

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12

I. Dealing With John 7:53-8:11

Evidence For Exclusion:

1. Is not contained in any of the earliest Greek manuscripts
2. Earliest church father's commentaries omit text
3. The Flow from 7:52-8:12
4. First Mention of this passage in 10th century
5. Differing placement (after John 7:36, 7:44, 21:25, Luke 21:38)
6. Not *Johannine* vocabulary and style

II. The Setting

John 7:37

John 8:20a

Exodus 13:20-22; 40:34-38

Psalms 27:1

III. Jesus' Declaration

Egō eimí – I AM

Exodus 3:14

John 4:26; 6:35

phōs – the source of light

lýchnos - a light made by burning a wick saturated with oil; lamp; candle

Isaiah 60:19-20

Isaiah 42:6; 49:6

John 1:4-9

Jeremiah 13:16

Psalms 119:105

John 12:46

Ephesians 5:8-14

1 Peter 2:9

John 12:35

bios – daily life, existence day to day, physical life; common to all people

psyché – the essence of life in terms of thinking, willing, and feeling;
specific to an individual

zōé - the uncreated, eternal life of God

Psalm 36:9

John 7:37-38; 8:12

Closing Thought: Jesus used the celebration at the Feast of Tabernacles, where water and light were elements used to remember God's provision and to look forward to God's salvation via the Messiah, to clearly proclaim that He is the source of the Living Water, and that He is the Light of the world. Have you come out of your darkness and into the Light?

If so, Beloved, let's walk in that Light. If not, come to the Light and stop loving the darkness you live in.