

THE JOY OF DRAWING WATER

Simchat Beit Hashoavah - the joy of drawing water

Before diving into this SOULution worksheet, let's see what John 7:1-44 tells us about Yeshua at the climax (the eight day) of the Feast of Sukkot.

NAME A JOY SET BEFORE YOU
(THINK OF A SPECIFIC ACTIVITY)

WHAT DOES THE JOY OF DRAWING
LOOK LIKE FOR ME TODAY?

WHAT IS MY NEXT STEP OF
TRUST + OBEDIENCE?

HOW DO I VIEW MYSELF AS A
TRUSTEE OF JOY + LIVING WATERS?

COLOR. RELAX. CREATE.

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By the time of Yeshua, a water libation ceremony had become part of the tradition of the festival. This was called the “Simchat Beit Hashoavah” – the water-drawing festival. The priests would go down to the pool of Siloam in the City of David (just south of where the Western Wall is today) and they would fill a golden vessel with the water there. They would go up to the temple, through the Water Gate, accompanied by the sound of the shofar, and then they would pour the water so that it flowed over the altar, along with wine from another bowl. This would begin the prayers for rain in earnest, and there was much rejoicing at this ceremony.

The ceremony refers to this passage in Isaiah 12:

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” (Isaiah 12:2-3).

One of the names for this day is “Hoshana Raba”, which means Great Salvation. And you may know that this is the exact word of Yeshua’s name – Salvation. The Hebrew word literally says, with joy you will draw water from the wells of Yeshua!

The passage discusses all of Yeshua’s teaching at Sukkot in Jerusalem, and explains that when he was speaking of this living water, he was referring to the Ruach HaChodesh (Holy Spirit), which was to be poured out on the believers.

Yeshua was also referencing Isaiah 55, a chapter calling the people of Israel in particular to salvation...

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.”

This same theme appears again in the climax of our great story, in Revelation 22:

“The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.” (Revelation 22:17)

SOULjourner, wherever you are this Sukkot, hear the voice of your Messiah calling you today: “COME”.

JOHN 7

“living water”

FLOWS WITHIN ME. I WILL DRAW UPON
THE INNER + DIVINE WATERS.