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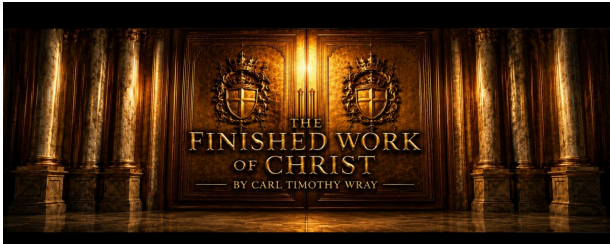
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THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES: Why Is the Whole Creation Groaning?



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The Feast of Tabernacles: The Manifestation of the Sons of God and the Hope of Creation

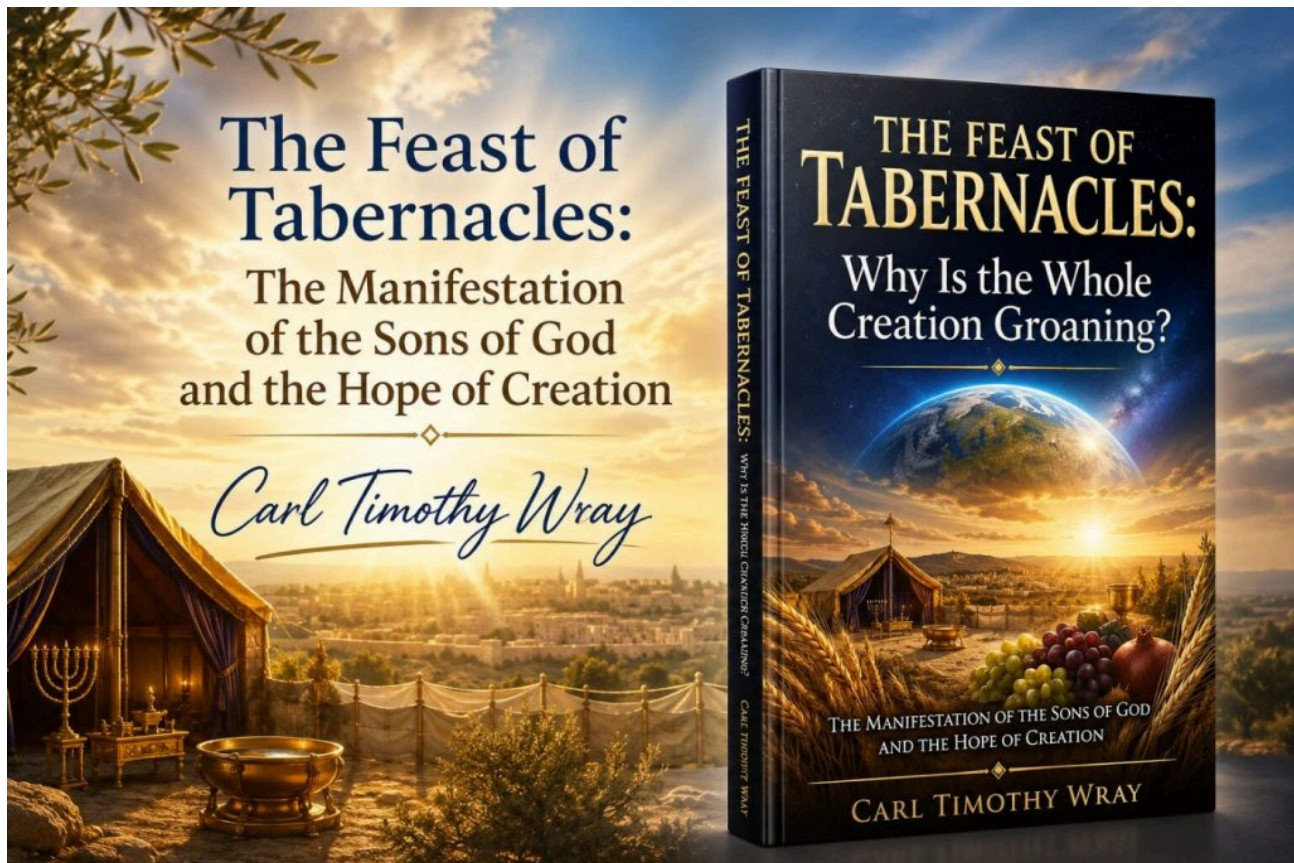
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The Feast of Tabernacles: Why Is the Whole Creation Groaning? explores one of the greatest questions in Scripture: Why does the Apostle Paul declare that the whole creation groans for the manifestation of the sons of God? This book follows the progressive revelation of God's eternal purpose through Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles, revealing why creation longs for the fullness of Christ, the hope of creation, the manifestation of the sons of God, and God's ultimate purpose of bringing all things together in Christ until [God becomes all in all.](#)



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Introduction

The Apostle Paul declared that the whole creation groans and travails together until now. He did not say creation was groaning for another empire, another religion, another political system, or another earthly kingdom. He wrote that the whole creation waits with eager expectation for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Why?

Why would the destiny of the entire creation be connected to the manifestation of the sons of God?



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creation know that religion has often overlooked?

Why did God subject creation in hope?

Why does Paul connect creation's liberation to the revealing of the sons of God?

These questions reach into the very heart of God's eternal purpose.

This book approaches those questions by following God's ways throughout Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, God never begins with fullness. He begins with a seed. Every administration begins in promise, grows through divine order, and reaches its appointed maturity. The Law matured into Christ. Pentecost begins with a newborn Church and matures through the equipping of the saints. The Feast of Tabernacles reveals the fullness of God's purpose as He brings His work to completion according to His appointed times.

Throughout these pages we will examine why creation groans, why the manifestation of the sons of God stands at the center of Romans chapter eight, how the Feast of Tabernacles reveals God's pattern of maturity, and how every stage of God's purpose moves toward His eternal goal of gathering all things together in Christ until God becomes all in all.

The purpose of this book is not merely to answer difficult questions. It is to reveal the beauty, order, wisdom, and consistency of God's eternal purpose as it unfolds throughout the Scriptures.

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Chapter 1

The Pattern of God's Ways

The Feast of Tabernacles Begins with Understanding God's Ways

Isaiah 55:8-9

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

Before we can understand the Feast of Tabernacles, we must first understand the ways of God.

God never changes His ways.

His purpose unfolds according to divine order.



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The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals God's Pattern

Mark 4:28

"For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

God never begins with fullness.

He begins with a seed.

Every administration begins with a seed, grows according to His order, and reaches its appointed maturity.

Seed.

Blade.

Ear.

Full ear.

This is the way of God.

The Feast of Tabernacles Follows God's Appointed Times

Galatians 4:1-2



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ay, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a
though he be lord of all;

But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.”*

God works by appointed times.

Every administration has a beginning.

Every administration has growth.

Every administration reaches maturity.

Nothing in God’s Kingdom skips maturity.

The Feast of Tabernacles Cannot Be Understood Without Firstfruits

James 1:18

“Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”

God always begins with firstfruits.

The firstfruits are never the whole harvest.

The firstfruits are God’s guarantee of the harvest.

God reveals the first before He gathers the whole.



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The Feast of Tabernacles Follows the Pattern of Increase

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

*"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."*

Men sow.

Men water.

God gives the increase.

The increase belongs to God.

The harvest belongs to God.

The appointed times belong to God.

The Feast of Tabernacles Is Built Upon God's Eternal Purpose

Ephesians 3:11

"According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."



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reacting to history.

God is unfolding His eternal purpose.

Every administration serves that purpose.

Every ministry serves that purpose.

Every promise serves that purpose.

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals the Hope of Creation

Romans 8:19

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

The whole creation is waiting.

The whole creation is groaning.

The whole creation is hoping.

Why?

That question will guide the remainder of this book.

To understand why creation groans, we must first understand the ways of God.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals those ways.



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Chapter 2

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The Feast of Tabernacles Begins with the Firstfruits

1 Corinthians 15:20

| *"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."*

God always begins with the firstfruits.

The firstfruits are God's witness that the harvest shall come.

The firstfruits guarantee the harvest.

Jesus Christ is the Firstfruits of God's new creation.

The Law Was Given to Bring Us unto Christ

Galatians 3:24

| *"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith."*

The Law was never the destination.

The Law was preparing the way.



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The Law pointed to one Man.

The Law brought forth Christ.

The Fullness of Time

Galatians 4:4

| *"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son..."*

God works by appointed times.

The Law began with promises.

The Law matured in Christ.

When the fullness of time came, the Son appeared.

The Word Became Flesh

John 1:14

| *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..."*

The shadows became substance.

The promises became reality.

The invisible Word became visible.



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appeared.

Christ Is the Head of the Body

Colossians 1:18

"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead..."

God begins with the Head.

Before there could be a Body, there had to be a Head.

Before there could be many sons, there had to be the Son.

Everything begins with Christ.

The Firstborn Among Many Brethren

Romans 8:29

"...that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Jesus did not come to remain alone.

The Head came to bring forth a Body.

The Firstborn reveals God's purpose for many sons.

The Captain of Our Salvation



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"For it became him... in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

The Captain came first.

The Commander appeared first.

The Shepherd appeared first.

The Firstfruits appeared first.

God always begins with one before He brings forth many.

Passover Reached Its Fullness in Christ

Matthew 5:17

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

Passover reached its appointed maturity in Jesus Christ.

The Law fulfilled its purpose.

The Firstfruits appeared.

The Head was revealed.

Now God begins another administration.



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He will reveal the Head in the midst of His Body.

Chapter 3

Pentecost: The Head and the Body

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals Why Pentecost Was Given

Acts 2:1

| *"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come..."*

Pentecost had a beginning.

Pentecost began with a birth.

The Church was born.

The Body of Christ began to grow.

Born of the Spirit

Acts 2:4

| *"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost..."*

One hundred and twenty believers were born of the Spirit.

The Kingdom began to grow.



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d been planted.

Now the increase begins.

Pentecost Begins with Children

Galatians 4:1-2

*"Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father."*

Pentecost begins with children.

Children grow.

Children mature.

Children become sons.

God works by growth.

Christ Gave Ministry Gifts

Ephesians 4:11-12

*"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints..."*



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The Fivefold Ministry was given to the saints.

Their ministry is to equip the saints.

Their ministry is to mature the Body.

Their ministry is to prepare the inheritance.

Until We All Come

Ephesians 4:13

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Pentecost has a destination.

Pentecost has a maturity.

God is growing His Body.

God is preparing His people.

God is bringing His saints unto maturity.

Christ Formed in You

Galatians 4:19

"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you."



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Pentecost is about formation.

Christ is formed in His people.

The Body grows into His image.

The saints are prepared for God's purpose.

The Earnest of Our Inheritance

Ephesians 1:13-14

"...which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession..."

Pentecost gives the earnest.

The earnest is the beginning.

The earnest points toward the inheritance.

God always begins with the first before revealing the fullness.

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals the Next Administration

Romans 8:23

"...waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."



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aches us to grow.

Pentecost teaches us to mature.

Pentecost prepares the saints.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals the hope toward which creation waits.

The next question is not whether creation is groaning.

The next question is:

Why is the whole creation groaning?

Chapter 4

Why Is the Whole Creation Groaning?

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals Creation's Hope

Romans 8:19

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

The whole creation is waiting.

The whole creation is hoping.

The whole creation is expecting.

The question is...



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Why:

The Whole Creation Groans

Romans 8:22

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

The whole creation is groaning.

Not part of the creation.

The whole creation.

God placed hope within His creation.

God placed expectation within His creation.

We Also Groan

Romans 8:23

"And not only they, but ourselves also... even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

The saints are groaning.

Creation is groaning.



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groaning.

The groan is universal.

The hope is universal.

The Spirit Makes Intercession

Romans 8:26

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities... the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

The Spirit groans.

The saints groan.

Creation groans.

God is revealing one purpose.

God Subjected Creation in Hope

Romans 8:20

"For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope."

God did not subject creation without purpose.



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d creation in hope.

Hope always looks toward fulfillment.

Hope always has an appointed end.

Why Is the Whole Creation Groaning?

Romans 8:19

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

Creation is not waiting for another law.

Creation is not waiting for another priesthood.

Creation is not waiting for another prophet.

Creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Why?

Because God has connected creation's hope with that manifestation.

The Manifestation Reveals the Fullness of Christ

Ephesians 4:13

"...unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."



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Creation is waiting for the fullness of Christ.

The manifestation of the sons of God reveals the fullness of Christ.

The hope of creation is Christ revealed.

The hope of creation is Christ manifested.

The Feast of Tabernacles Answers the Groan

Romans 8:21

"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

The groan is not without purpose.

The groan is moving toward liberty.

The groan is moving toward freedom.

The groan is moving toward God's eternal purpose.

The next question is just as important.

Why does the manifestation of the sons of God answer creation's groan?

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Why the Manifestation of the Sons of



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The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals the Answer

Romans 8:19

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

Paul did not say creation waits for another prophet.

Paul did not say creation waits for another apostle.

Paul did not say creation waits for another outpouring.

Creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Why?

Creation Waits for the Fullness of Christ

Ephesians 4:13

"...unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

The manifestation of the sons of God is the manifestation of the fullness of Christ.

Christ is the hope of creation.

Christ is the life of creation.

Christ is God's answer to creation's groan.



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God Always Begins with Firstfruits

James 1:18

| *“...that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”*

God always begins with the firstfruits.

The firstfruits are not the whole harvest.

The firstfruits guarantee the harvest.

God reveals the first before He gathers the whole.

Christ Is the Firstborn Among Many Brethren

Romans 8:29

| *“...that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

God began with one Son.

God brings many sons unto glory.

The Firstborn reveals God's purpose for many brethren.

The Firstfruits Guarantee the Harvest



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Is 15:20

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

The firstfruits are God's guarantee.

What God begins in the firstfruits,

He will complete in the harvest.

The Captain Brings Many Sons to Glory

Hebrews 2:10

"For it became him... in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

The Captain came first.

The many sons follow.

God begins with one.

God then reveals His purpose in many.

The Hope of Creation

Romans 8:21

"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."



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Creation is waiting for liberty.

Creation is waiting for freedom.

Creation is waiting for deliverance.

The hope of creation is not corruption.

The hope of creation is liberty.

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals God's Fullness

Colossians 1:27

| *"...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

Christ in you is the hope of glory.

Christ manifested is the hope of creation.

Christ revealed is the answer to creation's groan.

The fullness of Christ reveals the fullness of God's purpose.

God Always Reveals the Harvest Through the Firstfruits

Romans 11:16



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| *"For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy..."*

God begins with the firstfruit.

God finishes with the harvest.

The firstfruit reveals what the harvest shall become.

The manifestation of the sons of God reveals the hope of creation.

The next question is:

How does God prepare a people for the manifestation of the sons of God?

Chapter 6

The Ministry That Prepares the Saints

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals Why Christ Gave Ministry Gifts

Ephesians 4:11-12

*"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."*

Christ gave ministry gifts.

The gifts were given to the saints.



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The ministry was given to perfect the saints.

The ministry was given to build the Body.

Until We All Come

Ephesians 4:13

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

God gave the Fivefold Ministry a destination.

God gave the Fivefold Ministry a purpose.

The Body must grow.

The saints must mature.

The perfect man must appear.

Children Must Become Sons

Galatians 4:1-2

**"Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;*

*But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father."**



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Heirs mature.

God works by appointed times.

The Father prepares His inheritance.

Christ Formed in You

Galatians 4:19

| *"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you."*

The ministry prepares the saints.

Christ is formed within His people.

Growth is God's order.

Maturity is God's purpose.

The Fivefold Ministry Equips the Saints

2 Timothy 2:2

| *"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*

Truth is entrusted.



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faithful men teach others.

The Gospel is multiplied.

The Body grows through faithful ministry.

God Gives the Increase

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

*"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."*

The ministry plants.

The ministry waters.

God gives the increase.

God alone brings His purpose to maturity.

The Saints Are Being Prepared

Romans 8:29

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son..."

God prepares the saints.



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The saints are conformed to Christ.

The image of the Son is God's purpose.

The Body grows into His likeness.

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals the Prepared People

Revelation 12:1-2

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman... and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

God prepares before He manifests.

God matures before He reveals.

The ministry prepares.

The saints mature.

The harvest follows the preparation.

The next question is:

Why does God always begin with firstfruits before revealing the harvest?



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The Firstfruits Principle

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals God's Way

James 1:18

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."

God always begins with firstfruits.

The firstfruits are never the whole harvest.

The firstfruits are God's beginning.

The harvest follows.

Christ Is the Firstfruits

1 Corinthians 15:20

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

Jesus Christ is the Firstfruits.

The Head appeared first.

The Firstfruits guarantee the harvest.

The harvest begins with Christ.



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The Firstborn Among Many Brethren

Romans 8:29

| *“...that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

God begins with one Son.

God brings many sons unto glory.

The Firstborn reveals God’s purpose.

The many brethren reveal the increase.

The Firstfruit Sanctifies the Harvest

Romans 11:16

| *“For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy...”*

God reveals the first.

God guarantees the whole.

The firstfruit testifies of the harvest.

The beginning declares the end.



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g Many Sons unto Glory

Hebrews 2:10

"For it became him... in bringing many sons unto glory..."

God begins with Christ.

God brings many sons unto glory.

God always begins with the first before revealing the many.

Every Man in His Own Order

1 Corinthians 15:22-23

**"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*But every man in his own order..."**

God has an order.

God has appointed times.

God reveals His purpose progressively.

Nothing in God's Kingdom happens out of order.

Firstfruits Before the Harvest



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"...ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest."

The Feast of Tabernacles follows God's pattern.

The firstfruits appear before the harvest.

The harvest follows the firstfruits.

God never reverses His order.

The Firstfruits Reveal the Harvest

Revelation 14:4

"...These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb."

God reveals the first.

God gathers the harvest.

The firstfruits are God's witness.

The harvest is God's increase.

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals God's Eternal Purpose



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*"...having made known unto us the mystery of his will...

That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ..."*

God begins with firstfruits.

God finishes with the harvest.

God begins with one.

God gathers all things in Christ.

The firstfruits reveal the beginning.

The harvest reveals the fullness.

The next question is:

How does the Feast of Tabernacles reveal the fullness of Christ and the hope of creation?

Chapter 8

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals the Fullness of Christ

The Feast of Tabernacles Is the Feast of Fullness

Leviticus 23:39



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"Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days..."

The Feast of Tabernacles is the feast of ingathering.

It is the feast of fullness.

It reveals completion.

It reveals maturity.

It reveals the fulfillment of God's purpose.

The Feast of Tabernacles Follows Passover and Pentecost

Leviticus 23:2

"Concerning the feasts of the LORD... these are my feasts."

God gave three major feasts.

Passover.

Pentecost.

The Feast of Tabernacles.

God's order never changes.



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One feast prepares for the next.

Christ Must Fill His Body

Ephesians 1:22-23

*"...the church,

Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."*

Christ is the Head.

The Church is His Body.

His Body is called His fullness.

God's purpose is Christ revealed in His Body.

The Fullness of Christ

Ephesians 4:13

"...unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

God's purpose is maturity.

God's purpose is fullness.

The saints grow.



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atures.

Christ is revealed in His fullness.

Christ in You

Colossians 1:27

| *"...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

Christ is the hope of glory.

Christ is the hope of creation.

Christ is God's answer.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals the fullness of Christ.

The Hope of Creation

Romans 8:19

| *"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."*

Creation is waiting.

Creation is expecting.

Creation is hoping.



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The hope of creation is Christ revealed.

The hope of creation is the fullness of Christ.

The Redemption of the Body

Romans 8:23

| *"...waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."*

The promise is greater than the earnest.

The inheritance is greater than the pledge.

The redemption of the body belongs to God's purpose.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals the hope of that promise.

God Brings Many Sons unto Glory

Hebrews 2:10

| *"For it became him... in bringing many sons unto glory..."*

The Captain came first.

The sons follow.

The Head prepares the Body.



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veals Christ.

God brings many sons unto glory.

God's Purpose Is Fulness

Ephesians 3:19

| *"...that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."*

God's purpose is not partial.

God's purpose is fullness.

God's purpose is completion.

God finishes what He begins.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals the fullness of God's purpose in Christ.

The next question is:

How does God's purpose move from firstfruits to the whole harvest?

Chapter 9

From Firstfruits to the Whole Harvest

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals God's Harvest

1 Corinthians 15:22-23



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| **"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."*

But every man in his own order..."*

God has an order.

God has appointed times.

God reveals the firstfruits.

God gathers the harvest.

The harvest follows God's order.

The Firstfruits Are the Beginning

Romans 11:16

"For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy..."

The firstfruits are not the whole harvest.

The firstfruits reveal the harvest.

The beginning guarantees the ending.

God begins with the first.

Christ Must Increase



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"He must increase, but I must decrease."

Christ increases.

His Kingdom increases.

His government increases.

The increase belongs to God.

The Increase Belongs to God

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

Men plant.

Men water.

God gives the increase.

God gathers the harvest.

The Dispensation of the Fulness of Times

Ephesians 1:9-10



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the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things at Christ..."

God gathers.

God restores.

God brings together.

God finishes what He began.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals God's gathering.

God Is Reconciling All Things

Colossians 1:19-20

"...having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself..."

God's purpose is reconciliation.

God's purpose is peace.

God's purpose is restoration.

Christ is the center of God's purpose.

The Restoration of All Things

Acts 3:21



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"...whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things..."

God has appointed times.

God has appointed restoration.

God has appointed fulfillment.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals God's order.

God Is Not Finished

Philippians 1:6

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

God finishes what He begins.

God completes His work.

God performs His purpose.

The harvest is certain.

The Whole Harvest Belongs to God

1 Corinthians 15:28

"...that God may be all in all."



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THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES reveal the beginning.

The harvest reveals the fullness.

The increase reveals God's faithfulness.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals the completion of God's purpose.

The final question is:

How does God's eternal purpose end with God becoming all in all?

Chapter 10

God All in All

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals God's Eternal Purpose

1 Corinthians 15:28

"And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

God has an ending.

God has an eternal purpose.

God has a finished work.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals God's completed purpose.



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The Mystery of His Will

Ephesians 1:9-10

*"Having made known unto us the mystery of his will...

That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ..."*

God's purpose is gathering.

God's purpose is unity.

God's purpose is Christ.

God's purpose is all things in Christ.

Christ Must Reign

1 Corinthians 15:25-26

*"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."*

Christ reigns.

Death is defeated.

The Kingdom increases.



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Every enemy shall be subdued.

Death Is Swallowed Up in Victory

1 Corinthians 15:54

| *"Death is swallowed up in victory."*

Life triumphs over death.

Victory triumphs over corruption.

Immortality triumphs over mortality.

God finishes what He begins.

God Reconciles All Things

Colossians 1:19-20

| *"...by him to reconcile all things unto himself..."*

God's purpose is reconciliation.

God's purpose is peace.

God's purpose is restoration.

The cross reveals the heart of God.



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The Tabernacle of God

Revelation 21:3

| *"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them..."*

God dwells with His people.

God is not distant.

God is present.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals God dwelling with mankind.

Behold, I Make All Things New

Revelation 21:5

| *"Behold, I make all things new."*

God makes all things new.

God restores.

God renews.

God fulfills every promise.



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Knee Shall Bow

Philippians 2:9-11

*"...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord..."*

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Every knee shall bow.

Every tongue shall confess.

The glory belongs to the Father.

The Feast of Tabernacles Reveals the End from the Beginning

Isaiah 46:9-10

*"I am God...

Declaring the end from the beginning..."*

God declared the ending before He revealed the beginning.

Nothing has surprised God.

Nothing has altered His purpose.

Everything unfolds according to His counsel.



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God All in All

1 Corinthians 15:28

| *“...that God may be all in all”*

This is God’s eternal purpose.

This is the hope of creation.

This is the promise revealed throughout the Scriptures.

Passover revealed the Head.

Pentecost revealed the Head in the midst of His Body.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals the fullness of God’s eternal purpose.

The firstfruits reveal the harvest.

The harvest reveals the faithfulness of God.

The beginning reveals the ending.

God finishes what He begins.

The whole creation groans because God has placed hope within it.

The whole creation waits because God has appointed an ending.

The whole creation shall behold the faithfulness of God.



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For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Conclusion

The Feast of Tabernacles: The Hope of Creation

Romans 8:19

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

The whole creation is waiting.

The whole creation is groaning.

The whole creation is hoping.

The question is no longer whether creation is groaning.

The question is why.

Throughout this book we have followed one unchanging truth.

God always begins with a seed.

God always brings that seed to maturity.

God always finishes what He begins.



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God Reveals the End from the Beginning

Isaiah 46:9-10

| *"I am God... declaring the end from the beginning..."*

God never reacts.

God never changes His purpose.

Every administration unfolds according to His eternal counsel.

Passover revealed the Head.

Pentecost revealed the Head in the midst of His Body.

The Feast of Tabernacles reveals the fullness of God's purpose.

The Firstfruits Reveal the Harvest

Romans 11:16

| *"For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy..."*

God always begins with the firstfruits.

The firstfruits are never the end.

The firstfruits reveal the harvest.



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ing guarantees the ending.

Creation Waits in Hope

Romans 8:20-21

*"...the creature was made subject to vanity... in hope:

Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."*

God did not create a hopeless universe.

He subjected creation in hope.

Hope always has an appointed fulfillment.

Hope always has an appointed time.

Hope always rests upon the faithfulness of God.

Christ Is the Hope of Creation

Colossians 1:27

"...Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Jesus Christ is the beginning.

Jesus Christ is the center.



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is the ending.

Everything God has purposed is found in His Son.

Everything God has promised is fulfilled in His Son.

Everything God has spoken testifies of His Son.

God Shall Be All in All

1 Corinthians 15:28

| *"...that God may be all in all"*

This is the eternal purpose of God.

This is the hope placed within creation.

This is the reason creation groans.

This is the reason the Spirit intercedes.

This is the reason the saints press toward the mark.

God is bringing His purpose to completion.

He is gathering all things together in Christ.

He is fulfilling every promise.

He is completing every purpose.



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ing every work He began.

The whole creation waits because God has promised liberty.

The whole creation hopes because God has ordained fulfillment.

The whole creation groans because the Creator has placed eternity within His purpose.

The Feast of Tabernacles declares that God is faithful.

What He began, He will finish.

What He promised, He will perform.

What He purposed before the foundation of the world, He will bring to pass in His appointed time.

Until that day, we sow the seed.

We water the seed.

We preach the gospel.

We equip the saints.

We trust God for the increase.

For the increase has always belonged to Him.

And when His purpose has reached its appointed fullness, every promise shall stand fulfilled, every purpose shall stand complete, and every eye shall behold the faithfulness of God.



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“For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.” — Romans 11:36

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 - Ephesians 1:9–10
 - Colossians 1:19–20
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- 1 Corinthians 15:24–28
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