

“Sukkot”

“The Feast of Tabernacles”

Hebrew = to cross over; to make a transition. Have you made the transition from being under **Yahweh's** wrath, too being under His grace? Have you crossed over from doing things your way, too doing things **Yahweh's** way. Personally I like to think of Hebrew as being born again.

Other names for this feast include **Sukkot, Feast of Tabernacles, Feast of Booths, and Feast of Ingathering.**

Leviticus 23:33-44

Vs. 34 – Tabernacles = In Hebrew they call it **Sukkot which means to join together, to cover or cover over, to protect, entwined boughs, booth, tent, or tabernacle.** Sukkot is plural for the feast of tabernacles and **Sukkah** is singular for a tent.

Vs.40 – fruit = boughs, foliage, first fruits, fruit thereof, reward. The fruit and the tree branches picture God as both the One who gives us shelter and provides for us.

Vs.41 – statute forever = permanent statute; eternity; forever; Greens Interlinear bible = never ending; a commandment forever; a appointed time forever!

Vs.42 – Dwell = live; to sit down; to remain; inhabit; abide. You live in your homes and you eat, sleep, work, and relax there and this is exactly what it is implying. Live in your sukkah or tent or tabernacle, or booth for 7 days

Vs.43 – So you may know that I did it. I brought you out of Egypt or out of the World; and I made you to live. It's a reminder of what God has done for

us, and what He did for the children of Israel- supper naturally providing for them in the wilderness for 40 years! And God made them live in tents.

Vs.42 – native-born = born in Israel; home born; a spontaneous growth; this would obviously appear to be for those born as Israelites; but we are born again and grafted in!

Some read this word native born and think that this feast doesn't apply to us because we are not native born of Israel!

Ephesians 2:19 – fellow citizens = 4887 = **Native of the same town**

So we are Hebrews! We have crossed over to keeping the commandments of Yahweh and we are grafted in and no longer sojourners but Native of Israel!

Leviticus 23:33-44: The instruction we see

Vs.34 – The 15th day of **Ethanim** (Hebrew 7th month), For 7 days to the Lord

Vs.35 – **1.** Assembly on the 1st day

Vs.35 – **2.** No servile or laborious, or (occupational) work on the 1st day

Vs.36 – **3.** Present offerings by fire to the Lord for 8 days

Vs.36 – **4.** Assembly on 8th day

Vs.36 – **5.** No servile, laborious, (occupational) work on the 8th day

Vs.40 – **6.** On 1st day take fruit or foliage from beautiful, leafy trees, or palm or willow trees, and rejoice before the Lord for 7 days with them.

Vs.42 – **7.** Live in booths for 7 days

Numbers 29:12-40

This is a lot of animal sacrifice every day for eight days. I count 213 animals in total besides the offerings mentioned in vs.39, and besides the daily offering in vs.16. There are 71 bulls 105 lambs 29 rams and 8 goats! **The one thing I notice here is that there is sin offering everyday, but there is no sin offering for atonement mentioned** at all as we say in vs.11 for Yom

Kippur! I think Yeshua is the sin offering of atonement- and I think that is a change in the law mentioned in Hebrews- that sacrifice needs not be done again for Yeshua did it once for all time!

Rituals:

A traditional ceremony to call forth the Messiah. This was a Water Libation ceremony on the Temple Mount that concluded on the 7th day of Sukkot. The priests would parade down to the pool of Shiloam (meaning sent one), and bring up water onto the Temple Mount for the evening ceremony. At the end of the week on the 7th day of Sukkot Yeshua would proclaim to be the fulfillment of this rehearsal. In the gospel of John it is referred to as the Last Great Day. On the final day of Sukkot they would gather around the altar and pour water on it 7x's and walk around it 7x's and each time they went around they would call out "Save Us". They were calling out for the Messiah to save them. Well in **(Jn.7:2,37-38)** at the end of Sukkot on the 7th day just after this ceremony: **On the Last Great Day of the Feast Yeshua stood up and said, "Here I am"; "Anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."**

As you continue reading the scriptures you can see that Yeshua was proclaiming to be the Messiah and it caused quite the uproar!

John 7:40-44

A look at the theme of living water flowing forth from Yahweh:

Rev.21:1-9 & 22:1-7

Zechariah 14:1-8 Do you see a theme of living water flowing forth from God

Zechariah 14:9-21

Vs.16- This feast of Sukkot, or appointed time of the Lord will be reinstated by Yeshua Himself in what appears to me to be the millennial reign.

Vs.16,17- Here scripture points to this as being a pilgrimage feast! For those families who don't travel up to Jerusalem will have no rain.

Vs.20- here it talks about the altar which is for animal sacrifice

Vs.21 here it talks about sacrifice- this is strong's 2076 and is definitely an animal sacrifice! The word means to slaughter an animal!

Deuteronomy 16:13-17

Vs.14- A time of rejoicing; even the stranger is to rejoice with them

Vs.16- 3x's a year you are to appear before the Lord in the place which He chooses (in the past I have said the place which He chooses is here for me), but many take this too mean you are to go up to Jerusalem. And with what we read in Zechariah 14 - I would have to say that the place which He chooses is Jerusalem

Vs.16-17 - Notice you are not to appear before the Lord empty handed.

Deuteronomy 14:22-29

This passage says if you not able to take the increase of your land or flocks, then you can exchange them for money. But it doesn't release you from going to Jerusalem. **You still are to go up to the place which Yahweh chooses to place His name.** Then you are to eat and drink in His presence!

What does Sukkot Symbolize:

I think Sukkot is a **symbol of a wedding canopy (chupa)** hence the covering.

Sukkot lasts for seven days and so did ancient Hebrew weddings. And some think that the Marriage Supper of the Lamb will also last 'seven days', symbolic of the seven days of Sukkot. I think Sukkot is symbolic of a wedding and believers (those who keep the commandments of Yahweh and put their faith in Yeshua as the Son of Yah) are His Bride! I think the Eighth Day, being the 'conclusion' to the honeymoon of Sukkot; is the end of the Wedding Week and the Beginning of Eternity as the Bride of Messiah.

I lean towards Sukkot being a picture of the marriage of the Lamb. I lean more towards the 10 days between Yom Teruah and Yom Kippur as representing the millennial reign, and Yom Kippur being a day of judgment, and Sukkot being the marriage of the Lamb, and the eighth day representing eternity.

The Theme of Sukkot:

The theme of Sukkot is tabernacling with Yahweh! It's about learning to trust in Yah's provision in the here and now, and in the future. We need to have a vision of tabernacling with Yahweh here and now in our daily lives. And the joy that we set before us- is our vision of tabernacling with Yahweh in the future when He reigns here on earth and we all learn to keep his commandments with one heart, one way. **Jeremiah 32:39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:**

If we want God to tabernacle with us- then we need to not just make room in our heart for him by creating a space for him- No- God requires the whole heart! You must commit to God 100% of your life.

You must make a decision to follow **Yeshua** all the time - in good and bad. And learn to trust in **Yahwehs** provision here and now. And get a vision of tabernacling with God in the future and let that be the joy set before you, to help you endure to the end- because there will be times when you want to quit on God- and in order not to quit- you need vision of the joy set before you and tabernacling with Yahweh for all eternity!

Put your trust in Yahweh that His perfect will is better than His permissive will. Put your trust in **Yahweh**, and take the step of faith He has placed in front of you. Put your trust in **Yahweh** and believe that He knows what is best for you; don't trust in your self, or your heart. **Proverbs 28:26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.** Put your trust in God! **Proverbs 3:5-7 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.**

I think it's important not to lose sight of what is behind the meaning of resting or the Sabbath: By resting we are testifying to our Trust in **Yahweh** to give fruit to our labor; we are entering into Gods rest. - Vines Dictionary.

When you don't rest, it really shows that you are trusting in yourself rather than in God.

The Sabbath or resting is really a reminder of Trusting in the Father to accomplish what concerns us! Trust in Yahweh's provision!