

FEAST OF BOOTHS SABBATH SERVICE

**Blow Trumpets
Songs of Praise
Opening Prayer**

Sabbath During the Feast of Booths

As we heard in the Service on the first day of this feast, the symbolism of the week-long Feast of Booths reminds us of the time that Israel spent living in booths between the time they were freed from slavery in Egypt until they settled in their Promised Land of Israel.

But even more, it reminds us that we will live for a period of time between when we are freed from slavery to Satan and when we fully inherit the everlasting kingdom of God. Today, we will look at what life will be like during that period, which will be a thousand years of Peace.

One of the first things that will be done in the Millennium is the burial of the soldiers killed in the war at Migiddo, which will be part of the cleansing the land:

Eze 39:8 “Surely it is coming, and it shall be done,” says Lord Jehovah. “This is the day of which I have spoken.”¹

Eze 39:9 “Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years.

Eze 39:10 “They will not take wood from the field nor cut down any from the forests, because they will make fires with the weapons; and

¹ Rev 20:7-9

they will plunder those who plundered them, and pillage those who pillaged them,” says Lord Jehovah.

Eze 39:11 “It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by the east of the sea; and it will obstruct travellers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog.

Eze 39:12 “For seven new moons the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land.

Eze 39:13 “Indeed all the people of the land will be burying them, and they will gain renown for it on the day that I am glorified,” says Lord Jehovah.

Eze 39:14 “They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven new moons they will make a search.

Eze 39:15 “The search party will pass through the land; and whenever anyone sees a man’s bone, he shall set up a marker by it, until the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog.²

Eze 39:16 “The name of the city will also be Hamonah.³ Thus they shall cleanse the land.”

And so the land will be restored. The huge amount of fuel contained in these weapons of war is again consistent with modern weaponry, although the names of the weapons has changed.

Jeshua will lead us in a program of renewal that will see most of the earth turned into a paradise that today only seems to be an unachievable dream:

² Hamon Gog means “Multitude of Gog”.

³ Hamonah means “Multitudes”.

Joe 3:17 “Then you shall know that I am Jehovah your God, dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again.”

Joe 3:18 And it will come to pass in that day that the mountains shall drip with new wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; a fountain shall flow from the House of Jehovah and water the Valley of Acacias.

So Judah will become a tremendously fruitful country. But there will still be judgement on some nations:

Joe 3:19 “Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom a desolate wilderness, because of violence against the people of Judah, for they have shed innocent blood in their land.

Joe 3:20 But Judah shall abide forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

Joe 3:21 “For I will acquit them of bloodguilt, whom I had not acquitted; for Jehovah dwells in Zion.”

Lord Jehovah promises us that it will be a time when there is plenty for everyone. No longer will we have wars and famines, nor oppression and anger:

Isa 2:2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of Jehovah’s House shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

Isa 2:3 Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the House of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths.” For the Instructions will go forth out of Zion, and the Word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

Isa 2:4 He will judge between the nations, and will rebuke many people. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they learn war anymore.

Isa 2:5 O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Jehovah.

I, for one, want to live in a world where they will not learn war anymore.

God will heal the earth from the ravages brought on it by man's disobedience and Satan's deceptions. There will be miraculous healing waters flowing out of the Sanctuary and trees that will provide food and healing for everyone:

Eze 47:1 Then he brought me back to the door of the House; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the House toward the east, for the front of the House faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the House, south of the altar.

Eze 47:2 He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side.

Eze 47:3 Then, when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles.

Eze 47:4 Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist.

Eze 47:5 Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed.

Eze 47:6 He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river.

Eze 47:7 When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other.

Eze 47:8 Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the desert plain, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.

Eze 47:9 "And it shall be that every living soul that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

Eze 47:10 “It shall be that fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many.

Eze 47:11 “But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt.

Eze 47:12 “Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every new moon, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.”⁴

Eze 47:13 Thus says Lord Jehovah: “These are the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have two portions.

Eze 47:14 “You shall inherit it equally with one another; for I lifted My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you as your inheritance.

Eze 47:15 “This shall be the border of the land on the north: from the Great Sea, by the road to Hethlon, as one goes to Zedad,

Eze 47:16 “Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim (which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath), to Hazar Hatticon(which is on the border of Hauran).

Eze 47:17 “Thus the boundary shall be from the Sea to Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus; and as for the north, northward, it is the border of Hamath. This is the north side.

Eze 47:18 “On the east side you shall mark out the border from between Hauran and Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of Israel, along the Jordan, and along the eastern side of the sea. This is the east side.

Eze 47:19 “The south side, toward the South, shall be from Tamar to the waters of Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to the Great Sea.

⁴ This miraculous river flows during the Millennium. It is similar to the river that will be in New Jerusalem (Rev 22:2-14), but differs in that its trees will not provide everlasting life.

This is the south side, toward the South.

Eze 47:20 “The west side shall be the Great Sea, from the southern boundary until one comes to a point opposite Hamath. This is the west side.

Eze 47:21 “Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

Eze 47:22 “It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who sojourn among you and who bear children among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

Eze 47:23 “And it shall be that in whatever tribe the stranger sojourns, there you shall give him his inheritance,” says Lord Jehovah.

Ezekiel is told what the borders of Israel will be during the Millennium. He is also told that this land will not be only for the physical descendants of Israel, but also for the foreigners who want to live with them.

The last chapters of Ezekiel describe how God will divide up the land of Israel, both its Holy Areas and areas for the various tribes of Israel. And what God does for Israel, he will also do throughout the world. Israel will finally become the nation that will help spread knowledge of God around the world, as they were always supposed to do:

Mic 5:2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being little among the thousands of Judah, out of you shall come forth to Me the one to Rule in Israel. His origins have been from of old, from the ancient days.”⁵

Mic 5:3 Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who is in labour has given birth; then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel.

⁵ Mat 2:6

Mic 5:4 And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of Jehovah, in the majesty of the name of Jehovah His God; and they shall abide, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth;

Mic 5:5 And this One shall be peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land, and when he treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princely men.

Mic 5:6 They shall waste with the sword the land of Assyria, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances; thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land and when he treads within our borders.

Mic 5:7 Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from Jehovah, like showers on the grass, that wait for no man nor await the sons of mankind.

Everyone will have a part in His plan, and everyone will benefit from their own labour:

Mic 4:1 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of Jehovah's House shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it.

Mic 4:2 Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the House of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the Instructions shall go forth, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

Mic 4:3 He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.⁶

Mic 4:4 But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of Jehovah of Hosts has spoken.

Mic 4:5 For all people walk each in the name of his god, but we will

⁶ Isa 2:2-4

walk in the name of Jehovah our God forever and ever.

Mic 4:6 “In that day,” says Jehovah, “I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted;

Mic 4:7 I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation; so Jehovah will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, even forever.

No one, including the disabled, will be left out of God’s plans.

Earth will be full of small, productive farms. People will live in peace without fear, and live long and full lives:

Isa 65:17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

Isa 65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

Isa 65:19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.⁷

Isa 65:20 “No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

Isa 65:21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

Isa 65:22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Isa 65:23 They shall not labour worthlessly, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them.

Isa 65:24 “It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

⁷ Rev 21:1-4

Isa 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," says Jehovah.

Even some of the harmony that existed between humans and animals before the Fall will be restored:

Eze 34:23 "I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them; My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.

Eze 34:24 "And I, Jehovah, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, Jehovah, have spoken.

Eze 34:25 "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

Eze 34:26 "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause heavy rains to come down in their season; there shall be heavy rains of blessing.

Eze 34:27 "Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

Eze 34:28 "And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid.

Eze 34:29 "I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the gentiles anymore.

Eze 34:30 "Thus they shall know that I, Jehovah their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people," says Lord Jehovah."

Eze 34:31 "You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am your God," says Lord Jehovah."

The Millennium will start with about one-tenth of the world's population before the Tribulation began. But there is every

reason to believe that during one thousand years of peace, with no premature deaths and plenty for everyone, that far more people will live during the Millennium than in all the previous history of the Earth. And all of these people will know who Jeshua and Jehovah are and what life under their government is like.

Education will be valued and all will have access to it. God will ensure that all development will benefit His entire Creation, and we will be trained in all the skills and knowledge required to implement His plans. Every week, everyone will have the Sabbath off work, so they can learn about Jeshua and rest. Every year, everyone will be given about three weeks off work to attend God's annual Holy Days, which include the week-long Feasts of Unleavened Bread and Booths. God's Sabbath years and Jubilees will provide another layer to this, as every seventh year, and on the Jubilee every fifty years, everyone will be freed from their normal work on the land for an entire year, giving them lots of time to study and try new things.

Sadly, a few will reject Jeshua and try to walk in unrighteousness, even though Satan will be bound and there will be plenty for everyone. This is why Jeshua and His chosen will, when necessary, rule with a rod of iron to prevent the few unrepentant malcontents from disrupting life for everyone else:

Rev 2:25 "Therefore, hold fast to that which you have until I come.

Rev 2:26 "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works, I will give him authority over the nations;

Rev 2:27 'To shepherd them with a rod of iron; and you shall shatter them as a potter's vessels; as I also have received from My Father;

Isa 29:17 Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest?

Isa 29:18 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.

Isa 29:19 The humble also shall increase their joy in Jehovah, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Sacred One of Israel.

Isa 29:20 For the terrible one is brought to nothing, the scornful one is consumed, and all who watch for iniquity are cut off;

Isa 29:21 who make a man an offender by a word, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of naught.

Isa 29:22 Therefore thus says Jehovah, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now grow pale;

Isa 29:23 but when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will hallow My Name, and hallow the Sacred *One* of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel.

Isa 29:24 These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmured will learn the teachings."

Isa 30:1 "Woe to the rebellious children," says Jehovah, "Who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin;

But Jehovah will bless all those who turn to Him, gently guiding and providing for them:

Isa 30:18 Therefore Jehovah will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For Jehovah is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.

Isa 30:19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.

Isa 30:20 And though Jehovah gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore, but your eyes shall see your teachers.

Isa 30:21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you

turn to the left.

Isa 30:22 You will also defile the covering of your graven images of silver, and the ornament of your moulded images of gold. You will throw them away as an unclean thing; you will say to them, “Get away!”

Isa 30:23 Then He will give the rain for your seed with which you sow the ground, and bread of the increase of the earth; it will be fat and plenteous. In that day your cattle will feed in large pastures.

Isa 30:24 Likewise the oxen and the young donkeys that work the ground will eat cured fodder, which has been winnowed with the shovel and fan.

Let us all learn from our teachers, and grow as Children of God. And one day, we will be living in the Millennium of Peace, rejoicing daily in our Lord Jeshua and His Father.

The next, and final Annual Holy Day looks forward to the time of the final release of Satan, the destruction of him and all his followers, the renewing of the heavens and the earth, and then the New Jerusalem from Heaven coming down to begin the Everlasting Kingdom of God.

Closing Prayer

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