

The Awesome Meaning of “the 8th Day” Feast Resurrection, Light, New Heavens and Earth; New Jerusalem

Light on the Rock

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Summary: After the 7-day Feast of Tabernacles, is the exciting final holyday, “the 8th Day”. Is this the same occasion as John 7:37-39 – or not? What God’s special “8th day” holyday pictures. Eight and new beginnings. Covenant circumcision and this day; why no booths on the 8th day; how Jesus enacted the meaning of this day in John 8-10; why this day’s so personal - and more!

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Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ. This is Philip Shields, and *this* sermon is about the 8th day Feast, the day after the 7 day Feast of Tabernacles where we go to worship God together. **This 8th day is one of the most moving, most meaningful, most loving of all the holydays.**

If you benefit from this message, or enjoy its insights, tell your friends about it. There will be things in this message that will be a new angle, or completely new, to many of you. I know the old and familiar is more comfortable – like an old shoe, or as Jesus said, like those who prefer old wine to new wine. I welcome your comments and feedback.

Leviticus 23:33-36, 39-44 “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 34 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: "The fifteenth day of this seventh month [of God’s calendar] shall be the *Feast of Tabernacles for seven days* to the LORD. 35 *On the first day there shall be a holy convocation.* You shall do no customary work on it. 36 **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.***”

Verses 39-44

39' 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.*”

Then v. 40-41 says to keep the feast for *seven* days. V. 42 says native Israelites are to dwell in booths, or temporary abodes for seven days (not 8).

This feast is also mentioned in **Nehemiah 8:16-18**, which I ask you to write down and please read. **Neh 8:17** says they made booths, which had not been done since Joshua’s day. Then Neh 8:18 says, “Also day by day, from the first day to the *last* day, they read from the book of the law of God. ***And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day*** there was a sacred assembly, according to the prescribed manner.”

What Name does GOD give this last Feast day?

There are 2 separate feasts: first the Feast of Tabernacles for 7 days, then on the 8th day is another separate feast; NOT part of the Feast of Tabernacles, as we just read in Nehemiah. “The Feast” refers – in the Bible – to the Feast of Tabernacles.

The Bible actually does not give this day a name anywhere, other than calling it “the 8th day”. Many call this feast “the Last Great Day” because of similar wording in John 7. I believe that label certainly CAN be applied to this 8th day feast but personally believe the words Jesus spoke in John 7 were spoken on the last day of the feast of the TABERNACLES – which is the 7th day, not the 8th. **The Jews in Jesus’ day and today refer to the 7th day “of the Feast” as “the great day” of the feast.** We saw also in Nehemiah that the label, “the feast”, refers to the 7 day Feast of Tabernacles. The 8th day is a separate feast entirely.

EIGHT is a very significant number. It symbolizes new beginnings. It is the name God gives this feast day, so that’s the name I also will use. Eight is new beginnings, which is what this day is all about.

- 8 souls on the ark to start a new world after the Flood
- **circumcision** was on the 8th day; it was the sign of the covenant people; God will establish His covenant with billions in a coming resurrection, as I’ll explain.
- David, the new king, was the 8th son of Jesse

Let’s get a running start to this 8th day feast by addressing things that happened on the day just before it, on the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles, which is truly the last day of *that* feast.

Is JOHN 7:37-39 about the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles, or the 8th day Holy day?

Many have come to call the 8th day, “the LAST GREAT DAY” – probably because there’s a similar term used in John 7:37. The name “Last Great Day” appears nowhere exactly like that in scripture. This holy day is simply called “the 8th day”.

John 7:37-39 “On the last day, that great day *of the feast*, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and **drink**. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will **flow rivers of living water**.’ 39 But this He spoke concerning the **Spirit**, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

Notice what Jesus is talking about on this last day of the feast: WATER, lots of it; flowing rivers of water, all referring to the Holy Spirit.

What happened on the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the “last day of the feast”? The Jews had a very loud, celebratory end to the Feast of Tabernacles. The priests would draw much water from the Pool of Siloam, along with blowing loud trumpet blasts from 7 gold trumpets. I have come to believe and accept that **John 7:37-39** is about the 7th day of the feast of Tabernacles, **which is clearly the “last day of the Feast”**, when we understand that the Feast of Tabernacles is a separate feast from the 8th day. At the end of the transcript will be some additional notes on this point, with far more details I won’t have time to do in the audio.

DURING – or perhaps near the end – of this service of the 7th day of Tabernacles, with all the ritual water flowing, bright lights burning, with priests blowing 7 golden trumpets, with people dancing, singing, and shouting hosannas – *Jesus speaks up about people being able to come to Him and receive the Holy Spirit*. If Jesus spoke those words during the service, it would be during the daytime, when the water service was held, not the end of the 7th, as some teach. Either way, we probably can’t know for sure.

WHY NO BOOTHS ON THE 8TH DAY

The 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles was and is also the day when all the booths came down, for God commands we dwell in booths for 7 days, not 8 (Lev. 23:42; Neh. 8:17-18). However most who keep the Feast today are not making that distinction, and as a result, the incredible MEANING of not being in booths on the 8th day is LOST.

The booths picture the temporariness of this world and this life. I covered that in more depth in the sermon I gave on the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles. The booths pictured this temporary journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, as well as our temporary bodies. It also pictures the temporariness of this world and its way. So **even the millennium, pictured by the 7 day Feast of Tabernacles, is a temporary condition of 1,000 years.**

We have to all come to the point like the 12 disciples, as they were called: we read of Peter, James, John, Levi (Matthew) and others, that when they were called by Jesus, “they *left all*, and followed Him” (**Luke 5:27-28**). Nothing of this life is worth preserving except our relationship with the Almighty and all that entails. Everything else will be a temporary thing of the past. God wants to be sure there is no “love of the world” [its ways] in us (**1 John 2:15-18**).

After the millennium, is when God creates the new heavens and new earth and all people will either have been changed to spirit immortal beings or will be dead! Nothing temporary any more. All that happens after the feast of tabernacles, after the millennium in other words, and so that is why we don't dwell in booths for 8 days. God commands 7 days in temporary abodes only. When we stay in temporary abodes for 8 days, we are not obeying God's instructions carefully and we lose insight into the meaning of this 8th day.

Now let's keep reading.

John 7:45-52- the Pharisees and rulers were upset that Jesus had not been captured, and they reminded people that no prophets had ever come from Galilee.

Then we come to **verse 53** – which says:

“*And everyone went to his own house.*” (Some modern translations omit this verse)

WHY? Because that's what they did after the 7 day Feast of Tabernacles – they dismantled the booths and went into their house, or the rented house. They did that also in Nehemiah's day.

Now what I say next is crucial: Jesus' statements in John 7:37-39, I believe strongly now, were said on the last day, Day 7, of the Feast of *Tabernacles!* Then they dismantled their booths and lived in their houses again, and went to church services again, as commanded, on the 8th day.

IF John 7 is about the 7th day and they dismantled their booths and went home, then what follows in John 8, 9, and first part of chapter 10 - which all happened on one day, the next day, is actually about what happened, and what Jesus *said and did* on *the 8th day feast, on this special holyday*. I know this could be different from what many of you hear preached every year, but I strongly believe this is correct.

If all this occurred in the last autumn festival of Jesus' ministry in 30 AD prior to the crucifixion in the spring of 31 AD, this 8th day we're about to read about in John 8 occurred on a double Sabbath—it was a weekly Sabbath as well as the high day Sabbath called “the 8th day”.

Follow along with me now in John 8, 9 and 10 and you'll see what I mean. I believe this could be a brand new angle for many of you.

KEEP THESE THOUGHTS IN MIND:

- The Feast of Tabernacles pictures the reign of Christ on earth during the entire 7th millennium of man on earth. It is a type of millennial *sabbath* rest from the toils and sins of mankind.
- ***After the millennium, there is a huge resurrection of all who have lived and died who never had a chance to understand God's truths. Who never heard the name of Jesus. Who never had the opportunity to accept Jesus as their Savior. This is the meaning of the 8th day – what many usually call “the last Great Day”.*** The minds of billions of people are opened, they are granted forgiveness, they are allowed to stand before God, and a chance to receive the Holy Spirit.

This 8th Day feast pictures a time of *seeing* the truth, and of being *forgiven* of past misdeeds – and being told they have an *opportunity* now to go the *right* way, to sin no more as a way of life. So let's step back and read this part again.

John 7:53 “And everyone went to his own house.” – the sukka booths are taken down and they now sleep and live in their own homes.

John 8:1-5, 10-

“But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

[The next day would be the 8th day – the holyday many today call, probably incorrectly, “the Last Great Day”, if this understanding of the sequence is correct]

2 “Now early in the morning He came **again into the temple [it was, after all, a holyday, the day after the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles]**, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. [So Jesus is preaching a sermon, on the 8th day, the holy day].

We'll come back to what Jesus did and said on what was apparently the 8th day Feast – but first let's recap the meaning of this day more carefully:

It is a great day, as you will see, so perhaps it *is* entirely appropriate to call it “the last great day” if you wish, but just don't assume that John 7:37-39 happened on the 8th day. I personally like to just call this day “the 8th day”, or “New beginnings day” or “the Great White Throne Judgment Day” – and you'll see why soon. Many of you know already.

For many people the “Last Great Day” is just a doctrine, another holyday – after a wonderful, but tiring, Feast. We've had 7 days of wonderful messages and fellowshiping, and we're on overload by now. **And sometimes I feel we don't absorb and appreciate how awesome *this* day really is.** Sometimes ministers themselves seem tired and almost bored with this final wrap up day, and sometimes the *meaning* of this day is skipped altogether! Or it's just

presented as a doctrine, without much gusto when it should be the most stirring day of the entire autumn festival season! This is the climax of God's entire plan! Nothing could be more exciting! Please be turning to Revelation 20.

To me, this 8th Day Feast, is much more than just a doctrine. It is life itself. It is my loved ones. It is your loved ones. **As my sons-in-law both mentioned recently in conversation, this day is not primarily about us, the church, but is about everyone else.**

This day pictures the time after the thousand year rule of Jesus Christ on earth . It's the 8th day- - 8, a NEW beginning, a NEW time. Let's get a running start by beginning in Rev. 20:4.

Revelation 20:4-15

"And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. **And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.** (This is the first resurrection) 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part **in the first resurrection.** [those among the church Bride of Christ who are resurrected when the King returns] Over such *the second death* has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, **and shall reign with Him a thousand years."**

We know there will be more than 1 resurrection. **In order to have a "2nd death" you have to have a 2nd life!** The resurrection to immortal life when Jesus returns is the "**first resurrection**" and is the only one labeled as such. They can never die. For there to be a "first" resurrection, there's an implication of more to come. If I say "this is my first child", you could assume I either intend to have more, or already have more children.

The Bible clearly speaks of a 2nd death for some people, so they must also be resurrected to a 2nd life, for judgment- and some of them will suffer the 2nd death. Some have assumed there are 2 or 3 resurrections. There clearly are at *least* that many. The Bible nowhere labels any resurrections as "2nd," or "3rd," after the first one.

Those who live and perhaps die during the Millennium- - what happens to them? Do they qualify for a resurrection to the "first" resurrection that is already past, or what? I went into that in more detail in my 2nd of a 2- part sermon on the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles. Let's continue in Revelation 20:7-10, which we explained last week in the sermon.

7'**Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released** from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded *the camp of the saints* and the beloved city. [perhaps at a FOT!] And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. 10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *were* (no "are" in the Greek), and [no "they" in the Greek] will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

RSV – says "where beast and false prophet were"

NIV, TEV – "where the beast and false prophet HAD BEEN thrown..."

SATAN is the one tormented forever and ever. The 2 men were killed by fire.

11 **“Then I saw a great white throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.” [due to the brilliance of the Judge]

WHO is this Judge? God the Father does not return yet til the next chapter.

Jesus said all judgment had been given to Him. In **John 5:22-23** Jesus had said, “For the **Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son**, 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father....”

Rev 20:12 *“And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”*

The majority understanding in Christianity is that if a person doesn't accept Christ in this first life, then they are doomed to eternal life in hell fire. The wages of sin they would say is not death – as we know death – but death meaning separation from God, because they're in hell fire.

But IS God even trying to save everyone now? If He is, frankly – He's apparently losing this fight. Can God lose a fight? If so, then Satan is more powerful than God. But we know that “He who is in us is stronger than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4) So what's the answer?

It is revealed in the harvests. God is harvesting everyone – but each in his own time or sequence. First Christ had to be presented as the wavesheaf firstfruits to sanctify the rest of the harvest. The barley, then the wheat, then the Fall ingathering of all else.

So after Christ the wavesheaf, we have the small barley harvest followed by the wheat harvest – Pentecost – picturing the Bride of Christ being called first. Then the large fall harvest – at the Feast of Ingathering, or the Feast of Tabernacles, picturing the time when Christ is on earth and that is when He sets His hand to convert the world. During the Millennium. After the millennium, all who have ever lived and died will be resurrected and have the book of life opened. Those who already had the book opened to them, and they rejected God's book of Life, will not have a “2nd” chance. But everyone gets a solid first chance – or else God would be hugely unfair.

So God is not losing a battle to Satan. If this is the only day of salvation, then God is clearly losing the battle! But I assure you God is not. Satan is not stronger than God.

When we see what JESUS actually says and does on the real 8th day, after John 7:37, we'll see this truth very plainly! That angle will be new to many of you.

Now those of us who do understand, who are being called, whose minds are opened to spiritual truth, we better get answer right or there is a terrible judgment in store for us if we choose Satan's way when we do know better (**Heb. 6:4-6; 10:26-31**).

Everyone who has lived and died will be resurrected after the thousand year rule of Christ on earth. all who have died are – in God's way of seeing things – just sleeping. There is a "spirit in man", which makes us different from animals (**Job 32:8; 1 Cor. 2:11; read Zech. 12:1; Num 16:22**). My transcript is chock full of cross reference scriptures on this.

The spirit in man, upon his or her death, goes back to God who gave it, awaiting the resurrection (**Ecc. 12:7; 3:21**). When Jesus resurrected Jairus' daughter, scripture says "her spirit *returned*" (**Luke 8:55**) Of course! God is called "the Father of spirits" (**Heb. 12:3**) and heavenly Mt. Zion is where we'd find "the spirits of just men made perfect" (**Hebrews 12:23**).

So after the Millennium, everyone is resurrected who lived and died before the Millennium started – and THIS will be their time for life, or time for eternal damnation if they rejected the Book of Life when they had it opened to them previously.

WHY THIS 8TH DAY FEAST is so PERSONAL to me

This day does not just represent a doctrine to me. It is very real to me. It is all my loved ones and your loved ones.

I said earlier that this day does not represent just a doctrine to me. I can hardly wait for this day. You know why?

Besides all my many dear ones who have died – my Mom, my Dad, uncles and aunts, cousins, grandparents, there's a very special little baby boy to me, buried in a quiet little cemetery in Canada – **his name is David Michael ...Shields.** His name means "**Beloved, Who is Like God.**" He was our third child, our first son, who died suddenly at 4 months of age in 1982. He'd be a strapping young man in his early 20's now if he had lived.

When he died on our bed, we tried so hard to resuscitate him. It changed our lives forever. We had a public ceremony, but we chose to have just my wife and I and the gravedigger at the committal into the grave. How sad, and yet how hopeful. The gravedigger volunteered that he had never seen such parents at peace – even while they could grieve. The grave was so small. The casket so tiny. His life so precious.

Our son David's death will glorify the Son of God when David's turn to be awakened comes.

You know what my hope is? First of all, God's will, will be done and I will bow my knees to His will. But I'm hoping I can ask my big brother Jesus if He will **grant me the honor and pleasure of letting my wife and I personally bring this precious baby back to life.** That's at least a thousand plus years away, but I know, because I believe my Savior, that a thousand years will – at that moment – seem like a day! But I tell you this, when you're waiting, each day seems like a thousand years, and I'm looking forward to the meaning of this day!

I can feel it!! I can taste it. I'm practically there! This day, to me – sure, is about the billions and billions who have ever lived and died – **but this day is not about numbers of people to me. This day is very, very personal. This 8th day Great Day, to me, is about holding my precious little boy in my hands again . . . 8th day, New Beginning, new Life, for our David, when I can hold and hug my son again...that is if my wife will ever let him go. I'll never forget the wonderful beaming face my wife had when we brought him home. I want to see that beaming**

face again as she holds her precious David Michael, Beloved who is like God -- in a brand new world!

And then we'll of course be there for all the others who have lived and died whom we know, and the many others we will get to know.

Who's the one you're looking forward to seeing most again? This is their day, and your part: to be sure to be there, so they have you there to welcome them into this wonderful new world.

LESSONS FROM LAZARUS' RESURRECTION

Remember Lazarus? There are some lessons in that story for this 8th Day Feast, or as some of you call it, "the Last Great Day". Jesus talked of Lazarus sleeping, and that Jesus wanted to go awaken him, but Jesus meant to resurrect him, bring him back to life (**John 11:4, 11-12**). Why not turn to John 11:20 and we'll pick up there.

I feel it's better not to refer to a death as someone "passed on" or "passed away". Jesus taught us to say plainly "he's dead" or "he's asleep". Paul *does* use the term "departure" to describe death, so that's OK (**2 Timothy 4:6; Phil. 1:23**). The next instant of consciousness we have after we die will be facing Jesus Christ. The passage of time will not be perceived. It will be like awakening after a deep sleep.

Have *you* had a loved one die? What we read in John 11 applies to your deceased father, mother, or brother, or baby, or daughter or whomever. **That's what should be so exciting about this day to you: you're going to definitely see, talk to, hug, love, spend time with all your deceased relatives and friends again someday.** And so will I. I sure look forward to it.

John 11:20-27

"Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. 21 Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But *even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.*"

23 Jesus said to her, [and He says this now to YOU; *all of you hearing this message today*] ***"Your brother WILL rise again."***

24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, ***"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"***

27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

You know the rest of the story. **Let's pick up in verse 39** because **if you've ever wished you could have witnessed the resurrection of Lazarus... brethren, you're going to witness, maybe be part of, maybe have a hand in, the climactic series of resurrections that will make up the "Last Great Day", the Great 8th day of God's plan!!**

EIGHT, the number of NEW BEGINNINGS. Eight, when all the old things have passed away. No more illness, no more cancer, no more accidents ending in death. **EIGHT, the day when circumcision was done as an old covenant sign you belonged to God. On this 8TH DAY, this special day, the entire world will have their chance to also all become covenant people.** What an awesome time this will be! We need to realize these stories are about each of us, and each of our loved ones, as much as Lazarus and others.

And again, what I love about *this* day – as my sons-in-law both recently said – it’s a holyday that is *not* primarily about *us*, but about everyone *else*! It’s *their* day, their time. How much better can you get than that? Jump ahead now to **John 11:39-44.**

John 11:39-44

Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

40 Jesus said to her, "**Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?**" 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." 43 **Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"**

44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

This same Savior, this same Son of God, this same King Jesus, will soon be standing on this planet – and once more He will cry out with a loud voice, “ALL of you WHO SLEEP – it’s time to wake up! COME FORTH!” And they too, will be loosed from the grips of death and grave clothes.

Can you hear it? Can you see it? Can you feel it?

Brethren, because Jesus lives, your loved ones will live again! Because Jesus’ tomb is empty, your loved ones’ tombs and graves will also be emptied someday. Feel it, believe it. This is not just a boring final day to a long feast – this is love itself, this is life itself.

Turn now to Ezekiel 37.

Brethren, praise God for this day! You’re about to see your loved ones again – and billions and billions of loved ones are coming forth when Jesus gets ready to bring them all back to life. It’s a *glorious* day of the ultimate reuniting of families. The ultimate time of hope, joy, glory – all to the glory of the Great King of kings!

Ezekiel 37:1-14 [perhaps summarize for time’s sake]

“The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. 3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

[now watch how this is a resurrection to PHYSICAL life. Rev. 20 already tells us when it happens: at the end of the thousand year millennium]

4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "**Surely I will cause breath** to enter into you, and you shall live. 6 I will put **sinews** on you and bring **flesh** upon you, cover you with **skin** and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.""

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the **bones** came together, bone to bone. 8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

9 Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "***Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.***" 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are **the whole house of Israel**. They indeed say, 'Our bones *are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!*' 12 Therefore prophecy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, **I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.** 13 **Then you shall know that I am the LORD**, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. 14 ***I will put My Spirit in you***, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD."

This is specifically Israel, as it is a prophecy to them. However, Revelation 20 and John 11 say "the dead", everyone who has ever died, will be brought back to life. Now what happens? The "Book of Life" is opened to them. ***They are clearly converted and given God's spirit!***

WHAT WILL "2ND" THE RESURRECTION BE LIKE? Is it a "second chance"? (no!)

The estimates for the number of people who have ever lived and died since Adam ranges from 12 billion to 40 billion. Most seem to feel around 20 billion. ***This "2nd" resurrection is to flesh and blood.***

There are many, many questions which arise having to do with this time period. We really aren't given all the answers. When I hear ministers preaching loudly and dogmatically about what's going to happen, when the Bible is silent, I shudder a little bit, unless the pastor makes it clear he's just speculating.

Will all who've ever died all be resurrected at the same time, or in stages?

The Bible doesn't clearly say, and I suspect there may be multiple resurrections in stages, either by culture or era or both. Process those, then the next batch and the next batch until all are resurrected. We will be busy indeed.

Where will we get the space to house them all? Won't the earth be too crowded?

- most of the world today is ocean, deserts, mountains – most of the world is uninhabitable. But when Christ returns, there will be such massive earthquakes that the world we know today may be very different from the world that will begin the 7th millennium.

Islands appearing and disappearing. “Every mountain shall be made low”. “The desert shall blossom as a rose”.

How long will they live? Because of one obscure passage in Isaiah, many have *speculated* 100 years. Some call the period after the millennium, **the “100 year period”**. See **Isa. 65:17-21** on your own. There's not enough evidence of scripture for me to feel anyone can preach a “100 year period” dogmatically. However the *concept* of giving them some appropriate time to learn God's way and to choose His way or the old Satanic way -- seems solid.

THE BOOK OF LIFE is opened for this huge group!

Back to REV 20:11-12

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Let's stop there for a second and analyze what is being said. The former dead – everyone apparently, small and great – standing before God. And books are opened. The Word for “**BOOKS**” is *biblia* or *biblion*, and it's used 31x – same word for the BIBLE, even this book of Revelation.

Right now the Bible is *not* opened for everyone to understand. It takes God opening the mind of someone to see the truth. Please turn to **1 Corinthians 2:7**. God's truths are called a “mystery”. You need some help usually unlocking a mystery, and especially God's truths. We've read many times before **1 Cor. 2:7-12** where God says God reveals the spiritual truths via the Holy Spirit, to those whose minds He is opening. **Note especially verses 10-12.**

Also remember that Jesus often spoke in the kind of parable that *concealed* the spiritual truth, except when He explained those particular parables to the disciples. Not all parables were of that concealing type, but many were. So Jesus says he spoke in parables *lest* they see and understand, because He did *not* want everyone seeing the truth yet at that time. How else do you explain **Matt. 13:11-17, for it was not yet given for them to know the mysteries.**

Let's read what it says again in **REV 20:11-12**

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This is telling us about a time when all those in this resurrection have a chance to **have the book of life opened for them** and a chance to *stand* before God. But remember the ungodly do not stand before God (**Psalm 1:5; Ps. 5:5**). So what does that tell us?

Psalm 1:5 – “the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment”

Ps 5:5 – “the boastful shall not stand in your sight”

We all shall have to come and stand before the judgment seat of Christ (**Romans 14:10**) and yet we are also commanded to pray that we be counted *worthy* to stand before Him (**Luke 21:36**). It implies that those who *remain* standing before Judge Jesus are the righteous or are those He is not condemning to the 2nd death and offering to them HIS righteousness, as He does to us.

WE in the church of God, the elect of God, are being judged right now – **1 Peter 4:17**. Some of us will **receive praise** (**1 Cor. 4:5; Matt. 25:31-34**), and some will feel the “terror of the Lord” (**2 Cor. 5:10**) if we choose to live the wrong way.

The world, however, will be judged later. God the Father placed all judgment into the hands of Jesus Christ (**John 5:22; Acts 10:42; 17:31**). As the very body of Christ, as **the Bride of Christ, true believers will also judge the world** (**1 Cor. 6:2-4**).

Our actions and words do count. Make them count.

So we end Revelation 20:11-12 with a massive resurrection of all those who have ever lived, now standing before Jesus – who is GOD, [not just “a” god, but GOD], who is Emmanuel (“God with us”) and they have the books opened: the Bible, and the Book of Life as well.

Their minds are opened. They are given life, as we have been. It’s their first chance, not a second chance.

JESUS PREACHED AND LIVED THE MEANING OF THIS 8TH DAY

Turn back now to JOHN 8, where Jesus had sat down to teach on the day after the 7th day of the feast.

NOW LET’S TIE THIS ALL IN TO JESUS’ WORDS AND ACTIONS, NOT on the 7th day of the FEAST OF TABERNACLES, the last day of the feast of Tabernacles, but the NEXT day – the 8TH DAY, WHICH WAS ON THIS HOLYDAY!

John 8:1-2 – SAT down to teach.

John 8:3 now

“Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a **woman caught in adultery**. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"

[you know the story—and if not, read verses 6-9 on your own. One by one those condemning her had to leave when Jesus said the one without any sin should be the first to cast the first stone.]

10 "When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, 'Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?'"

11 She said, "No one, Lord."

And Jesus said to her, [on this 8th day feast] "*Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.*"

What Jesus says to the sinful woman is the dual message of the 8th day: "I WON'T condemn you if you repent; now you must live a new way! Quit sinning as a way of life! I will offer you my grace, you will be saved by grace – but I also demand you choose a way of life that is not a life of sin! Choose life. Choose obedience. But since you are flesh and blood, you will still need to be saved by grace." **Jesus then uses all of that to continue the meaning of the 8th day.]**

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

Keep that in mind: **Being "the Light" has the dual meaning of opening their eyes to see the truth of God. This 8TH day is about the time when all who have lived and died will be resurrected and have the books of the Bible opened to their understanding (given "light") and they will have the "light of life" – they will have their chance to be written in the book of life, as we'll see shortly.**

The rest of John 8 is interesting because Jesus speaks frequently of judgment. **The 8th day pictures the time of judgment for the people of the world, which we'll read in a little while (Rev. 20:11).** Right now is the time of judgment for God's people (*1 Peter 4:17*). The world is *not* being judged right now, but we are.

WE are being judged now, so everything we do, everything we say, is being judged. Of course we can repent and have sins blotted out, but God is also looking for us to be ambassadors of His way, to represent Him well as God's holy people.

We now move to John 9, and it's still on the 8th day of that Feast. It is all about Jesus' interaction with someone born BLIND.

John 9:1-5

"Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that *the works of God* should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is **day**; the night is coming when no one can work.

[Now notice what Jesus says in verse 5]

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Then Jesus heals the blind man. The eyes are the light of the body, Jesus said.

Matthew 6:22 "The lamp of the body *is the eye*. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light." It is repeated, a bit differently, in **Luke 11:34-36**.

Why do I bring this up? *Because Jesus – by healing a blind man – gives his body “light”, emphasizing what Jesus is: the Light of the World!* He had just said so in John 9:5, before He heals the blind man. Jesus was going to help someone SEE the light! The light of day and the light of truth. *Unless God opens our eyes, we are blind to the truth.*

This 8th day is about God bringing light to a spiritually blind world. It's about opening the eyes of the world spiritually to start to see spiritual things they could not see before, for they were *blinded* from seeing spiritual truth. It's about God being gracious. Remember the first thing God did in Genesis 1:1 is to bring light to the world. So on this last great day, the 8th day, His message on the day is that the time is coming when He will bring LIGHT to the world, opening their eyes to see spiritual things! **To bring the world out of spiritual darkness into His glorious LIGHT.** Healing the blind man was the perfect way to demonstrate that plan – for those who had “eyes to see”, pardon the pun.

By the way, have you ever thought about the fact that Jesus lived **during the beginning of the 5th millennium**, paralleling the 5th day of creation? Remember that **5 is the number of grace**. Don't forget what scripture says in **John 1:17 –“For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ”**. **FIVE**, the number of grace. Jesus lived at the start of the 5th millennium. No coincidence. He *returns* at the end of the 6th millennium – when the evil of mankind will reach it's apex in the Man of Sin, 666. Six is the number of man. Adam was seen on the earth in the 6th day, and received his bride at the end of the 6th day. The 2nd Adam will be seen – by every eye – at the end of the 6th day, and Jesus comes to get HIS bride also at the end of the 6th –thousand years. Remember a day is as a thousand years to God, and vice versa.

Please on your own read the rest of John 9 – how the blind man comes to have his eyes opened to the fact Jesus is the Messiah, and then worships him (vs. 35-38), just as the billions will do in the 2nd resurrection, pictured by what happened on this very 8th day that Jesus is living.

In John 9:39, we pick up:

39 And Jesus said, "*For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.*"

40 Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?"

41 Jesus said to them, "*If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.*"

John 9:41 is also very much the meaning of the 8th day – those who see the truth and then callously disregard it, and don't act on it, their sin remains and they have nothing to look forward to except the Lake of Fire.

It is on the 8th day – that GOD will establish His COVENANT with billions who will accept Him at that time, when their time to understand comes, when their minds are opened. THIS holyday, and this time period, is what the physical circumcision of the Old Covenant actually pointed to: the time when all Gentiles and Israelites will have a NEW beginning, and have their covenant with God. I think that's so awesome.

There were no chapter breaks. **The first part of John 10** is still on the 8th day of that Feast season. It also is all about the meaning of this day, picturing King Jesus as the Chief Shepherd over those who are being resurrected. All the verses about God providing a good shepherd will be fulfilled in Christ, for these multiple billions. He is the Shepherd and the door to the sheepfold (the church) (John 10:7-11). **Later He speaks of ‘other sheep’ I have not of this fold – and there SHALL BE ONE sheepfold (verse 16).** This period of time is when all this is fulfilled. I recommend you pause the audio and **go read John 10:1-16.**

All of what I’ve just covered has a lot to do with the message of this 8th, last DAY.

Jesus not only preached and taught a little on that Last Great Day, but LIVED the meaning of this holyday by forgiving the adulterous woman, by letting a blind man see the light of truth, and then by reminding us that HE is the Good Shepherd of His flock – and all of His teaching that a good shepherd seeks out His sheep.

When King Jesus goes about to resurrect the billions and billions, it will indeed be a great day for all who have ever lived and died. Each headstone in a cemetery is a story of untold sadness. I saw a headstone recently showing that one family had lost 4 children in the space of 5 years. How sad. But someday, this day, all that sadness will be turned to unspeakable joy. I want to be there. I want to watch it. I want to rejoice with everyone, and cry with everyone. Tears of profound joy.

Can you feel it? Can you hear the laughter, the joy, the hugs, the screams of delight? I can! Can you?

What about UNREPENTANT REBELS WHO REFUSE GOD’S GRACE?

THE 2ND DEATH – continuing in Rev. 20, now verse 13.

Revelation 20:13 “The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into **the lake of fire**. ***This is the second death.*** 15 ***And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.***”

John 5:26-30

“For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; **for the hour is coming in which ALL who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth** -- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

*TWO OVERALL resurrections are mentioned in **John 5:28-29** – the resurrection to ETERNAL LIFE and the resurrection to condemnation.*

Why a resurrection to condemnation?

The wages of sin is death (**Romans 6:23**), but the *gift* of God is eternal life through Christ our Lord. Those who know better and choose evil, will be resurrected to flesh and blood bodies and someone who sins, knowing better and not repenting, has only to look forward to a lake of fire that burns up the person.

God is a loving God. But He is also a JUST God. We have a God of mercy – but we better fear to take that mercy for granted. If we reject His love and mercy, and choose a life of rebellion, we will experience the “severity of God” (**Romans 11:22**). Some are heaping up for themselves “wrath in the day of wrath” (**Rom. 2:5**).

So don't get taken in by a nanby-pamby message of a God who never gets angry or who never will spank. God spansk. He spansk hard when He does. So that's why there is a resurrection to death, eternal *death* – not the view so many have: eternal life in hell. No, the wages of sin is *death* (**Rom. 6:23**), not immortal life in hell fire.

THEN what happens?

1 Cor. 15:22-28 tells us that even Jesus bows to the Father at that time and hands over the reins of control completely back to the Great God, God the Father. **By this time, the last enemy – death itself – is put to death. Forever and ever. After this, there will be no more death, no more crying, no more suffering.**

THEN, THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH

Revelation 21:1-13

“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.

This new earth is likely to have to be much bigger than the present one when you realize the holy city coming down to be on earth is ½ the size of the USA and 1,500 *miles* high.

2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 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.** 4 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."

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**" [pictured by 8, the 8th day Feast, NEW BEGINNINGS] And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

6 And He said to me, "It is done! **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.** I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 **But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is *the second death.***"

9 The New Jerusalem THEN IS DESCRIBED IN THE REST OF REV 21 -22.

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and **showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God.** Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

Rev 21:14-27

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 **The city is laid out as a square;** its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. [about 1,500 miles] Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 17 Then he measured its wall: **one hundred and forty-four** cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 **The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.**

22 The Glory of the New Jerusalem

But I saw no temple in it, **for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.** 23 **The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it.** The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 **But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."**

Eternity will be awesome. Father is here with us. We have heavenly Mt Zion, now brought down to a new earth, as our city forever. A city that would today, cover ½ of the USA.

I suggest you listen to my 2 part sermons I gave last year – “Life of a Spirit Being” for some ideas of what happens next.

Anyway, this 8th day is all about a new start, a new beginning, a new creation, a new resurrection. Satan is gone. God’s here – and His spirit is everywhere -- and eventually our dear Abba Himself, Almighty God in the Highest, comes to earth also.

It doesn’t get any better than that.

Praise God. Come, Lord Jesus. Come dear Abba, Father. We love you – and need you here – and want you here. And we want so badly to also see our loved ones, whom you will resurrect

before our very eyes someday... and to you belongs the glory, dominion and the power forever and ever, amen.

Brethren, some time we'll need to have a sermon on the "Glory of God". There's much to say about that. Tell others about this free website if it is making you think, helping you study or helping you grow in your walk with our Lord. In the meantime, let's use the coming year to get closer than ever to God, to fight sin, to overcome, to let Christ's righteousness fill us and lead us..... God's grace to you, this is Philip Shields signing off.

ADDENDUM

JOHN 7:37-39 – WHICH DAY WAS THIS – the 7th day of the Feast, or the 8th day?

We have come to call the 8th day, "the LAST GREAT DAY" – probably because there's a SIMILAR term used in John 7:37. THE TERM "last great day" appears nowhere exactly like that in scripture. But other than that passage, it is simply called "**the 8th day**". Please be turning there. However, there's more and more evidence that the passage in John 7:37-39, in spite of what I've preached and most other COG ministers have preached over the years, there's strong evidence that this particular day in John 7 is about the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles, not the 8th day, not THIS day. Let's read it.

John 7:37-39 "**On the last day**, that great day *of the feast*, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

Nehemiah 8 speaks of keeping "the feast" for 7 days, and then having a sacred assembly on the 8th day.

Nehemiah 8:17-18

"So the whole assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths; for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness. 18 Also day by day, from the first day **until the last day**, he read from the Book of the Law of God. **And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day there was a sacred assembly**, according to the prescribed manner."

Jesus spoke of rivers of living water. **What happened on the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles?** The Jews had a very loud, celebratory end to the Feast of Tabernacles. They would draw much water from the Pool of Siloam...

I have come to believe and accept that John 7:37-39 is about the 7th day of the feast of Tabernacles. **I'll append some notes on why I believe that at the end of this message**, which you can download off the website in the link called "Transcripts".

When the Bible speaks of the Feast of Tabernacles, seven days is what is always mentioned. (Lev. 23:39). In a feast of 7 days, the “last day” would be the 7th day.

Leviticus 23:34 “...You shall keep the Feast of Tabernacles *for seven days* to the LORD.

v.36 – “for seven days you shall make an offering by fire. ..”

v.39 – “...you shall keep the feast of the Lord for seven days; on the first day shall be a sabbath rest and on the 8th day a Sabbath rest.”

v. 40b – “...you shall rejoice before the LORD for seven days...”

v.42a – “you shall dwell in booths for seven days” (not eight)

1 Kings 8:65 “At that time Solomon held a feast.... Seven days and seven more days...”

The first 7 days was to dedicate the new altar. The last day of that 7 day feast would be the 7th day.

Then he kept an additional 7 days for the Feast of Tabernacles. So an 8th day holyday would be *after* “the last day” of the 7 day Feast of Tabernacles.

2 Chronicles 7:8-9 “At that time Solomon kept the feast 7 days....v.9 And on the 8th day they held a sacred assembly, for they observed the dedication of the altar 7 days and THE FEAST SEVEN DAYS.”

Even the Jewish Talmud made it clear that the 8th day was a separate feast. *To call the 8th day “the last day, that great day” would be to say it was the last day of two separate festivals.*

The term “**the last day**” is also used in Nehemiah 8:18 – and it’s unclear whether that term means the 7th day of the Feast or the 8th day, a separate festival. In any case, it’s not a title for a holyday. Neither is “the last day, that great day” a title either, in John 7, but a description.

Neither does the phrase “*the 8th day of the feast*” appear *anywhere* in scripture.

This raises the question of what would make the 7th day of the FEAST of Tabernacles such a “great” day?

- The Jews considered the 7th day the greatest day of the Feast of tabernacles because it **pictured to them the conversion and salvation of all the Gentiles**. When you add up the total number of **bulls** sacrificed during the Feast of Tabernacles (see Numbers 29:12-34), it adds up to **seventy**. There was an additional bull offered on the 8th day, but it was not included in the first 70 of the first 7 days. The rabbis teach that the 70 bulls of the Feast of Tabernacles correspond to the traditional 70 Gentile nations, and the 70 bulls are offered to make atonement for them and to reconcile them to God.
- the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles was called *Hoshana Rabbah* – representing the final opportunity for Gentiles to repent and be saved.
- **The 8th day is called by a different name – *Sh’mini Atzeret***. To the Jews this was simply an additional day of being with God.

We however feel the 8th day is the day more appropriately picturing the final opportunity for all humanity to have their minds opened and to decide to walk with God.

Back to the Jewish 7th day observances:

- prior to the 7th day, the prior 6 days, a special priest carries water from a gold pitcher from the pool of Siloam to a special basin at the foot of the altar. It pictures the outpouring of the holy spirit on the children of Israel, as well as picturing the prayers for rain.

- on the 7th day, the water pouring was accompanied by priests blowing loudly on gold trumpets, singing sacred songs and the regular people would wave their palm and myrtle branches (called Lulavs), as they would chant the Hallel (Psalms 113-118). There would be plenty of dancing, singing, music and ecstatic joy! The priests went around the altar 7 times on this day, not just once.

My guess is that Jesus gave His famous words at the end of the 7th day, as the pouring of all the water was going on, and the ritual of all the lights being lit, whether late on the 7th or earlier, we can't say for sure.

So what made this 7th day so special to the Jews was that it pictured the final salvation of all the Jews AND the Gentiles.

It was also during this festival, on the 7th day, **that booths were dismantled** and the people would spend that night in a house, and the Feast ended.

DURING – or perhaps near the end – of this service, with all the water flowing – Jesus proclaimed His words of John 7:37-39. If so, then Jesus' words were spoken during the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles, not during the 8th day holy convocation.