



Lesson 16: Tabernacles II

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NOTES FOR LECTURE 16

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“The True Light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.” John 1:9

1. Luke 2 – Only rendition in the gospels of Jesus’ birth.
 - a. Luke 2:1-2 - Census was ordered, all of the Roman world had to register
 - Several years were given before the deadline of registration
 - b. Why did Joseph bring Mary at a time so close to the birth of the child?
 - c. Look at the **Map of Israel in New Testament Times, Chart #23**. Note the distances:
 - from Nazareth to Bethlehem to register for census – long distance
 - from Bethlehem to Jerusalem for *Sukkot* – near by
 - d. Observant Jews went up to Jerusalem at the time of *Sukkot* (Tabernacles)
 - e. Makes sense to have the two trips coincide with one another

2. Luke 2:6-7 –assuming that Mary and Joseph were near Jerusalem at time of *Sukkot*
 - a. There were 2.5 million Jewish men, and their families around Jerusalem
 - b. Manger comes from the Greek word - *phatne* (pronounced “fawn-tay”)
 - Strong’s #5336 = a crib for fodder (grain)
 - Root word: *pateomai* = to eat

A quote from Martin Luther: “Hebrew is the best language of all.....no one can really understand the Scriptures without it.... Hebrews drink from the spring, the Greeks from the stream that flows from it, and the Latins from a downstream puddle.”

- c. Translators assumed the word *phatne* was a crib with grain for animals
 - d. Scripture makes no mention of any animals near where Jesus was born
 - e. Israelites used “kneading troughs” to pound out grain & mix with water to make bread
 - Exodus 12:34: So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in **kneading troughs wrapped in clothing**.
 - Kneading trough comes from the Hebrew - *mish’ereth* (pronounced “mish-air-ith”)
Strong’s #4863 = in the sense of swelling or interchange
 - Mix water and grain together = bread; root word: *sha’ar* = to remain, gift, remnant
 - Deuteronomy 28:5 and 17 – *Shema* and your kneading trough would be blessed.....
 - f. Every Jewish family had a *mish’ereth* to prepare their bread
 - g. Mary and Joseph could have shared a booth (or brought their own) with a *mish’ereth*

3. Luke 2:8-12
 - a. The seasonal weather in Jerusalem is similar to the Sierra foothills – snow in winter
 - b. A sign or proof – baby wrapped in cloth lying in a place where bread is made
 - c. **Exodus 16:4 and 15** – ...*bread from heaven that the LORD has given you to eat*.

- *Mana* means “what is it?”
- d. **John 6:32-51** – Yehoshua equates Himself with the bread from heaven that gives life
 - Spiritual truth: As you eat the *mana* (who is He?) and digest Him (the living Word) you receive eternal life as you Believe Him to be who He says He is
 - This is to be transformed (to be interchanged) spiritually
 - The Israelites understood His illustration – meeting them right where they were.
 - e. Swaddling cloth = strips of linen torn from priestly clothing used to light the menorahs
 - f. The instructions for the tabernacle including using strips of fine white linen
 - g. The Bread from Heaven began to tabernacle with His people wrapped in strips of cloth
 - Hebrew 7:24-25 – Jesus has permanent priesthood.....saving those who come to God through Him...
4. The three pilgrimage feasts: something to celebrate!
 - **Deuteronomy 16:16** – *No one is to appear before the LORD empty-handed*
 - Yehoshua’s birthday – Tabernacles
 - Yehoshua pays sin debt – Passover
 - Yehoshua comes to indwell – Pentecost
 5. **Scriptural Indications for Yehoshua's Birth on Tabernacles, Chart #24**
 - a. Follow along on the chart up to the third point
 - b. Jesus circumcised on eighth day – every Hebrew male child was to be circumcised
 - c. **Luke 2:21** – *On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus...* (Yehoshua – God saves. See **What was Jesus’ Real Name, Chart #7**)
 - d. Eighth day – *Shemini Atzeret*, last and greatest day of the Appointments
 - e. **Genesis 17:11-12** – *You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you...*
 6. Prophetically – The seventh Appointment, during the seventh month, celebrated for seven days
 - a. A picture of the millennial rule (1000 year reign of Christ – Revelation 20:1-6)
 - b. Eighth day is a picture of the eternal kingdom (new heaven and earth – Revelation 21)
 - c. **Jeremiah 32:37-38** – *I will gather them...bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. They will be my people and I will be their God*
 - d. **Ezekiel 37:27** – *My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God and they will be my people.*
 - e. After the 1000-year reign, Satan will be let loose for a time – Revelation 20:2-3
 - Battle of Gog and Magog – Ezekiel 38:2 and Revelation 20:7
 - Final judgment of the great white throne – Revelation 20:11-15
 - f. Then the eternal kingdom where, once again, Yehovah will dwell among us:

- **Revelation 21:3** – *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."*

7. Although there are many more, let's wrap up for the study with five aspects/applications to the LORD's Appointments:
- Yehovah reveals Himself and His Plan through historical "co-incidents"
 - II Timothy 2:15 – "...rightly dividing the Word of Truth."
 - Otherwise Scripture is misinterpreted, misapplied and thereby creates false doctrine
 - Yehovah alone is our Redeemer and Savior
 - We are called to completely rest in Him
 - ♦ *...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion... - **Philippians 1:6***
 - Do not take Scripture that is meant for the nations and apply it to the individual
 - Yehovah offers His redemption freely to all who rest in Him
 - God is fair, *...He does not want that any should perish... - **II Peter 3:9***
 - God does not show favoritism (Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; Galatians 2:6)
 - God makes Himself known to all. *...the gospel that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven - **Colossians 1:23***
 - Election refers to nation's or an individual's purpose within His Plan of Redemption.
 - ♦ Israel was elected to be a light to the nations, preserve the Scriptures and be a Holy nation in which the Messiah would dwell.
 - ♦ Church age Believers have been elected to be conformed to the image of His Son
 - Yehovah is a promise keeper – He keeps His promises to all
 - To the nation of Israel, the individual Believer and to all of His creation
 - Yehovah reveals Himself and His plan, in His timing, to all who are listening
 - The veil that Scripture talks about is national – individuals still come to Messiah
 - It is impossible to understand God's mysteries without the Spirit revealing it to us
 - ♦ It is He and He alone on whom we must focus
 - ♦ He reveals His truth to those who desire to know Him
 - ♦ Whenever the Spirit is revealing truth, Satan will attempt to counterfeit it
 - Compare Scripture with Scripture to discern the truth -be Bereans (Acts 17:11)
 - We need to be listening to His voice while seeking to know Him better...

