

## **RIVERS of LIVING WATERS**

The background of this passage is important to our lesson, Rivers of Living Water.

**What was happening to motivate Jesus to make this appeal to this specific group?** The writer tells us that it was the “last day of the great feast” in (Jn.7:37).

(Jn.7:1) “Now the fest of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was at hand.” [Tabernacle]

The Feast of Booths was one of seven “shadow Christology” national holidays. (These are all listed in Lev.23)

- Four represented the First Coming of Christ:
  - Passover
  - Unleavened Bread
  - First fruits
  - Weeks or Pentecost
- three represented the Second Coming
  - Trumpets
  - Atonement
  - **Booths or Tabernacles**
    - The Festival of Booths was Israel’s Thanksgiving holiday (Ps.27).
    - It was one of three pilgrimages required of Israelites (Deut.16:16).
    - It is significant to the Millennium of the Second Coming (Zech14:16).

The first and last days of this series of national holidays were “High Sabbaths” (Lev.23:36, 39).

- On the last day of Booths, the high priest led a procession from the Temple Mount to the Pool of Siloam to fill a golden pitcher of water.
- It was then carried back to the Temple Mount and poured on the altar.
- This was to celebrate the Wilderness Rock providing water (Ex.17:1-7; 1 Cor.10:4).

This was the background to Jesus’ appeal to the crowd attending the Feast of Booths from all over the world.

(Jn.7:37) “If (3cc) [and it’s True] anyone (tis) thirst (dipsao / p.a.subj), **come** (erchomai / p.a.impv.3ps) [command] **to Me and drink** (pino / p.a.impv) [command].”

**We will study our lesson text by the following five homiletical points of Rivers of Living Waters.**

**Need (Jn.7:37)**

**Necessity (Jn.7:38)**

**Norm (Jn.7:38)**

**Not national (Jn.7:38)**

**New Covenant (Jn.7:39)**

**Please answer the following seven questions related to our lesson text.**

- 1. What is meant by “the last day?”**
- 2. What “great feast” was Jesus attending?**
- 3. Whom is Jesus addressing in this sermon?**
- 4. What does this phrase mean, “out of the belly shall flow rivers of living water?”**
- 5. Why did Jesus use a water analogy to teach a doctrinal lesson?**
- 6. What doctrinal lesson was Jesus teaching?**
- 7. How does a person get “rivers of living water” into his belly according to our lesson text?**