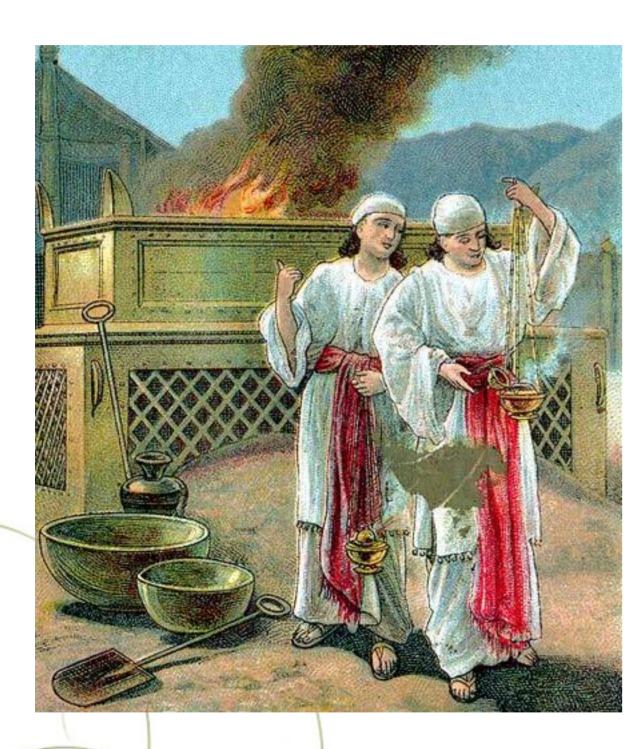
Come and See: The One Born in Bethlehem



John 7:37-52

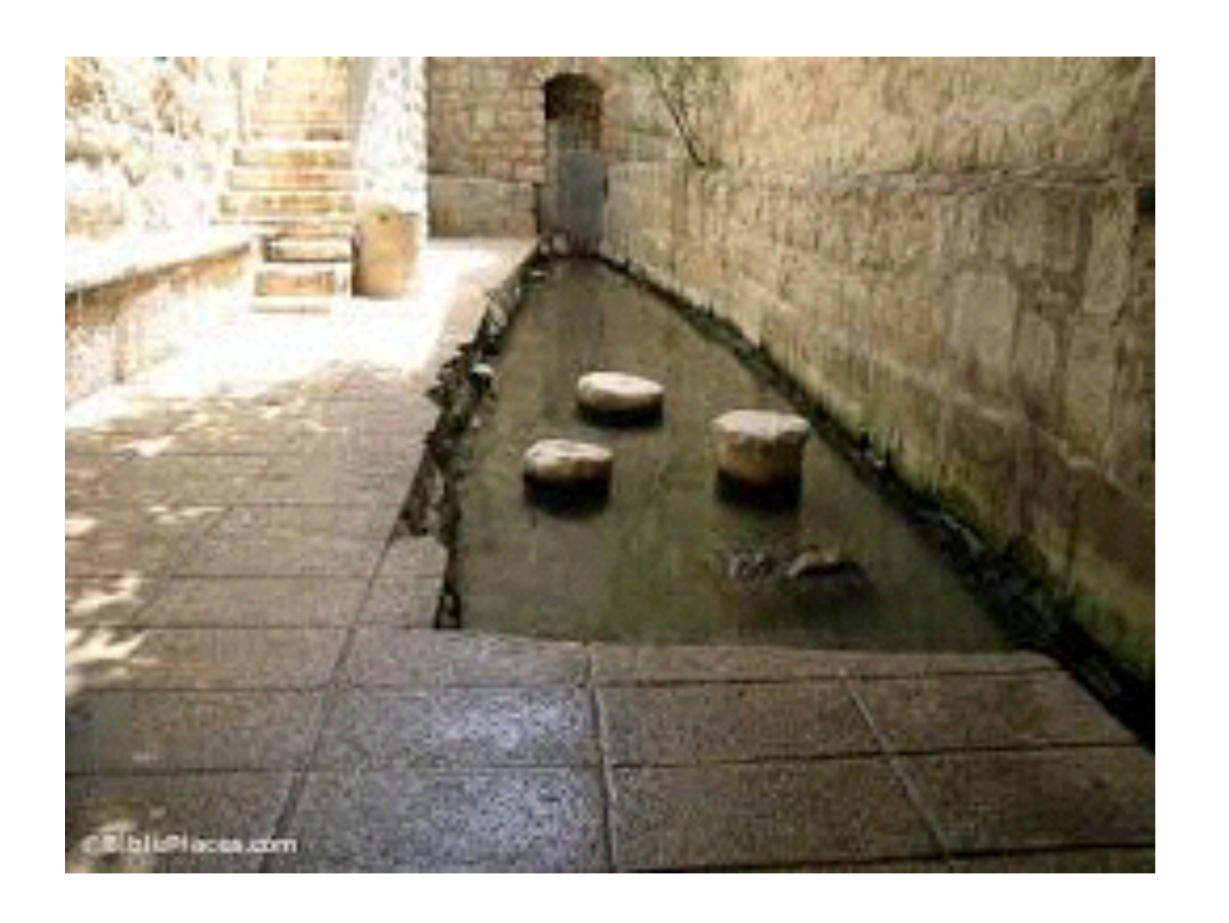
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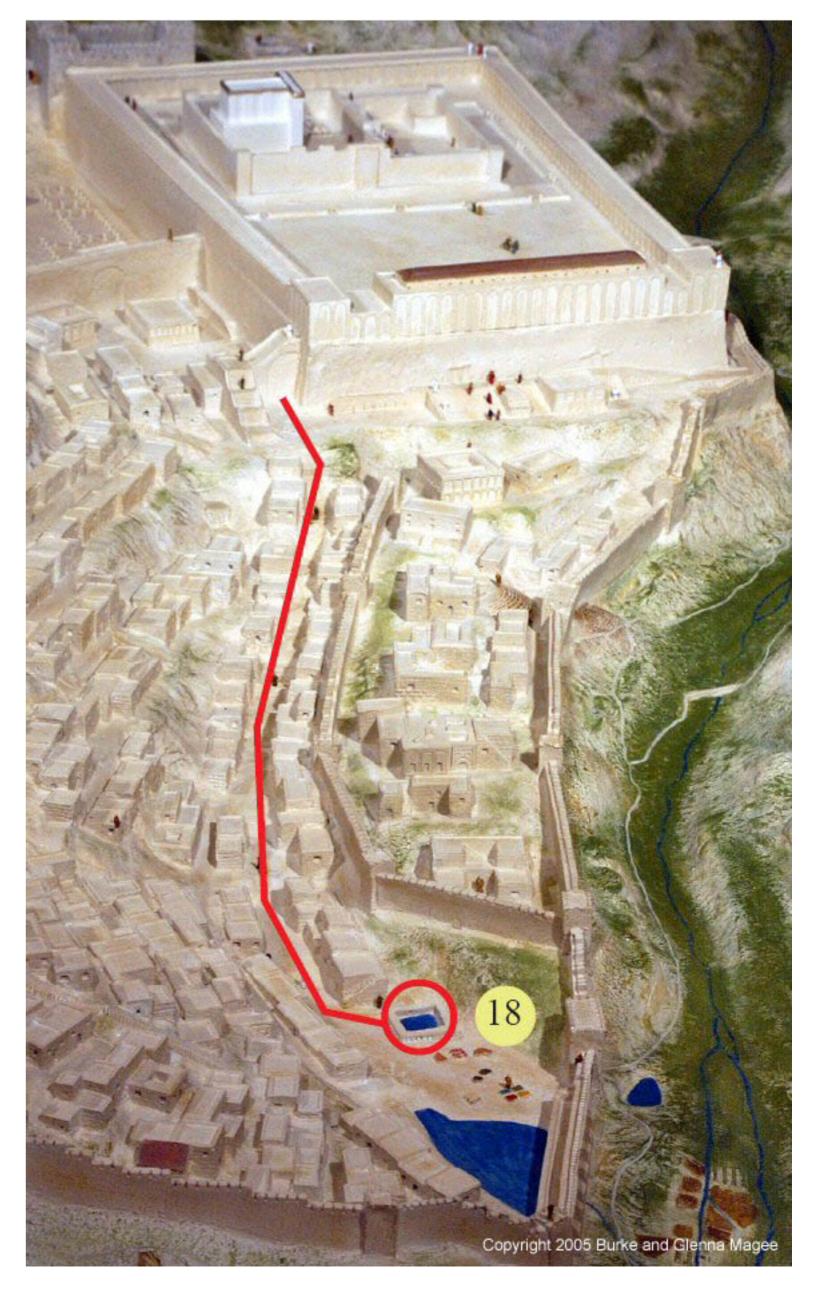
I. The Drink Offering Provided (7:37-39)











A. The Introduction

John 7:37a-b, In the last day, that great *day* of the feast . . .

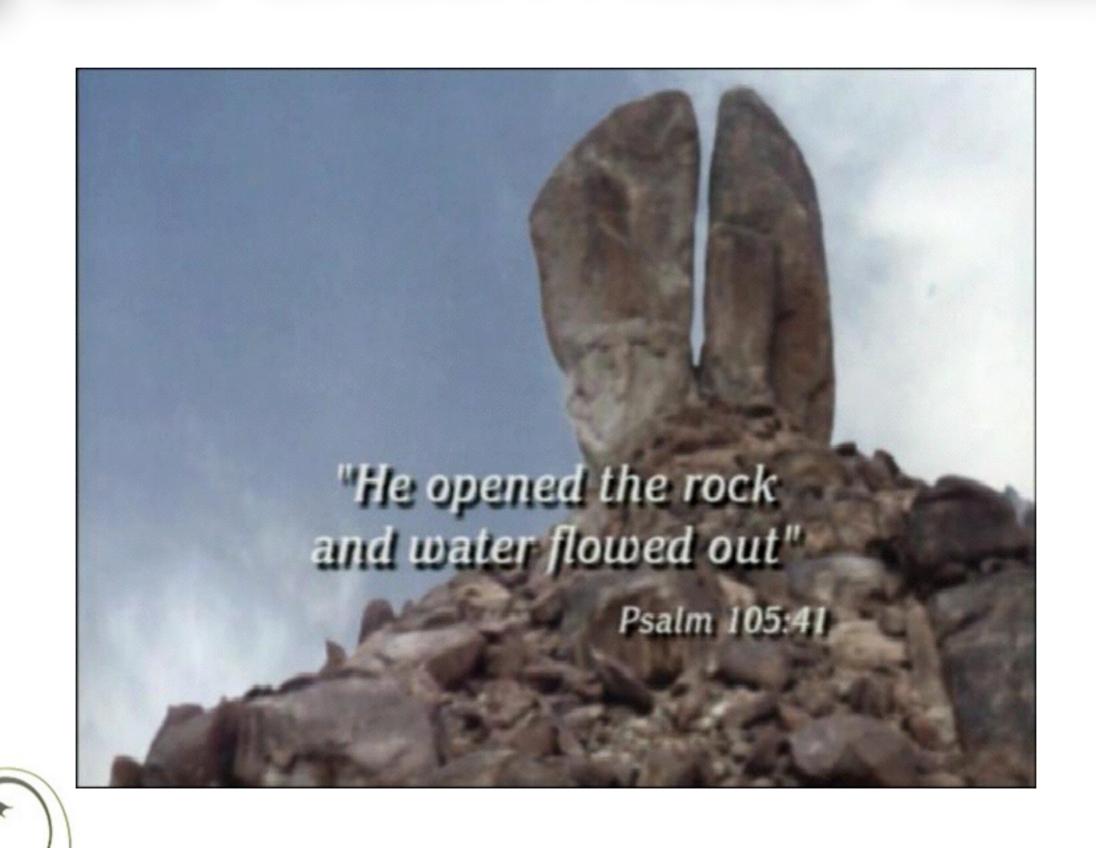


The Significance of the Feast

- 1. Remembering God's Provisions for His People during the wilderness wanderings.
- 2. Thanking God for His Current Provisions.
- 3. Anticipating God's future Provisions during the future millennial reign of Christ.



The Miraculous Provision of Water during the Wilderness Wanderings



The Liturgy for the Feast of Tabernacles

- 1. The Jewish pilgrims would march around the city shouting <u>"Hosanna."</u>
- 2. The High Priest would march to the Pool of Siloam and pour water into a gold vessel.
- 3. He would then lead the procession to the bronze altar in the temple.
- 4. During the processional the people would chant the words from Isaiah 55:1 and Isaiah

The Chant Used in the Processional

Isaiah 55:1,

Ho, every one that thirtieth, come ye to the waters . . .

Isaiah 12:3,

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

- 5. The shofar would be blown three times when the processional reached the Water Gate.
- 6. The High Priest and priests would walk around the altar seven times while the temple choir would sing the Hallel Psalms (113-118).
- 7. When the choir came to Psalm 118:15, every Male pilgrim would wave his lulab, which was held in his right hand and would raise a citron with his left hand.

The Liturgy

- 8. At that point everyone would cry out three times, "Give thanks to the Lord."
- 9. The water was then poured from the golden vessel into a silver vessel next to the altar.
- 10. The wine that was used for the daily drink offering was then poured into a different silver vessel
- 11. The two silver vessels were then poured out on the ground as a drink offering at the time of the morning sacrifice of a lamb.

The Ultimate Drink Offering

John 19:34,

But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

Christ would be the ultimate drink offering when He died on the cross for our sins!

B. The Invitation

John 7:37c-38,

... Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Responding to the Invitation

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give The living water; thirsty one Stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus and I drank Of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.

C. The Interpretation

John 7:39,

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

II. The Division of Opinion Among the People (7:40–43)



A. The Inspired Prophet

John 7:40,

Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

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;

B. The Intended Christ

John 7:41a-b, Others said, This is the Christ.



C. The Ironic and Ignorant Denial

John 7:41c-42,

... But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?

42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

The Division Among the People

John 7:43, So there was a division among the people because of him.



III. The Devilish Desire of the Priests and the Pharisees (7:40–43)



A. The Insidious Attempt Failed

John 7:44,

And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.



B. The Inquiry of the Priests and Pharisees

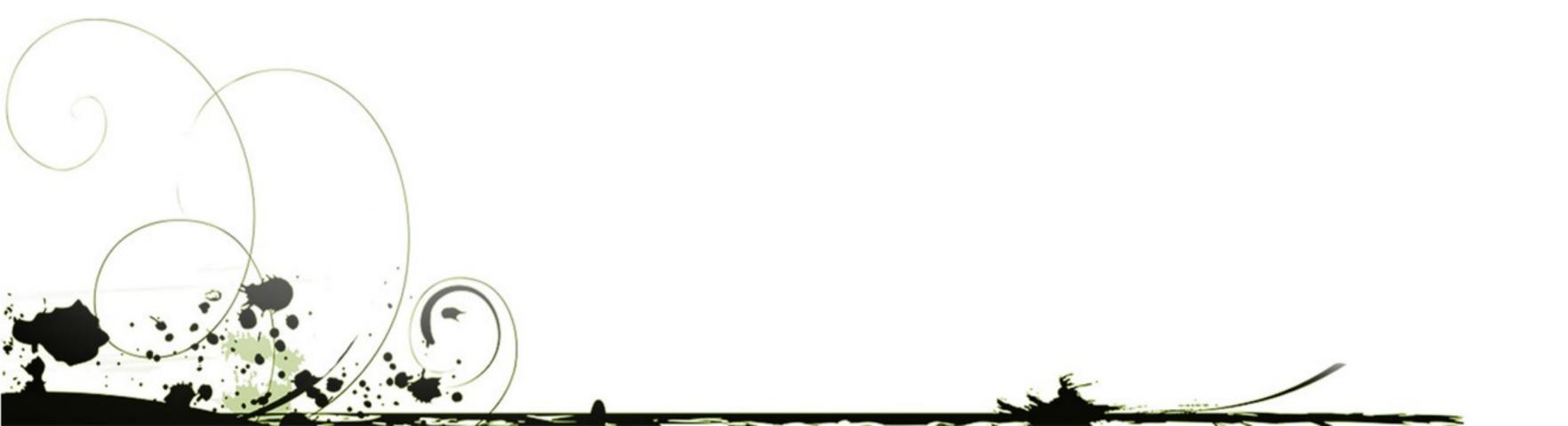
John 7:45,

Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?



C. The Impressed Officers

John 7:46, The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.



D. The Intimidating and Insulting Question

John 7:46, Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?



E. The Inquisition

John 7:48, Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?



F. The Implication

John 7:49, But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.



IV. The Developing Story of Nicodemus (7:50–53)



A. The Interest of Nicodemus

John 7:50, Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)



B. The Investigation Process Needed

John 7:51, Doth our law judge *any* man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?



C. The Insinuation

John 7:52,

They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.



D. The Ironic Argument

John 7:52,

They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.



The Prophet Jonah was from Galilee

2 Kings 14:25,

He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gathhepher.

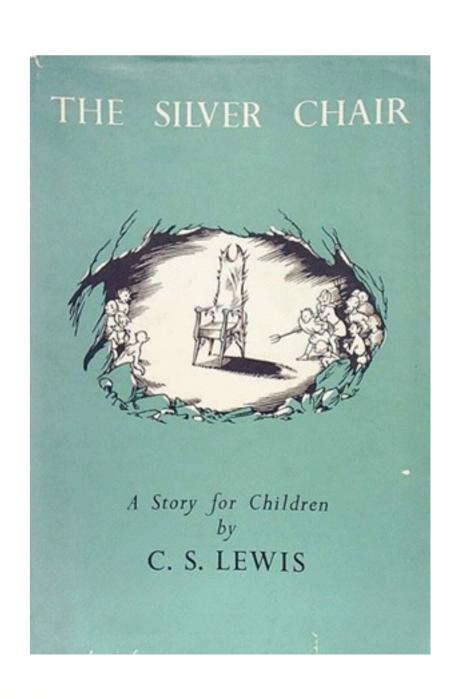




THE INVITATION BEFORE YOU GO TO YOUR "OWN HOUSE"

John 7:53, And every man went unto his own house.





If you are Thirsty, COME AND DRINK, there is no other Stream

Dear God,

I thirst, I come to You for "living waters." Please forgive me of my sins and save me.

I pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

INVITATION

Dear Jesus:

I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. I believe that You have the words of eternal life and that through Your Word the Spirit can quicken me and give to me eternal life. By faith I receive You as my Savior. Amen.