

SEVEN days *plus* ONE



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FEAST OF TABERNACLES/FEAST OF BOOTHS/SUKKOT/ FEAST OF INGATHERING

For seven days, the **FEAST OF TABERNACLES/SUKKOT remembers** how God took care of ancient Israel for forty years as they traveled to the Promised Land and as part of God's plan of salvation, it **looks forward** to the time of a great harvest of people into the family of God—all coming to learn the way of God. It is the **foretelling of the millennial period of one thousand years** followed by the **LAST GREAT DAY**—a feast day, the **final one-hundred-year rule on this physical earth**. The Feast of Tabernacles begins fifteen days after Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement.

GOD COMMANDS US TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES: “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘These are **my appointed feasts, the appointed feasts of the Lord**, which you to proclaim as sacred assemblies... On **the fifteenth day of the seventh month the Lord's Feast of Tabernacles begins**, and it **lasts for seven days**. **The first day is a sacred assembly**; do not regular work. For seven days, present offerings made to the Lord by fire, and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly and present an offering made to the Lord by fire. It is the closing assembly; do no regular work” (Leviticus 23:1, 33-36).

ALL WILL CELEBRATE: “Thou shalt observe the **feast of tabernacles seven days**, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine: And thou shalt **rejoice in thy feast**, thou, and **THY SON, AND THY DAUGHTER, AND THY MANSERVANT, AND THY MAIDSERVANT, AND THE LEVITE, THE STRANGER, AND THE FATHERLESS, AND THE WIDOW, THAT ARE WITHIN THY GATES. Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast** unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice” (Deuteronomy 16:13-15).

FEAST OF TABERNACLES/SUKKOT ALSO KNOWN AS THE FEAST OF INGATHERING: “Celebrate the Feast of Weeks with the first-fruits of the wheat harvest, and the **Feast of Ingathering** at the turn of the year” (Exodus 34:22).

DWELL IN TEMPORARY TENTS/BOOTHES FOR SEVEN DAYS: “Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths” (Leviticus 23:42). The temporary booths image the physical/temporary state of mankind during the Millennium living God’s way prior to the resurrection into eternal bodies.

JESUS KEPT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES: “After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life. But when the Jewish **Feast of Tabernacles** was near, Jesus’ brothers said to him, ‘You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do... Jesus said, ‘You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come...’ after his brothers had left for the Feast, **he went also, not publicly, but in secret**” (John 7:1-10).

“**Not until halfway through the Feast** did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. The Jews were amazed and asked, ‘How did this man get such learning without having studied? Jesus answered, ‘**My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me**’” (John 7:14-16).

APOSTLE PAUL KEPT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES: “But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means **keep this feast** that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus” (Acts 18:21).

FEAST OF TABERNACLES/SUKKOT PICTURES THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST AND THE SAINTS: “I saw **thrones** on which were seated those who had been given **authority to judge**. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **THEY CAME TO LIFE AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS**” (Revelation 20:4).

“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the **Son of man** came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. **AND THERE WAS GIVEN HIM DOMINION, AND GLORY, AND A KINGDOM, THAT ALL PEOPLE, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES, SHOULD SERVE HIM:** his dominion is an **EVERLASTING DOMINION**, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed” (Daniel 7:13-14).

THE SAINTS WILL RULE WITH CHRIST: “And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, **shall be given to the people of the saints** of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him” (Daniel 7:27).

ANCIENT ISRAEL, THOSE WHO WERE “WITHOUT HOPE” WILL BE RESURRECTED BACK INTO THEIR PHYSICAL BODIES TO LEARN AND LIVE THE WAY OF GOD:

This time period will be very exciting. It could be right at the beginning of the Millennium that God resurrects ancient Israel—His first-born nation, that is, the first of ancient people to be re-born—resurrected back into their physical bodies and given a chance to repent and live God’s way.

“Thus says the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So, I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus said the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So, I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army” (Ezekiel 37:5-10).

FEAST OF TABERNACLES WILL BE CELEBRATED BY ALL PEOPLE FROM ALL NATIONS: “The **survivors from all the nations** that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, and **to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles**” (Zechariah 14:16).

EARTH WILL BE HEALED: “Then said he unto me, **these waters** issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, **the waters shall be healed**. And it shall come to pass, that **everything that lives, which moves, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live**: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh” (Ezekiel 47:8-9).

THE MILLENNIUM WILL BE A TIME OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY: “Behold, the days come, said the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that sows seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them” (Amos 9:13-14).

“The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. **It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing:** the

glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God” (Isaiah 35:1-2).

CHRIST WILL RULE RIGHTEOUSLY AND THE WORLD WILL REJOICE: “Say among the heathen that the LORD reigns: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: **he shall judge the people righteously.** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth” (Psalms 96:10-13).

“Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: **with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity**” (Psalms 98:8-9).

“And it shall be said in that day, Lo, **this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation**” (Isaiah 25:9).



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THE LAST GREAT DAY/SEVEN DAYS PLUS ONE

Following the Millennium, a period of 100 years is celebrated as the Last Great Day, which follows the Feast of Tabernacles. At the close of this day, the second resurrection will take place, followed by the Final Judgment. Then, the resurrected spiritual beings on earth and in heaven will get a new home. God will create a new Heaven and new Earth for His holy, royal children.

THE LAST GREAT DAY IS A COMMANDED SACRED DAY: “Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on **the eighth day shall be a 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” (Leviticus 23:36).

“Also, in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: **on the first day shall be a Sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a Sabbath**” (Leviticus 23:39).

“Also, day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and **on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner**” (Nehemiah 8:8).

CHRIST KEPT THE LAST GREAT DAY: “In the last day, **that great day of the feast**, Jesus stood and cried, saying, ‘If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink’” (John 7:37).

AFTER THE MILLENNIUM, FOR A LITTLE SEASON—100 YEARS, SATAN WILL BE RELEASED TO TEST MANKIND: “And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, **till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season**” (Revelation 20-2-3).

THE SECOND RESURRECTION: PEOPLE FROM ALL NATIONS WHO NEVER KNEW GOD AND HIS WAYS WILL HAVE THEIR CHANCE TO LEARN AND LIVE GOD’S WAY: “There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: **for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed**. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear” (Isaiah 65:20-24).

WITH SATAN OUT OF PRISON, MANY PEOPLE BEHAVE WICKEDLY AGAIN LEADING INTO A FINAL JUDGMENT AND THE SECOND DEATH FOR SOME: “And I saw a **great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw **the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works**” (Revelation 20:11-12).

“I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand

thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: **the judgment was set, and the books were opened**" (Daniel 7:9-10).

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH" (Revelation 20:13-14).

"And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and THEY THAT HAVE DONE EVIL, UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION" (John 5:29).

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, said the LORD of hosts, THAT IT SHALL LEAVE THEM NEITHER ROOT NOR BRANCH." (Malachi 4:1).

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of UNGODLY MEN" (II Peter 3:7).

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

FINALLY, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN COMES TO RESIDE WITH US ON OUR NEW EARTH: **"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:** for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea" (Revelation 21:1).

"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. **But be ye glad and rejoice for ever** in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying" (Isaiah 65:17-19).

"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness" (II Peter 3:13).

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, BEHOLD, THE TABERNACLE OF GOD IS WITH MEN, and HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM, and THEY SHALL BE HIS PEOPLE, and GOD HIMSELF SHALL BE WITH THEM, and BE THEIR GOD" (Revelation 21:2-3).

The holy days given to God's people detail His grand plan for mankind. God is transparent. Keep God's annual holy days and you will remember His grand plan.

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