

Sabbath Marketplace Service

Emmanuel

Isaiah 9:6

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3 pm to 5 pm



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Isaiah 9:7

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.



For

Unto us a

CHILD

is born

unto us a **SON**

is given, and the

Government shall be

Upon His shoulders,

& His name shall be called,

Wonderful, Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace!

Isaiah 9:6

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Is Christmas About Sales?



Is Christmas about Santa Claus in Orchard Road ?



Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.— Luke 2:8-9

Glory to God in the Highest



Luke 2:8-14



Yeshua in a Manger – Luke 2:7

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a **manger**, because there was no room for them in the inn.

- (1) Does the Nativity Story
match up with Scripture?
- (2) How did Christmas morph
as the Birth of Yeshua ?





Shepherds Do Not take their Sheep out in Winter

The Shepherds
first to Worship
baby Yeshua

¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all those who heard *it* marvelled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. - Luke 2:16-18



¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the **young Child** with **Mary** His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh— Matthew 2:10-11

The Early Church was All Jewish – Acts 2:1-13

2 When the *Day of Pentecost* had fully come, they were *all with one accord in one place*. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then there appeared to them *divided tongues, as of fire*, and *one* sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were ***dwelling in Jerusalem Jews***, devout men, from every nation under heaven. **6** And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in ***his own language***. **7** Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? **8** And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” **12** So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” **13** Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

Peter's Sermon – Signs for the Last Days

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is **only the third hour** of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘And it shall come to pass in the **last days**, says God, That (1) I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; (2) your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, (3) your young men shall see visions, (4) your old men shall dream dreams. ⁸ And on (5) My menservants and on My maidservant I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show (6) wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: (7) Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. ²¹ And it shall come to pass *that* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.’

Many Were Added into the Messianic Church

⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about **three thousand souls were added to them.** ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the *apostles’ doctrine and fellowship*, in the *breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

⁴³ Then **fear came** upon every soul, and many wonders and **signs were done** through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶ So *continuing daily* with one accord **in the temple, and breaking bread** from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people.

And the **Lord added** to the church daily those who were being saved.



Let's Go Back to the Early Church Era – Peter healed a cripple at birth

Persecution – Messianic Church Expanded into the Catholic (Universal) Church

Leaders persecuted, tortured & killed

- Peter and John arrested – Acts 4
- Stephen was martyred – Acts 7
- A.D.287 to 305 – Emperor Diocletian reign

Jewish Church expanded

- ³¹ Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the ***fear of the Lord*** and in the ***comfort of the Holy Spirit***, they were ***multiplied***. – ***The Church multiplied***, Acts 9

Gentile Church added

- Church expanded to the Gentiles. Cornelius, a Roman Centurion's household became the first Gentile to be added to the Church – Acts 10

Unprecedented Growth- Despite Persecution

Church of Ephesus – Within 2 years, almost the entire city evangelized (City of 200,000 people) – Acts 19

Local economy was disrupted Local idol makers were losing business and caused riot – Acts 19:29

Church is Colossae and the seven churches (Rev 2&3)

Some historians estimated by the end of the third century half of the population of the Roman Empire had converted to Christianity

The
Messianic-
Universal
(*Catholic*)
Church
Grew with
explosive
power.

Most Powerful Institution in the world

Jews and Gentiles in Unity – Members love one another

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Equip believers to maturity

Heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out demons

Transform Cities and Culture

Explosive Early Church Growth - Model

- Two levels (1) House church (2) congregate in a larger group (Congregation)
- Meet on Sabbath Day
- Worship is free flow with dancing and singing

Psalm 150:3-4 Praise the LORD!

³ Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

⁴ Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

⁵ Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

After Worship... Food is served - very Jewish in practice

- Food is served – the Sabbath Meal
- Woman of the House lights the candles and bless the household
- The leader stands with a cup and blesses the Lord
- Pass the cup and all drink from it
- The leader breaks bread and offers thanks
- During the meal, testimonies are shared, recite and discuss Scripture
- After the meal, worship continues
- Presence of the Lord is felt, repentance and miracles take place
 - 1Cor 14:22-32
- The Universal Church comprised Jewish and Gentiles observed the Feasts

How Did The Messianic Church Die?

It was Satan greatest triumph

- by disguising as great Blessings
- The persecution of Christians stopped

It was in A.D. 312

Imperial Throne of Room was empty

Several generals fought for the throne

Two rivals emerged

- General Constantine
- General Maxentius, a master of magical arts

Battle of Milvian Bridge



Constantine Prayed to his Persian sun god
He saw a Cross in the sky and related as the Christian faith
Decisive Battle of Milvian Bridge, he was victorious

Emperor Constantine adopted the Christian Faith

Christianity suddenly became a favored religion

It was widely thought was God answered prayer

Generous with money and honors for prominent converts

Resulted in many upper-class conversions

SUNDAY became official Roman holiday so Christians could worship freely

He built monumental buildings for worship

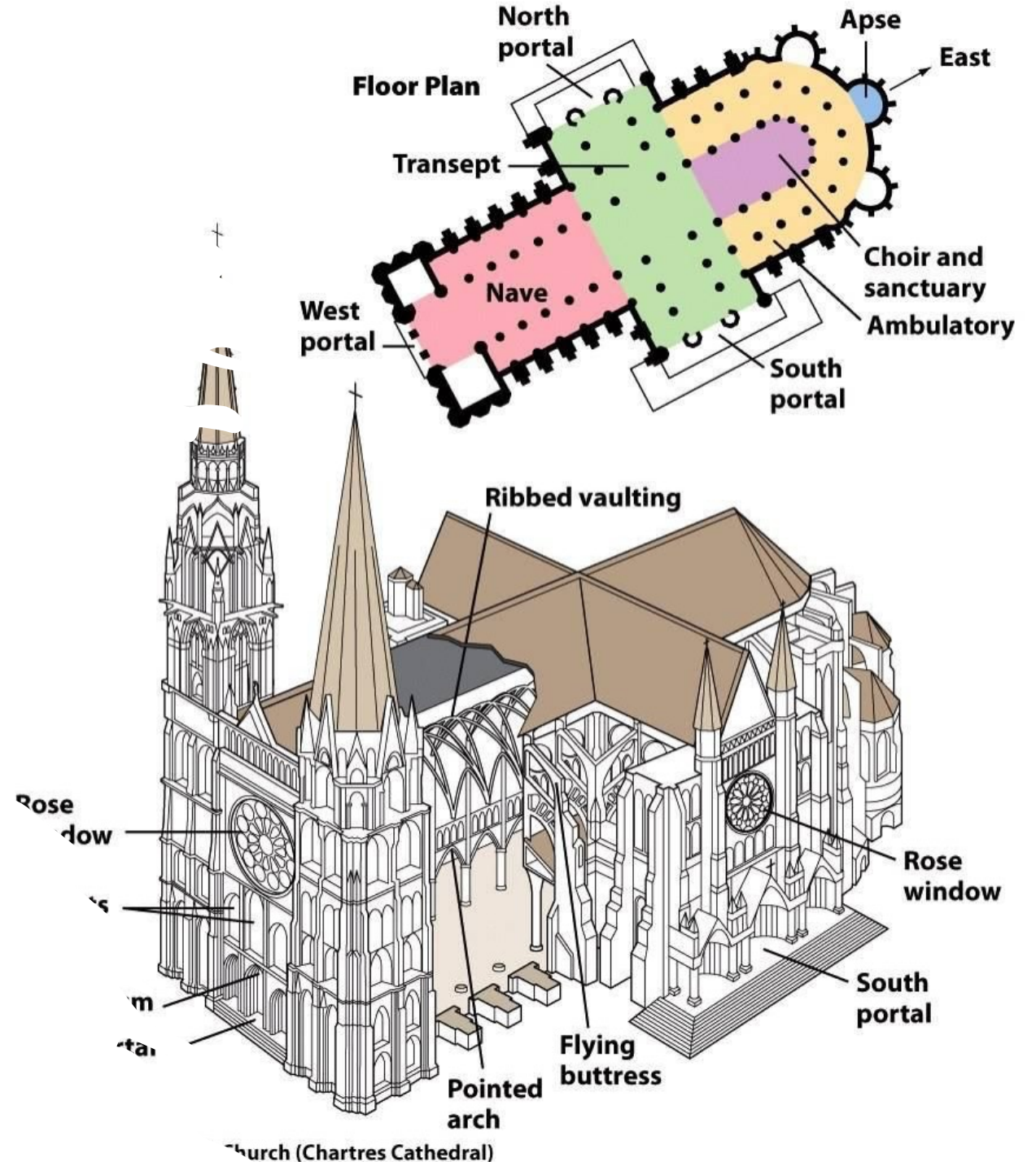
Church became the single largest land-owner in Italy


Gradually the Church became Political Agent for Total Control

- Constantine named himself as Pontifex Maximus – High Priest
- The Emperor became the Head of Christianity
- He set himself as the “Thirteen Apostle”
- Constantine in A.D. 325 presided in the Council of Nicea
- He made doctrinal changes, and the church leaders were seduced by power and wealth

Major Changes in Doctrine

- Abolished House Church
- Informal worship became formal worship
- Holy Spirit left the church
- Basilica-type formal church structure that reflects the Imperial government style





Free Messianic Church became the Roman Catholic Church

- Changed Spirit-led and intimate Worship in House Church to set form or liturgies
- In Constantine's Roman mind, the highest expression of worship was found in the solemn rituals of the Roman Imperial court
- Burning of incense and the carrying of candles became widespread expressions of worship
- Constantine cut off the Church from her Jewish roots and grafted it into the root of Greek paganism!
- Does this sound familiar in many churches' practice today ?

Romans 11

- And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were **grafted** in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, - Romans 11:17
- You will say then, “Branches were broken off that I might be **grafted** in.” – Romans 11:19
- And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be **grafted** in, for God is able to graft them in again. – Romans 11:23
- For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were **grafted** contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who *are* natural *branches*, be **grafted** into their own olive tree? – Romans 11:24

Rejection of Church's Jewish Roots- Cut off the roots, the branches wither and eventually die

- The Romans hated the Jewish people because they refuse idol-emperor's worship
- After Israel's rebellion against Rome and brutal defeats in A.D. 70 and A.D.130, Romans openly despised anything Jewish
- Constantine's started to purge the church of its Jewish roots began at the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325
- Constantine introduced paganism to the church
- He worship Mithras, the Persian sun god and assumed Jesus and Mithras is one and the same
- By the 5th century, Ezekiel 8:6-16 was fulfilled where worshippers entering St Peter's Basilica in Rome turn at the door and worship the rising sun!

Ezekiel 8:16

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

What is Christmas?

- Before A.D. 325 Messianic believers never celebrated Yeshua's birthday
- Pagan Romans celebrated December 25th as the birthday of Mithras since A.D.274 during the reign of Emperor Aurelian
- December 25th also known as Saturalia, Mithras' birthday as a day of good cheer, gift giving, giving food to the children of the poor
- Constantine conveniently designated Saturalia, a Roman holiday as the birthday of Jesus



Joel 1:4

What the locust swarm has left
the great locusts have eaten;
what the great locusts have left
the young locusts have eaten;
what the young locusts have left
other locusts have eaten.



John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt (**tabernacle**) among us, and we beheld ***His glory***, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.



Tabernacle & Glory (Five Tabernacles)



The First Tabernacle – Tabernacle of Moses

- The GLORY filled the tabernacle – Exodus 40:34

The Second Tabernacle – Tabernacle of David

- Power & GLORY filled the tabernacle – Psalm 62:2

The Third Tabernacle is Yeshua

- We behold His GLORY – John 1:14

The Fourth Tabernacle is the Church

- The Church is the restoration of the Tabernacle of David – Acts 15:16-17

The Fifth Tabernacle – Eternal Tabernacle

- GOD tabernacle with us – Rev 21:3-4, “For over all the glory there *will be* a covering.” – Isaiah 4:5b

Scholars now believe that Yeshua was born at the
Feast of Tabernacles

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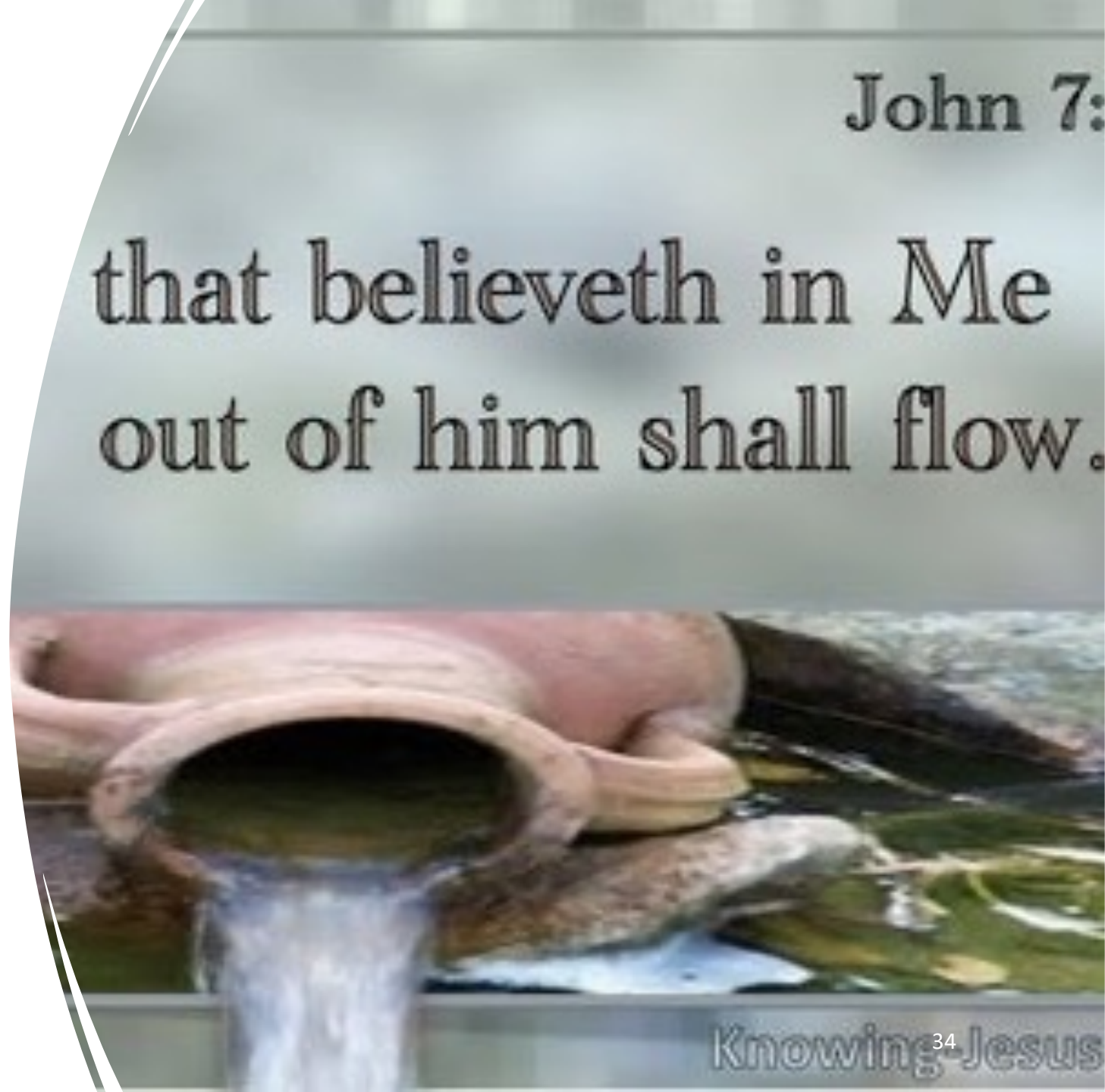
When was Yeshua born?
Yeshua's Birthday?

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Yeshua's Promise for Tabernacles

³⁷ 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.”
– John 7:37-38



John 7:

that believeth in Me
out of him shall flow.

FEAST of TABERNACLES

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PREPARE 2020
the way

Yeshua Will Return at the Feast of Tabernacles

“So I will
restore to you
the years that the locust has eaten,
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
And praise the name of the Lord your God,
Who has dealt wondrously with you;

And My people *shall never* be put to shame.”

Joel 2:25-26

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 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 4:5-6

In Summary Let's Pray

- The Church of Yeshua has been deceived
- This is the TIME to return to our Natural Jewish Roots
- The Church went through dark ages (Joel 1:4) BUT NOW restoring what the “evil ones (Locusts)” have eaten (Joel 2:25)
- The POWERFUL Messianic Church is Arising
- Return to celebrate the Feasts of the LORD
- Yeshua was born on the Feast of Tabernacles
- Of course, we should continue to reach out to the LOST even on Christmas Day