

# Numbers 29:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work therein:

## Analysis

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The eighth day after Tabernacles was 'a solemn assembly; ye shall do no servile work therein.' The Hebrew 'atseret' (solemn assembly/conclusion) marked sacred conclusion to festival season. After Tabernacles' joyful seven days, this eighth day provided sacred closure. The number eight in Scripture often represents new beginning beyond completion (seven). This eighth day foreshadows the eternal rest in new creation - the ultimate Sabbath beyond time. Jesus chose this day to make His living water proclamation (John 7:37-39), identifying Himself as fulfillment of festival's spiritual meaning. The prohibition on work emphasized sacred rest, pointing to eternal rest in God's presence.

## Historical Context

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This assembly concluded the seventh month's festivals: Trumpets (day 1), Atonement (day 10), and Tabernacles (days 15-21), with this assembly on day 22. The intensive month of sacred observances ended with solemn gathering, smaller than Tabernacles proper, focusing hearts on closure and anticipation. Offerings decreased from Tabernacles' lavish amounts to modest conclusion (v.36-38), symbolizing movement from joyful celebration to quiet reflection. Solomon's temple dedication concluded on this eighth day (2 Chr 7:8-10). Nehemiah's revival included this observance (Neh 8:18). The day typologically points to eternal state beyond millennial kingdom - eternal eighth day of unending worship and rest.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. Do you incorporate sacred pauses to reflect and conclude seasons before rushing to next activities?
2. How does the eighth day pointing to eternal rest encourage your hope for final consummation with Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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day	On the eighth	ye shall have a solemn assembly							
H3117	H8066	H6116							
work	no servile	H3808	ye shall do						
H4399	H5656		H6213						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 23:36** (Parallel theme): Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.