nd of a progressive series after the May-21-2011 Judgment Day warning that collaborate the feasts of Pentecost, Dedication, Trumpets & Tabernacles with timeline leading to the end of the world, anticipated after a testing program from the extinction of salvation on May-21-2011, 7,000 years from the flood. To support comprehension; new readers are directed to a summaries and previous studies provided at yet7000years.com

In 520 BC Haggai and Zechariah together fueled the charge to reconstruct the Second Temple 18 years after the decree of King Cyrus in 538 BC. Should it surprise us that this time span parallels precisely with our present day experience: a patient 18 year watch from the Jubilee year 1994 to the Spiritual Harvest dry land date - May 21, 2012?

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts. For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, **Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.** {Isaiah 28:9-16}

In our Promise study #8 - “*The Lord’s Foundation,*” we pondered the relevance of “Hegai” being a keeper of the women who favored Esther in preparation to see the king, who was so pleased with her appearance that he appointed her as queen.

So it came to pass, when the king’s commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king’s house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, *which were* meet to be given her, out of the king’s house: **and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women.** {Esther 2:8-9}

Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king’s chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And **Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her...**¹⁷**And the king loved Esther above all the women,** and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, **and made her queen** instead of Vashti. {Est 2:15-17}

If we are correct that “Hegai” was actually a younger “Haggai” a decade before he reached prominence as a prophet through the temple’s reconstruction; our deduction that the feast of Purim, having strong spiritual connotations, could not have been tied to God’s timetable because the event was unrelated to the temple’s restoration period. Regardless, the feast of Purim was not one of the three harvest feasts that required Jerusalem attendance. In any event, the prophecy of Haggai has certainly directed us in preparation to see the King. The fact that the house was actually finished “the third day in the month of Adar” adds further strength for our case that Hegai and Haggai are one in the same:

And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. **And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.** And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy... {Ezra 6:14-16}

Haggai’s name means “festival” and is derived from the Hebrew verbal root *hgg* “to make a pilgrimage,” or “to observe a pilgrim feast.” Equally fitting is the name of his counterpart Zechariah, which means “God has remembered.” As the father of the promise, Abraham made a pilgrimage by faith as well:

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. **By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.** {Hebrew 11:8-10}

It could be no coincidence that, like the reference to the “*tree of life*,” the phrase “*feast of tabernacles*” is found “ten times” in the bible. In our first Promise study post 5/21/11, “*Glory on the Mountain*,” we saw that God illustrated His “purpose” for “three” **tabernacles** at the Transfiguration in three gospels through His lead disciple Peter:

But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and **let us make three tabernacles**; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: **and they feared as they entered into the cloud.** And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone.

And they kept *it* close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen. {Luke 9:32-36}

“²Now the Jews’ feast of tabernacles was at hand...”

⁶Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come...³⁶What *manner of* saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come? **In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. {John 7:6-38}

“¹And when the day of Pentecost was fully come...”

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day. **But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;** And it shall come to pass in the last days... {Acts 2:14-17}

Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision. **The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.** The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel...¹⁸And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters... {Joel 3:13-18}

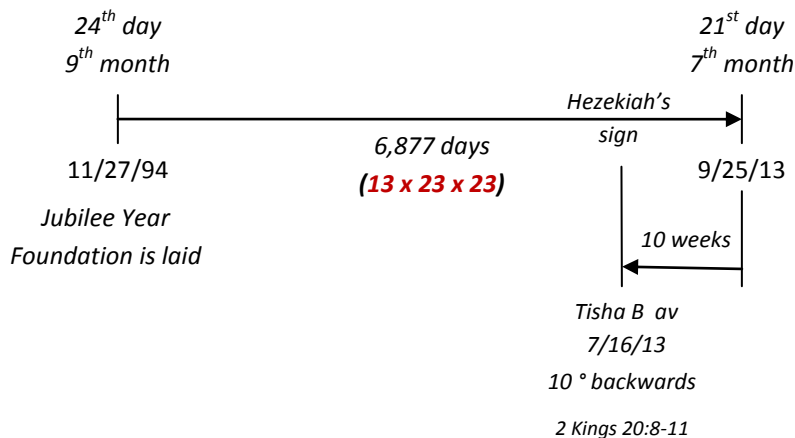
And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him. And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: **He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!** {Number 24:2-5}

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband**. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, **Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God**. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. **I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.** He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. {Rev 21:1-7}

~ Haggai 2 ~

¹In the seventh **month**, in the one and twentieth **day** of the month [9/25/13], came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying....

¹⁸**Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month** [11/27/94], **even from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, consider it**. Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: **from this day will I bless you**. {Haggai 2:1, 18-19}



In the day of Nehemiah, the children of Israel kept the feast of Tabernacles dwelling in booths as well.

¹⁴And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, **that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:** And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written...¹⁷And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *was* a solemn assembly, according unto the manner. {Nehemiah 8:14-15, 17-18}

Significantly, the following chapter reveals that the Levites simulate both Peter (Act 2:14) and Christ's (John 7:37) *stand up cries* at the very end of Pentecost and Tabernacles:

Now in the **twenty and fourth day of this month** the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them. And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God *one* fourth part of the day; and *another* fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God. **Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, ["to save"] and Bani, ["to build"] Kadmiel ["God's presence"], Shebaniah [to prosper], Bunni [to build], Sherebiah [flame of the Lord], Bani, and Chenani ["to plant"], and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.** Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah [*meditate*], Sherebiah, Hodijah [*a Jew*], Shebaniah, and Pethahiah [*God has opened, freed*], said, **Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.** {Nehemiah 9:1-5}

Since the seventh day of Tabernacles always falls on the 21st day of the Jewish month Tishri when we anticipate the rapture; we have to wonder what could be meaning of the reference to the 24th day "of this month" (Neh 9:1) which would be three days later. Perhaps we might start with Joseph's interpretation of three vine branches to Pharaoh:

And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, *Do* not interpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you. And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me; And in the vine *were* three

branches: and it *was* as though it budded, *and* her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: And Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. And Joseph said unto him, **This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days: Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place:** and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. {Gen 40:8-13}

Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.** Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. {John 2:18-21}

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. {2 Peter 3:10-13}

Wedding at the Tabernacle

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Three Sabbath Journey Searches

And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. **And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.** {Gen 8:6-12}

Here immediately after “forty” days of testing, Noah sends out a dove three successive seven-day intervals to check for dry land. On the second attempt, the dove gets closer returning with an “olive” leaf; which may have been plucked off the Mount of Olives where Christ ascended and answered that the destruction of the temples signaled the end of the world. (Mat 24:1-3) With the olive leaf, Noah “knew” the waters were abated. On the “third” and final trip “*purposed,*” the dove did not return to the ark again anymore.

In our time, the first Sabbath journey from the Ascension (*5-8-13 New Moon Solar Eclipse – covenant bow in the cloud*) was seven days to Shavuot (*5/15/13*). The second Sabbath journey from the ascension date was seventy days to the “sign” of Tisha B’ av (*Temple destruction - 7/16/13*) to know when to go up the house of the Lord. The third check will be **70 days doubled** (*140 days from Ascension*) to the last day of Tabernacles, “...because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.” {Gen 41:32}

And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried. **And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark,** thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons’ wives with thee. {Gen 8:13-16}

And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: **I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.** And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. {Gen 9:12-15}