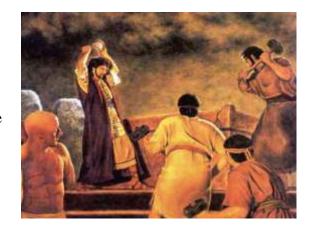


וילך <u>Vayelech</u> And He Went 31.1—30 / Isaiah 55.6—56.8 / Acts 19—23

השמשה sheynat hash'meetah Year of Release/Shabbat Year, all אישראל' <u>Yisra'el</u> Israel is to listen to a reading of אור *Torah* Law/Instruction, and obey.

2 Kings 22.3 says that in his 18th year, Josiah breaks down the high places of worship and puts Shaphan in charge of the Temple cleansing, getting rid of all the junk collected by previous idol worshipers over the last 75 years. Verse 8 to the end of the chapter describes how the high priest finds the TIII scroll in the Temple and Shaphan reads it to Josiah. Josiah tears his clothes and inquires of TIII what is going to happen to Judah for ignoring TIII. God promises destruction, but not during Josiah's lifetime.



Cleansing the Temple leads to discovering the written Word. Over 600 years later,

YlW' Yeshua Jesus/Salvation cleanses the Temple just before Passover, and soon the world discovers the living Word. Cleansing the Temple is a good way to prepare to receive the Word. What is the Temple today? In 1 Corinthians 3.16, Paul says that ἐστέ este you (second person plural present indicative—not individuals, but all believers together) are the Temple of God. Does the Church cleanse this Temple today?

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Nehemiah. There is no record of a public reading of אורה for about 200 years, from Josiah until Nehemiah 8, when the returnees gather together on Rosh Hashanah (verse 2, "the first day of the seventh month") and the next day to listen to Ezra read הורה.

During the second day of reading, they learn about \$\DDA \lambda \Pi\$. They keep the feast, verses 17 and 18, for the first time since Joshua, about 1,000 years! The Church, too, has been neglecting this feast, making the command to celebrate it one of the most neglected in \$\Pi\Pi\Pi\$. No big deal you say? YIW says in Matthew 5.19 that ignoring the least command and teaching others to do the same drops you to the level of "least" in the Kingdom of Heaven. Imagine a rock going to the bottom of a swimming pool. Clunk.

Every one of the seven days of this feast with Ezra and the returnees, Ezra reads אוררה the people. It is during this time and the following centuries of אורה turn back to אורה, that the Jews rebuild the Temple, defeat the conquering Greeks, and Messiah שוני arrives. In the cases of Moses in Deuteronomy, Josiah in 2 Kings, Ezra in Nehemiah, and the Church, discovering אורה brings revival, Deuteronomy 28.1-2.





Ask God to go ahead of you, with you, and behind you.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Glossary, in order of appearance:

וילך Vayelech And He Went שמע shema hear and obey

בחג הסכות b'chag ha'succot at the Feast of Booths

אבת השמטה sheynat hash'meetah Year of Release/Shabbat Year

ישראל Yisra'el Israel

תורה Torah Law/Instruction

יהוה' YHVH the LORD

ἐστέ este you

(second person plural present

indicative—not individuals, but all

believers together)

בוע shoov return/turn back

עבר avar pass over/cross over

עברי ivree Hebrew

יהושוע Yehoshua Joshua/God is Salvation