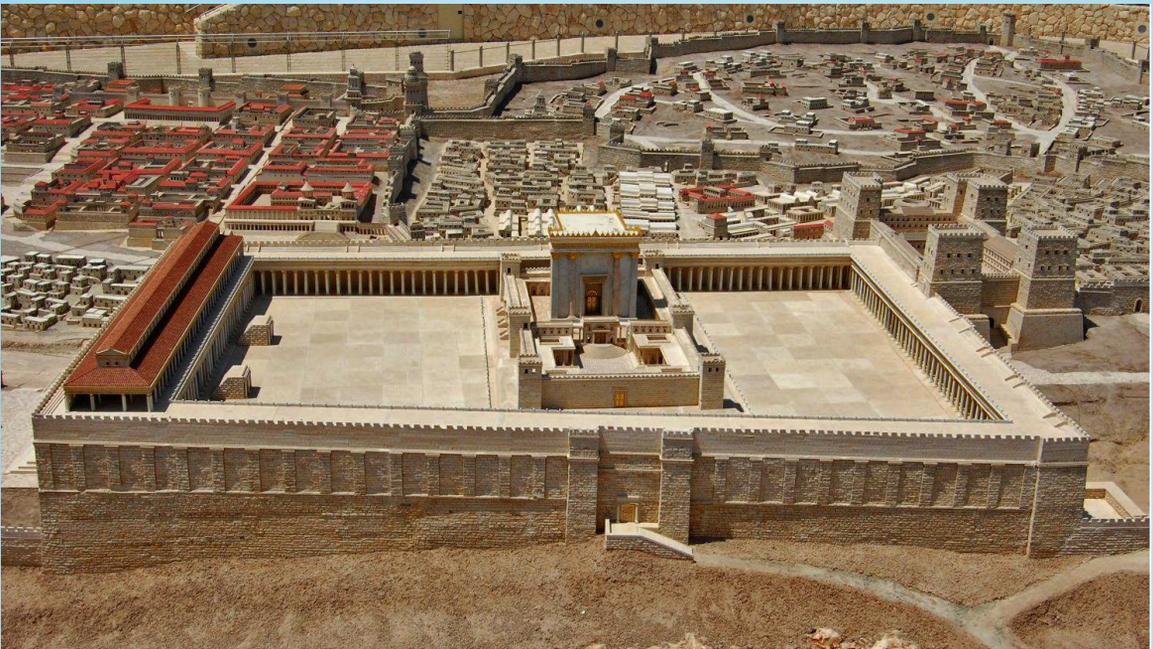




# Knowing Christ

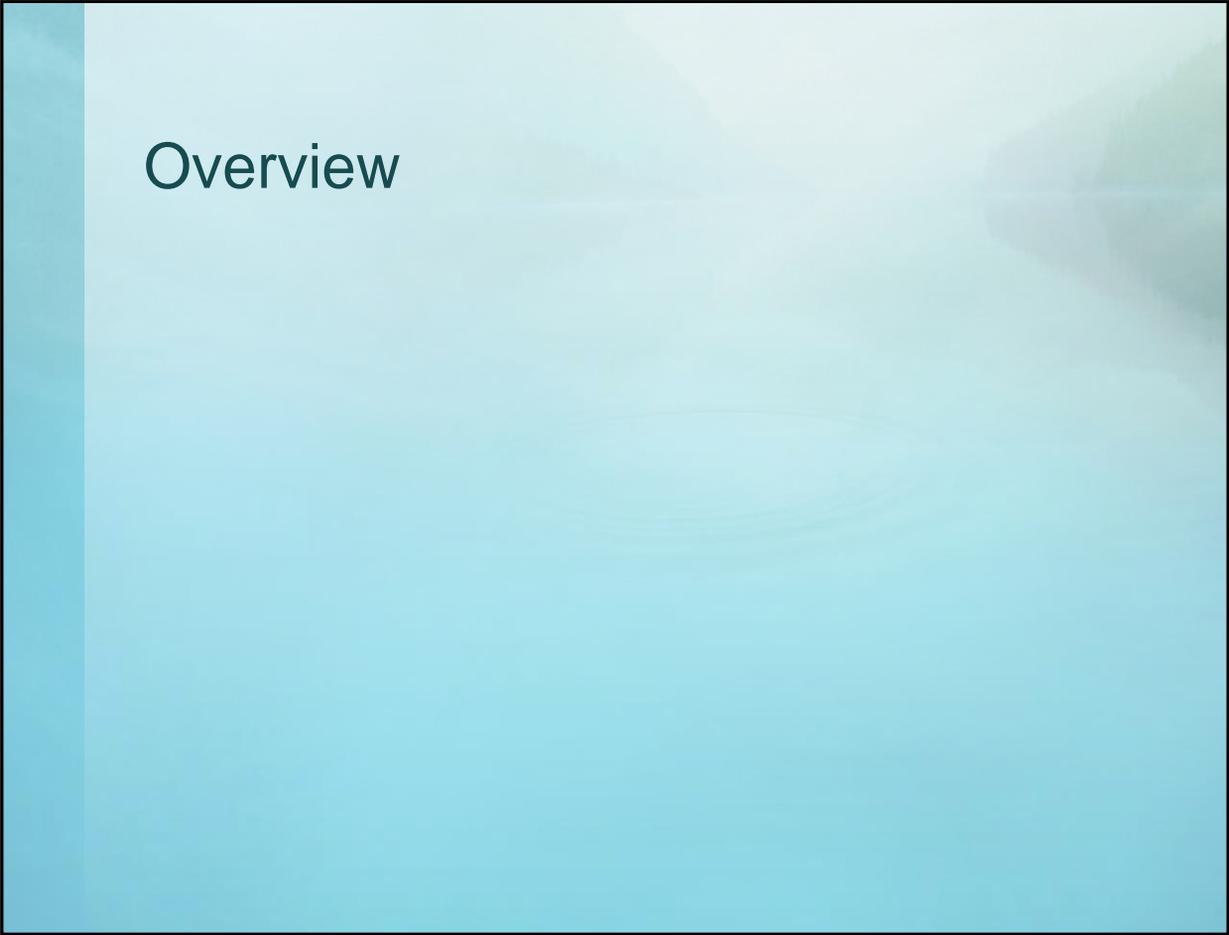
Free Indeed





## John 7:1 – 8:59 Feast of Tabernacles

1. 7:1-9 Jesus moves from Galilee to Jerusalem
2. 7:10-25 The authority behind Jesus' teaching.
3. 7:25-36 The identity of Jesus.
4. 7:37-44 The promise of the Spirit.
5. 7:45-53 The Jewish leaders' unbelief.
6. 8:1-11 The Woman Caught in Adultery
7. 8:12-30 The Mind of Christ



# Overview

## Freedom Offered

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 8:31** Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; <sup>32</sup> and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered Him, "We are Abraham's offspring, and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You shall become free '?"

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## Bondage of Israel

- Egypt
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **Exodus 2:23** Now it came about in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God.
- Assyria
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Kings 17:6** In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and carried Israel away into exile to Assyria
- Babylon
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Chronicles 9:1** So all Israel was enrolled by genealogies; ... And Judah was carried away into exile to Babylon for their unfaithfulness.

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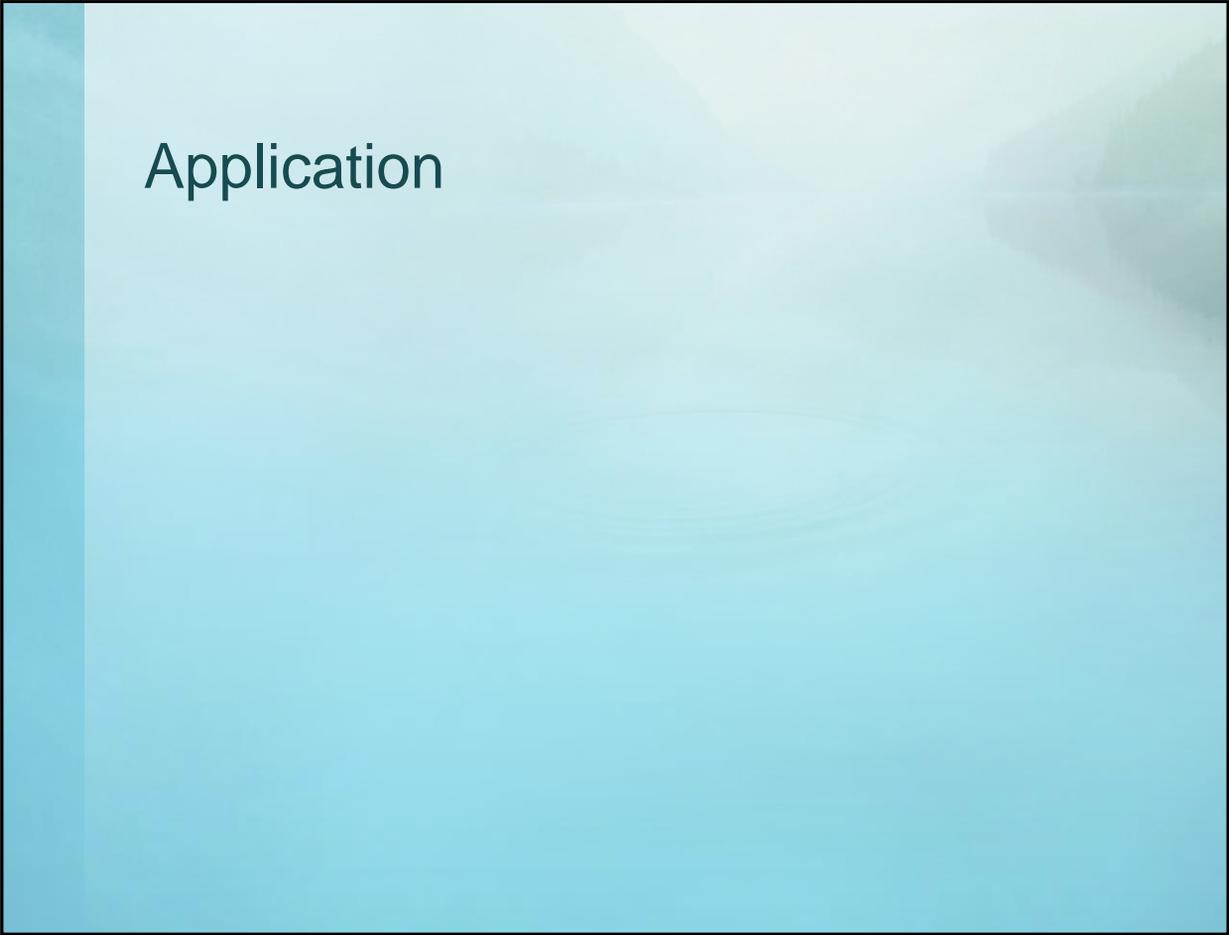
- Media and Persia
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **Ezra 9:9** "For we are slaves; yet in our bondage, our God has not forsaken us, but has extended lovingkindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia ...
- Greece
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **Zechariah 9:13** For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece; And I will make you like a warrior's sword.
- Rome
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 27:27** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him..

## Freedom Reoffered

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 8:34** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> "And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. <sup>36</sup> "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted;  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to captives, And freedom to prisoners;

## Gauntlet Thrown Down

- NAS **John 8:37** "I know that you are Abraham's offspring; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. <sup>38</sup> "I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father."



# Application

## Christ and the First Exodus

- **NAS 1 Corinthians 10:1** For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food; <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

## Christ and the Second Exodus

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 8:32** and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...<sup>34</sup> ... "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> "And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. <sup>36</sup> "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

## Liberating Truth

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 8:32** and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.“
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **John 5:39** "You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me;
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **John 5:46** "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me.
  - <sup>NAS</sup> **John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

## Freed From Sin

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 11:28** "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> "Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> "For My yoke is easy, and My load is light."
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Romans 6:18** You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 5:1** It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 Peter 2:16** Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

# Conclusions

## Freedom Promised

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## Freedom Delivered

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit...  
<sup>9</sup> However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you... <sup>10</sup> And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

## Free Indeed

- Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me
- Free at last, He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me
- Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am