

The Prophecy in the Feast of Tabernacles

John chapter 7

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John 7:11 Year/Day 1	Year/Day 2	Year/Day 3	Year/Day 4	Year/Day 5	Year/Day 6	Year/Day 7	Day 8 begins
Asking Where Is Jesus?	Asking Where Is Jesus?	Asking Where Is Jesus?	Christ Comes In Secret To Temple			Second Coming NO Temple great cry/shout	
Sabbath Day Leviticus 23:39			MIDST of Feast John 7:10, 14			John 7:37	Sabbath Day of REST Leviticus 23:39

The 70th Week of Daniel and the Rapture

Discovered in the Feast of Tabernacles

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In doing a little research on an entirely different subject matter (that of when Jesus healed the man at the pool of Bethesda/Siloam), I was led all the way back to an issue (November 1999) of J.R. Church's magazine ("*Prophecy in the News*"), and that of the cover article entitled "Prophecies of the Feast of Tabernacles". I did find the answer and reference that I sought on the pool of Bethesda in the article, but it became very insignificant to what was being revealed to me in regard to the rest of the article concerning the Feast of Tabernacles.

There is more than one prophetic application to scriptural "time" and the fulfilling of it found in this Feast of the Lord (the Feast of Tabernacles). I have written on several of these from other parts of scripture. But I have never used the scriptures found in the Gospel of John (chapter 7) of the event in "type" or "shadow," in preaching of Christ's Coming and Kingdom!

Mr. Church sees and teaches that there is only the possibility of the "Pre-Trib/70th week of Daniel Resurrection/Rapture". It is no wonder then that whatever else that may be there was overlooked by him (and others)! But what Mr. Church does say about this "type"/event in Christ's life and words speaks volumes. Mr. Church said concerning the beginning of the Festival (of 7 days):

"With the full moon that evening, the Temple Priests blew trumpets, thus announcing the onset of the Feast of Tabernacles."

Sound a little familiar? The blowing of the trumpets- Feast of trumpets/Rosh Hashanah to start the 70th Week of Daniel? That day (the Feast of Trumpets) is a Sabbath, just as scripture states. So is the 1st day of the Feast of Tabernacles! To continue with Mr. Church's commentary:

"The crowds were abuzz with the latest news of kith and kin. Friends enjoyed visiting each other again. Many were discussing the stories about the man from Galilee". Mr. Church then quotes John 7:11-12; ("then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?...."

Again this sounds so familiar! So many people from the start of the 70th Week Daniel (and of course earlier) have been asking and wondering "Is the Lord coming on this Feast Day, or at that Feast Day, or at all in my life time"? Continuing with Mr. Church:

"Jesus was the subject of no small discussion. Would He attend the festival? Would they get to see and hear Him? Would He perform some miracle? They had heard about His miracles!

The first day came and went with no sight of Him; the second day; the third day; would He come at all? According to the Mosaic Law, He was required to attend. It was hard for the people to concentrate on the required activities as all conversations drifted around to the subject of Jesus."

Does this ever sound familiar of these last 3 years (2007 to present)!

*By the middle of the afternoon ON THE FOURTH DAY (caps mine) the crowds could think of nothing else! Where is this Jesus of Nazareth? SUDDENLY (caps mine), He just stood up and began to preach. No one had seen Him along the trails leading up to the Temple. No one had seen Him enter one of the gates that led into the Temple area. There was **no fanfare to welcome Him. HE JUST SHOWED UP** (caps and bold mine)!*

Mr. Church continued his article with the "prophetic type" of the 7 day Feast of Tabernacles as pertaining to the 7 days or "7000 years of human endeavor" (as he described it). And Mr. Church concluded that this account in John's Gospel (chapter 7) is more indicative of Christ's First and Second Advents, never looking to the possibility of the purely prophetic aspect (that the fulfilling of this 7 day Feast of Tabernacles could be showing anything else). I heartily agree that the application for this 7 day Feast (the "type" of the seven days of Creation, given long before Christ's First Advent occurred) in this passage (John 7) can, as Mr. Church says, refer to the 7000 years (one day as a thousand years, creation account of 7 "days"). I have taught the same for a long time, but through different scriptures. But the events of this passage (John 7) at Tabernacles (of what, how, and when Jesus performed them) cannot be considered "prophetic" to His first advent at all! Because Jesus was performing them right then and there. This would then be "self fulfilling" at the time. Prophecy by its nature is that which is said or done in shadow and type to a future time, not fulfilled at the time of saying or performing it!

Mr. Church (because of his doctrine and belief of a "pre-70th Week of Daniel Rapture") concludes that this 4th day of the Feast of Tabernacles (in this "type" found in John 7) is that of Christ's First Advent! But in the aspect of Christ "just showing up" and "with no fanfare" (as Mr. Church attributed to Christ's First Advent), here I have to disagree!

In taking when Christ was born, did He just "show up with no fanfare"?

Let's see if scripture has the answer...

Luke 2:8-*"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 20: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."*

Matthew 2:1-*“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him”.*

The “*wise men FROM THE EAST*” saw this star in the east from where they were from, so obviously this “star” was visible for some time before Christ's birth for the wise men to follow it from the east!

Matthew 2:9-*“When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy”.*

Sounds like coming with good fanfare and not secretly to me!

If you don't want to consider this to be when the 1st Advent started, then what about before Jesus started His ministry? This is the whole/sole purpose of John the Baptists' ministry; to proclaim PUBLICALLY the coming of the Messiah, not in secret! Therefore neither would the Messiah be coming in secret.

What about before Christ's baptism and anointing of the start of His ministry?

Matthew 3:1-*“In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”.*

Now for the actual anointing at Jesus' Baptism to start His ministry...

Mark 1:9-*“And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And **there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.** And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him”.*

Matthew 3:16-*“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo **a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**”*

Matthew 4:1-*“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil”.*

Luke 3:21-“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and **a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.** And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph...”

Notice (in the above passages) that the “voice” is not heard as thunder by anyone. And they do not say that it was only to John or Jesus that heard this. This is some proclamation and heralding of God for His Son!

Now what about AFTER Christ's ministry had begun?

John 1:19-“And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? 20: And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. ²¹And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. ²²Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? ²³He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. ²⁴And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. ²⁵And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? ²⁶John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: **but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; ²⁷He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me**, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. John 1:29: The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. 34: And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!**”

In John 1:19-27, John the Baptist is more direct in his announcement/proclamation that the Messiah (the Lord) is here. And this is AFTER Christ's ministry has started! For those who want to say that Christ's 1st Advent didn't start until the time for the spring Feasts of the Lord were to be fulfilled by Christ, let me remind you of the great heralding by the people of Jesus Christ as Messiah and KING! This is called "Palm Sunday" and/or Christ's TRIUMPHAL (not too secretive is it?) entry into Jerusalem AND the TEMPLE!

The event (that can be seen as a “prophetic type”) is not of His First Advent being prophetic to the 7 days of 1000 years of “mans endeavor” (as Mr. Church put it), but rather as an application of other prophetic scriptures since it is obvious now that at Christ's 1st Advent He did not come "as in secret"! But those who were looking for Him for the first three days asked "Where is he?" (John 7:11). For this event of the Feast of Tabernacles to be truly prophetic, then the first three days (or first three

thousand years) God's people would have been looking for a Messiah/deliverer! Was anybody even looking for a deliverer for the first 2 days or 2000 years? Of course not! No one was looking for a "messiah"/deliverer until Moses!

Now don't let anybody tell you any different. It is Moses who was and still is the quintessential and premier type of Christ in the scriptures! The record of Moses birth, being "called out of Egypt", performing the miracles of God, being given the Law of God, delivering God's people out of Egypt (the world) at Passover, et cetera, totally validates Moses as the GREATEST type of Christ in scripture. And scripture explicitly states this relationship between Moses and Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 18:15—*"The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken".*

The scriptures state this emphatically! It wasn't Isaac, Joseph, Joshua, or anybody else, even though they were wonderful "types" of Christ. **THE PREMIER TYPE OF CHRIST WAS MOSES!** And it was the fulfillment of this "prophet"/deliverer/Christ that the Jews of Jesus' time were looking for! And yes, they (the Jews) knew and understood the scriptures of this!

John 1:19—*"And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, **Who art thou?** And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. **Art thou that prophet?** And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us".*

Even though the "Jews" (the high priests) knew and were told by John the Baptist that this Messiah/prophet was among them now, they wanted no part of Him/Jesus! But even the common people recognized Jesus as "*that prophet*" which was prophesied to come!

John 6:10—*"And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand....14:Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, **This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.** 15: When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, **to make him a king**, he departed again into a mountain himself alone".*

Yes, the people were looking for that prophet/Christ! And they knew that it was Jesus, who should be ruler/King of Israel! So then, we can see by scriptures that Mr. Church's assertion that Christ's 1st Advent in conjunction with this prophetic event in "type" just does not ring entirely true! But in defense of Mr. Church (especially since this article in his magazine was published in 1999), I agreed and came to the same conclusion! Because back then I had been taught and was teaching the very same thing (that of a "Pre-70th Week of Daniel Rapture")! But a lot of water has gone under the

bridge since then! A person is supposed to learn from the past, especially from their past failures or disappointments.

I stated in the opening paragraphs of this article that there is more than one prophetic "timeline" portrayed in this account of Johns' of the Feast of Tabernacles. The one that I'm going to refer to or point out is the one that J.R. Church did (that is of the so-called "1000 years-for-a-day" theory). But I will show you why Christ's 1st Advent itself is just an application to this theory and timeline, for the fulfilling of other specific scriptures (especially that of Hosea chapters 5-6). I have written on this in other articles. Kevin Drake has also shown this in his charts at www.godstimeline.net.

When looking at this 7 day Feast of Tabernacles, it is very important to note what is and is not said. All you have to do is just a little research (if you don't know already) for definitions of the key elements. The Feast of Tabernacles itself is a 7 day feast (see Leviticus 23). The 1st day of the 7 is a Sabbath. However, the 7th day is not "called" a Sabbath and you will see why shortly. After the 7th day of the feast, there is ATTACHED to it the 8th day which IS called a Sabbath. Here is why: when Adam and Eve began their "dominion" (see Genesis chapters 2-3) of the earth there was NO SIN, no curse, and there was "peace" in their walking and RESTING in the Lord! But they did sin and fall in that first day! The next 5 "days" (or the next five 1000 year "days") are in place and in this application is found the fact of Christ's 1st Advent AT the "midst" of the festival or "week"! But we know that Christ's First Advent did not come exactly in the "midst" of that "prophetic" 1000 years in what would be construed or understood as the 4th 1000! In other words, His First Advent was not at 3,200 years or at 3,500 years! The "latter" would have been the exact "midst" of the week of 7000 years in question.

No, Christ's First Advent was at the very ending of those 1st 4000 years, which is what then makes possible the beginning of the fulfillment of what is found in Hosea chapters 5-6!

Hosea 5:14- *"For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early".*

Hosea 6:1- *"Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. **After two days** will he revive us: **in the third day** he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight".*

Now this is what Christ's 1st Advent was in the fulfillment of, and to fulfilling its completion, which is that of the Kingdom of God is coming to earth "**IN the third day**". What follows are the seasons to recognize WHEN the purpose of His Comings and Advents are to take place.

Hosea 6:3- *"Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as **the latter and former rain unto the earth**".*

Yes, Christ's timing for His Comings to the EARTH is to fulfill the Feasts of the Lord. Those being of the spring ("*latter rain*"-First Coming) and the fall ("*former rain*"-Second Coming) feasts!

In Hosea's prophecy, the scripture says "*after two days*"! When you look at the chart above of the Feast of Tabernacles, you see the 4th day (the 4000 years) as when Christ's First Advent did happen and that there are 2 more (1000 years) "days" until we come to the 3rd "day" (following the 4th)! This "3rd day of Hosea" is called "*the last day*" in John's account of this feast...

John 7:37-"*In the last day, that **great day** of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying..."*

Look at what the Lord said in the bold of that 7th day of the feast (which is equated to Hosea's 3rd day). It is LAST and it is GREAT! Now look at what the Lord says about Hosea's statement. It is plain to see that the 3rd day is equated to "*the last*" or 7th day! This concerns being RAISED (not only for the nation of Israel, but ALL resurrections must happen within this GREAT DAY!) up and living in His sight!

Concerning being raised from the dead (and for those of you who are hoping for the "Rapture" you better pay close attention here, because you go NOWHERE until AFTER the DEAD IN CHRIST ARE RAISED!), the Lord Jesus says this (that the resurrection occurs in the "*last day*") repeatedly and Martha acknowledges this herself (see John 11:24)!

An interesting side note: this phrase ("*the last day*") is found in the entire Bible (King James Version) exactly "8" times, which is the exact number of days attributed in total to the Feast of Tabernacles! But 7 of the 8 are found only in the New Testament, and only in John's Gospel! And the only one in the Old Testament that stands apart (as does the 8th day of the Sabbath) is that of Nehemiah's accounting OF THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES!

Now back to the "*last day*" and Christ raising anybody in the resurrection...

John 6:39-"*And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day".*

It is Jesus Christ who, in doing the Father's will (the Father is the One who SENT HIM), is going to do the raising from the dead! Notice also that it is the Father who "SENT ME (Jesus)"! And now, look again at what Christ said in that 4th day (the midst of the festival/week)...

John 7:16-"*Jesus answered them, and said, **My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself**".*

This is the very first thing Christ says when He suddenly appears in the Temple *“as it were in secret”* (John 7:10)! **And what is to be the Father’s will at the "midst of the week/festival"?** To raise him up again at *“the last day”*! Can you say "the dead in Christ shall be raised"? **It is called the "RESURRECTION/RAPTURE"!**

But what about the "GREAT DAY"? What is so *“GREAT”* about that 7th day (*“the last day”*)?

Look at this...

Jeremiah 30:7-*“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. 8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: 9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them”.*

This is without a doubt talking about the Coming of the Kingdom of God and His Christ for the nation of Israel (and for the whole world)! To be brief in explanation here, the reason that this day is *“GREAT”* and *“none is like it”*, is because this is still patterned after the "Great Sabbatical week" of creation itself! The Lord's Day (the 7th) is NOT limited in time as are the other 6 days of creation by the *“evening and the morning”* (see Genesis 2:1-3)! That is why (in this account of Tabernacles in John) the 7th day is not called a Sabbath (even though by definition, as being the 7th day, it is)! But it (the *“day of the Lord”*) is not all peace and "rest", even though it will contain those elements. And it (the 7th day, the Lord’s Day) is also referred to as *“even the time of Jacob’s Trouble”* (see chart entitled **“The Time of Jacob’s Trouble”** and also **“The Lord’s Day”** at www.godstimeline.net)!

In this "greater timeline" of the *“1000-year-as-a-day”* understanding (see 2nd Peter 3:8-*“one day is with the Lord as a **thousand years**, and a **thousand years** as one day”*), this 7th day (not being *“called”* a Sabbath) will include parts of Jacob’s Trouble! And this 7th day contains the 2nd and 3rd weeks of Jacob’s Trouble, the last *“week”* being the 70th Week of Daniel itself! But it (the 7th day, the Lord’s Day) will also include the Sabbath of Rest of the 1000 year reign of Christ, after which this last/great day will include the short season in which Satan is loosed out of the pit to tempt the nations one last time!

I hope you can see that this day (the great *“last day”*) in this application of the Feast of Tabernacles (John chapter 7) cannot be referred to as a Sabbath! Mainly because it does not start out that way, nor does it end that way. Now when this *“last day”* is concluded with the destruction of the heavens and the earth and the Great White Throne Judgment occurs, what will follow is exactly what is shown! A Sabbath, which is the 8th day! This is the ETERNAL SABBATH OF RESTING IN OUR LORD AND GOD FOREVER (*“seven”* being the Biblical number of *“completion”* and *“eight”* representing the Biblical number of *“new beginnings”*)!

Now for the true prophetic “type” of this article (because of all the aspects of what can be fulfilled in this timeline) on the "70th Week of Daniel in the Feast of Tabernacles", I want to remind you of the fact that (at Christ's 1st Coming) He did not come "*but as it were in secret*" (John 7:10)! I also want to remind you that since this was being done at the time of His First Advent, that it could **not** be prophetic for His First Advent! Because if it was indeed a “short-term” prophecy (like His prophecy of "*Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up* -John 2:19) it would be a “self-fulfilling” prophecy and therefore not prophetic at all!

Except for this one instance, it is never said that Jesus came to the Temple or Jerusalem for any of the Feasts of the Lord "*as it were in secret*"! No, He came openly! And that is no more apparent than at His "triumphal entry" on "Palm Sunday" for His last observance of the Passover to begin the fulfilling of the Spring Feasts of the Lord! Therefore this recording by John in his Gospel (which he wrote long after this event) shows that it would have to be fulfilled AFTER his writing of it, in order for it to actually be prophetic at all! It would also have to have a future fulfilling as well, from or after Christ's First Advent!

We know by the scriptures that Jesus Himself will be coming two more times! The first time is for what is called the "resurrection/rapture"! The second time is for His coming in GREAT power and glory at the LAST DAY/Year of the 70th Week of Daniel, to save Israel (and the world) OUT OF that time of Jacob's Trouble. And to then bring them INTO HIS/God's REST (Millennial Kingdom/ the Sabbath of 1000 years)! Of the 2 comings that remain (at least at the time of this writing), only one is or could be said of Him coming "*as it were in secret*"! And that is the 1st one, which is His coming at the time of the "RESURRECTION/RAPTURE"!

I have quoted Mr. Church enough from his article (of 1999), but he still has a lot of great insight left in his article nonetheless, even concerning the sacrifices that are to be performed during this "festival" (the Feast of Tabernacles) and the day following (the Sabbath and 8th day)! Let me make just one last quote from Mr. Church concerning the sacrificing of the "70" bullocks during these 7 feast days!

Mr. Church says:

"The sacrifices of the week included seventy bullocks, one for each of the nations of the world. The feast was not just a "Jewish Festival"; it concerned all nations and stood for all generations from the days of Adam to the final Messianic kingdom!"

I'm not going to go in depth on the significance of ALL these sacrifices that are to be offered during this festival. Where I disagree with Mr. Church is the conclusion of them as being "to the Messianic Kingdom"! Agreed, the 70 sacrifices are for all nations (including Israel)! But they continue on to and into that "last Great Day"! What was the sacrifice of the bullocks for anyway? They were to represent

an offering for the sins of the people/nations of the world to the Lord as a "peace" offering in the reconciliation of man to God through His Son Jesus Christ! And they were to be a "sweet savour unto the Lord". This "burnt offering" is that of God's forgiveness of sin(s)! It is that which only God can do. Only God can forgive sins!

It is obvious that Mr. Church's reasoning is to the Kingdom of Christ, when the 70 bullocks (representing the sins of the nations of the world) is concluded at the Kingdom. I disagree because man, even during and after the Millennial Kingdom is over, will still be sinning! It may be that Mr. Church's reasoning for this is that of the conclusion of the "70 weeks of Daniel" (which will conclude at the beginning of the Kingdom). It makes more sense for it to INCLUDE the Kingdom (and after it) until the ETERNAL Kingdom (8th day), when there will be "no more sin", and therefore no need for the forgiveness of sins! That includes our being commanded to forgive our brothers who trespass/sin against us! This is what I believe the discussion of Peter and Jesus was all about (see Matthew 18:21 below).

Matthew 18:21-*"Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?" Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants".*

This is the representation of the 70 bullocks to be sacrificed throughout the 7 days of the feast, or the 70 x 7.

As you can see, there is a lot more to the Feast of Tabernacles than is commonly understood, but this is not what most of you want to hear about! The first or primary concern of the vast majority of people that I have come in contact with over the years (whether personally or by email) is "[When is the Rapture](#)"? The Second Coming of Christ to establish His Kingdom and righteousness here on earth is NOT their main or central desire. Now what does that say about their heart? These people complain about sin, destruction, and death. They complain about the rampant growth of the growing acceptance of homosexuality within the so-called "church". They complain about the governments of the world defrauding their people by their overbearing taxations! They complain about how man is systematically destroying the earth and its environment, all for the love of money!

Is their primary desire that of wanting the Lord to come and make right of these wrongs by the establishing of His Kingdom and ruling in truth and righteousness with a rod of iron? Unfortunately, what I see and hear most is "[When is the Rapture so I can escape all these things? Let the world continue in its steady decline of sin and death. I just want out of here](#)"! Well, if this is your primary desire and not that for your neighbor (who may be left behind to continue with and in the sins of this world) then here comes what you have been seeking. By this point you should have figured it out.

I have previously laid out what the structure of the Feast of Tabernacles is and what it represents prophetically. And with its recording in John's Gospel (along with the chart at the top of this article), I'm going to start at the beginning of John chapter 7...

John 7:1—“After these things Jesus **walked in Galilee**: for he **would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him**. Now the Jews’ feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, *Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.*

Jesus was in Galilee and would not walk in Jewry (in Judea) because of the religious Jews. Why? Because the chief priests and rulers sought to kill him! His brethren or family (the brothers and sisters of Jesus were from Nazareth of Galilee) tell Jesus to go into Judea for the Feast of Tabernacles and show these works to the disciples. Why?

John 1:4—“For there is **no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly**. If thou do these things, **show thyself to the world**. For neither did his brethren believe in him. Then 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**”.

In effect, in the application of this "type" to our present time, they which are not yet saved are saying “*Show openly yourself TO THE WORLD by your works (the "Rapture") to your disciples. And then we will believe*”! Isn't this very much like those of the world who are also now saying “*Where is the promise of His coming*”? *Have Him show us and the world a sign by showing this work to His believers/disciples*”.

At the time of the "Rapture" there will be those who later are to be (but are not yet saved when the Rapture occurs) part of His family, but are not yet called to be so (remember the parable of the 10 virgins in Matthew 25 where the foolish virgins represent those who are not yet saved when the Rapture occurs but later will be saved during the Great Tribulation), which is why the world cannot hate them (see John 15:15 below)! But after the "Rapture", the open show of His works (those around the world disappearing right before their eyes, “*in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye*”) will be evident! But note that it is not that of His coming which is still “*as in secret*”! They will be looking and asking for the work/event (Rapture), and then (for them) the following will be true...

John 15:15—“*Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you* **18: If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.**”

Those who are left behind and later get saved will be HATED by the world!

Now, let us return back to John chapter 7...

Jesus has sent His unbelieving brethren to the time and timing for this feast to begin. His Disciples (believers) and non-believers (brethren) are both there when this 7 day feast is to begin! And they are both there for the duration of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and into the 4th day of this feast.

What does this mean to our present time and the 70th Week of Daniel?

Simple: there will be both believers and unbelievers together before and after the 70th Week begins. And they are waiting for when Jesus Christ will come to perform this work (raising the dead and "rapturing" many in the moment and twinkling of an eye)!

Now Jesus sent them ahead of Him to the "feast of Tabernacles" and before the feast begins.

Verse 8-*"Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for **my time is not yet full come**. When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee".*

Get this and understand it. When this period of 7 days/years (representing, in "type", the 70th Week of Daniel) begins, Jesus is NOT coming before it! Why? Because His time is "NOT YET FULL COME"! **THERE IS AN APPOINTED TIME! HIS COMING IS NOT HAPHAZARD AS MANY CHRISTIANS BELIEVE!**

Now, **HOW** is Jesus going to get there, since He will not walk/travel in Judea ("Jewry"-Jerusalem is in Judea!)?

Answer: only by "SUPERNATURAL" means!

The fact that Jesus sent his brethren ahead of Him indicates HOW He will come at the "Rapture"! It is that He comes alone! He will come alone and bring only the souls of those to be "raised" FIRST to their glorified bodies. But He brings nobody bodily with Him that will be expecting to be returning with Him, unless you want to make the case of the 2 witnesses. However, they (the two witnesses- Moses and Elijah) remain here on earth after the Rapture and do not return to heaven with Christ! Not only is His coming at the Rapture by "supernatural" means, but He is alone and "as it were in secret"!

Now, I want to bring up a very good question. **Why would we think that this recording of the Feast of Tabernacles could be prophetic of the last 7 years of what is called the 70th Week of Daniel?**

Because on that Last Great day (the 7th day/year) Christ is seen just "STANDING UP and cried" or shouted the call to salvation in Him! This WILL BE DONE AT and BY HIM at His 2nd Coming! And this is scripturally correct to believe that His coming in "GREAT power and Glory" will be at the end of that LAST day/year of Daniels 70th Week (Rosh 2014). And it (the end of the 70th Week) will be followed by Christ bringing in His Kingdom of that 1000 year SABBATH REST! With that said, look at His coming to the feast recorded by John.

Verse 10-*"But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret".*

Jesus arrives! But not openly as to be able to be seen coming into Jerusalem and then into the Temple, but *"as it were in secret"*! Nobody at the Feast of Tabernacles knew of His coming! He just "shows up" as Mr. Church also said! This is indicative of **HOW** Christ will come to His "temple" at the Rapture (the "temple" is NOT one of block and stone in Jerusalem, but rather the "temple" of His BODY-the believers themselves-His disciples/believers/the Church)! See the article entitled "**Rebuilt Temple?**" at www.godstimeline.net for further study of the "temple of God".

Now, as to **WHEN** He comes...

John 7:14-*"Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.*

Christ shows up *"about the midst of the feast"*! This is a 7 day feast, meaning He came on day 4, just as Mr. Church concurred!

Now remember, this is a "type" of a further spiritual truth! Therefore, those days are representations of years in accordance to the 70th Week of Daniel!

Therefore, in what "year" of the 70th Week of Daniel can we expect the Lord to come into His "temple" of believers to raise and "rapture" them?

Answer: in the 4th year of Daniel's 70th Week!

What would the 4th year of Daniel's 70th Week be called?

Answer: the "midst" of it or the "midst of the week" (see Daniel 9:27 where this very same thing is said in regard to when the "abomination of desolation" occurs)! This is identical to what I and Sherry Vance have been teaching since 2006 (and later by Kevin Drake since May of 2009) and as shown throughout his numerous charts and commentaries! The 70th Week of Daniel runs from Rosh Hashanah 2007 and ends the day before Rosh Hashanah 2014, therefore the 4th year or the "midst" of that seven year period (called the "week") is that whole year from Rosh 2010 to Rosh 2011. Please

see the chart entitled "**The Time of Jacob's Trouble**" and the article "**An Overview of God's Timeline**" at www.godstimeline.net for further details.

Don't just accept the fact that He comes in the 4th day of the feast; there must be a scriptural reason for Him doing so. Why doesn't He come the day before the feast begins? Why the "midst"?

There is a very simple reason why Christ cannot come until the "midst" of Daniel's 70th Week to resurrect the "dead in Christ" and "rapture" the living believers. The reason is that He must remain in heaven acting as our "advocate" (see 1st John 2:1) against the accusations of Satan (the "accuser of the brethren"-Revelation 12). Satan is present before the throne of God accusing the brethren of sin and arguing that the saved do not belong in heaven (Satan does not have an understanding of the vicarious atonement and salvation provided for us by Christ). As long as Satan is present as the "accuser", Christ cannot leave us defenseless against his accusations, therefore the very soonest that Christ can descend from heaven to come for the resurrection/rapture is the "midst" of the 70th Week of Daniel (the "midst" of the 70th Week being that whole year between Rosh 2010 and Rosh 2011-see the article entitled "**The 70th Week & Days of Daniel**" at www.godstimeline.net for the specific timing of the resurrection/rapture).

Revelation chapter 12 states that Satan is removed from his role as the "accuser" in the "midst" of Daniel's 70th Week and is then thrown out of heaven to the earth to empower his antichrist (the breaking of the first "seal"-Revelation 6:1). The "advocacy" of Christ on our behalf is the reason why Christ comes "as it were in secret" in the "midst" of the feast, which is a "type" of Christ coming for the resurrection/rapture in the "midst" of the 70th Week of Daniel!

Notice that when He does come in the "midst" of the festival/week, that Jesus went into the Temple and taught! He did no crying/shouting at all when He showed up (all done very quietly)! But look at the next day of the feast when Jesus is mentioned...

John 7:37-"*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**".*

There are several things to notice of this day when Christ is mentioned next! First, it is the 7th day of the feast or it would prophetically be the 7th year of the 70th Week of Daniel! We know this because it is in the LAST DAY! Secondly, it is said to be "that GREAT DAY of the feast". In other words, the GREAT DAY of Daniel's 70th Week when Christ comes with GREAT POWER and glory! Thirdly, there is NO MENTION of the "temple" at all! Why? Because there will be neither the temple of block and stone, NOR believers from the Great Tribulation left alive at the end of the 70th Week (they have all been killed by this time by the antichrist)! This is why Jesus Christ asks of His coming...

Luke 18:7—“*And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*”

This is a parable, but look at the truth of this. God/Jesus will avenge His elect who cry unto Him day and night for vengeance (see Revelation 6:9-11). These are those souls under the altar who are asking how long before He does this! But when He does avenge them at His Coming, will he find “*faith*” on the earth? The question is rhetorical! The answer is no; He won’t find faith on the earth at His 2nd Coming, hence the need for the call of salvation IN HIM at the time of His coming, which He will be crying/shouting to the world (to those who have not yet taken the “*mark*” of the “*beast*”) as He is coming to execute His wrath upon those who have taken the mark/worshipped the beast! This last great day is showing the 2nd Coming of Christ and His call to Salvation is to a world in which there is no one left “of faith” (no believers left alive) to SAVE JACOB (ISRAEL) OUT OF IT! And by doing so, Jesus will BRING THEM INTO HIS REST, which is typified by the “8th day of a Sabbath” (the 1000 year Sabbath)! Amen?

When you take a look at the two “timelines” in the chart at the bottom of this article, you will see that what we have been preaching/teaching of this (since 2006) is IDENTICAL to what is seen here in this “type” in the account of John's of the Feast of Tabernacles! How can that be? To my recollection, I have never used John's 7th chapter in anything of what I have previously taught!

Now last night, my mother asked me “*How do we know when this 70th week represented by this “type” is to begin?*”

I told her that the 70th Week must then be seen as to belong to or pertain to other passages of prophetic scripture as to give it the reference of time! And as such, we must be able to see the historical fulfillment of those prophetic scriptures. I told her that this period of time (Daniel's 70th Week) is also referred to as “*the time of Jacob's trouble*” (this reference is found in Jeremiah 30:7)! I then told her about the “*time of Jacob's trouble*” as seen in “type” in the life of Jacob himself!

Then I told her of the Sabbaths of the Lord and the Sabbatical cycles that were proclaimed as a statute by the Lord for Israel/Jacob to keep! And that this 70th Week is and must be seen in the same regard to the Sabbatical cycles and their Sabbath days, meaning that since the 70th Week is to conclude before the Sabbath day/year, it must begin on a Sabbath day/year! The Feast of Tabernacles itself shows forth a whole Sabbatical cycle, starting from the day after the 1st day (being a Sabbath) for 6 days to the 7th and concluding in a Sabbath day!

I asked my mother “*Can you visualize that the 70th Week must begin on a Sabbath? And then (7 years later) the following year must also be a Sabbath?*” She said yes! I told her that is exactly what the account in John 7 of the Feast of Tabernacles shows us (by the definition of them given by God)!

Even though I'm very much in awe at accidentally discovering this on the 9th of September 2010 (Rosh Hashanah no less!), it is still nothing that I didn't already know from other prophetic scriptures! I have been preaching this (and so have others) for a long time! So now you have IN SCRIPTURE the "day"/year of the "resurrection/rapture"! It is in the "4th day" or "MIDST" of the Feast of Tabernacles shown in prophetic "type" in John's Gospel, corresponding to the fulfilling of it in the "4th year" or MIDST of the 70th Week of Daniel! And it belongs to or pertains to the last 7 years of "*the time of Jacob's Trouble*"!

NOW YOU HAVE THE VERY TIMELINE OF THE 70th WEEK OF DANIEL IN A SINGLE PASSAGE OR "TYPE" IN GOD'S WORD, INCLUDING THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF THE RESURRECTION AND RAPTURE. AND YOU ALSO NOW KNOW HOW TO RECOGNIZE ITS BEGINNING AND CONCLUSION BY THE SABBATH DAY/YEARS TO THE SABBATICAL CYCLE THAT IS PLAINLY SHOWN!

To find out the rest of the details concerning this and how one can determine when this 70th Week of Daniel started, you are at the right place! Check out the chart entitled "**The Time of Jacob's Trouble**" and the charts of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd weeks of Jacob's trouble at www.godstimeline.net. And also view the chart entitled "The 70th Week & Days of Daniel" to find out why we believe that the Lord's return for the resurrection/rapture is very near in early 2011.

In looking for Christ's Coming and Kingdom,

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2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014---2015
Year/Day 1	Year/Day 2	Year/Day 3	Year/Day 4	Year/Day 5	Year/Day 6	Year/Day 7	Year/Day 8
When is rapture	when is rapture	when is rapture	Res. Rapture			2nd Advent	1000 Year/Day
Sabbatical Day/			In Secret to World			with a great	Sabbath Day/
Year of Sabbatical Cycle			MIDST of WEEK			cry/shout	Year of REST

The Prophecy in the Feast of Tabernacles

John chapter 7

(Discovered on 9/9/10 via J.R. Church, 1999)

John 7:11 Year/Day 1	Year/Day 2	Year/Day 3	Year/Day 4	Year/Day 5	Year/Day 6	Year/Day 7	Day 8 begins
Asking Where Is Jesus?	Asking Where Is Jesus?	Asking Where Is Jesus?	Christ Comes In Secret To Temple			Second Coming NO Temple great cry/shout	
Sabbath Day			MIDST of Festival			John 7:37	Sabbath Day of REST
Leviticus 23:39			John 7:10, 14				Leviticus 23:39