

FALL FEASTS WORKSHOP

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The Moedim

The Appointed Times

“Three times in the year you are to observe a Festival to Me.
These are the Appointed Times of YHWH, which you shall proclaim as
Set Apart Convocations...”

Ex. 23:14-17; Lev. 23:23-44; Num. 29; Deut.16:13-17

The Fall Moedim

Appointed Times

Difference between a Yom and a Chag:

Yom = Day, Chag = Feast

1. **Yom Teruah** (Day of Trumpets / Soundings) - **(YOM)**
2. **Yom Kippur** (Day of Atonement) - **(YOM)**
3. **Sukkot** (Feast of Tabernacles) - **(CHAG)**
4. **Shemini Atzeret** (8th Day Convocation) - **(CHAG)**

* They are Shabbats, a commanded day of rest. The first and eighth day of Sukkot are **Shabbats**, a commanded day of rest.

Convocations and Offerings

*“**Three times a year** all your males are to appear before Yehovah your God in the place He chooses—at the **Feast of Matzot**, the **Feast of Shavuot**, and the **Feast of Sukkot**. No one should appear before Yehovah empty-handed— the gift of each man’s hand according to the blessing Yehovah your God has given you.”*

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Sukkot

Feast of Tabernacles

Overview

1. Sukkot is a **CHAG** (a Feast).
2. Celebrated on the **Fifteenth day** of the **seventh Biblical month**.
3. Sukkot is also known as the **The Feast of Tabernacles**.
4. Celebrated by offering up our First Fruits Offering and by dwelling in temporary structures for seven days.
5. The focus is on thanksgiving for the fruit harvest and thanksgiving for our permanent Sukkahs (our homes).
6. The **first** and **eighth day** are **Shabbats**, a commanded day of rest.

What The Bible Says

So on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruits of the land, you are to keep the Feast of Yehovah for seven days. The first day is to be a Shabbat rest, and the eighth day will also be a Shabbat rest. 40 On the first day you are to take choice fruit of trees, branches of palm trees,[a] boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and rejoice before Yehovah your God for seven days. 41 You are to celebrate it as a festival to Yehovah for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations—you are to celebrate it in the seventh month. 42 You are to live in sukkot for seven days. All the native-born in Israel are to live in sukkot, 43 so that your generations may know that I had Bnei-Yisrael to dwell in sukkot when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am Yehovah your God.” 44 So Moses declared to Bnei-Yisrael the moadim of Yehovah.

Leviticus 23:39-44

“On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you are to have a sacred assembly. You are not to do any of your work, and you are to celebrate the Feast to Yehovah for seven days.

“On the eighth day there shall be for you an assembly. You are to do no regular work. You are to offer to Yehovah a burnt offering, a fire offering, a pleasing aroma, one bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old without defect, and their grain and drink offerings, with the bull, ram, and lamb corresponding to their number according to the regulations, and a goat for a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offerings.

Numbers 29:12, 35-38

“You are to keep the Feast of Sukkot for seven days, after gathering in the produce from your threshing floor and winepress.” So you will rejoice in your feast—you, your son and daughter, slave and maid, Levite and outsider, orphan and widow within your gates. Seven days you will feast to Yehovah your God in the place He chooses, because Yehovah your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hand, and you will be completely filled with joy.

Deuteronomy 16:13-15

Offerings To Be Presented

These are all separate offerings

1. Sukkot Daily Offerings (*Leviticus 23:37-38; Numbers 29:35-38*)

- **You are to offer to Adonai a burnt offering, a fire offering, a pleasing aroma. The regular burnt offering with its grain offering and their drink offerings. Present an offering by fire to Yehovah—a burnt offering, a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, each on its own day**
- You can set aside a special Sukkot offering or you can have Beef, Lamb, Sheep or Goat in remembrance of this offering.
- The Daily Offering / The Daily Morning and Evening Sacrifices Offer Yehovah your daily morning sacrifice by spending time alone with Him in Prayer and in Study.
- Have a time set aside to take part in Kiddush, by breaking bread and drinking of the fruit of the vine.

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2. Sukkot First Fruits Offerings (*Exodus 23:14-17*)

- Can be monetarily **or** the First Fruits of your Fall Harvest.

Why We Celebrate

- We celebrate Sukkot because Torah says that **we are to dwell in Sukkot for 7 days** as a reminder of our wanderings in the wilderness.
- We celebrate Sukkot to celebrate the harvest of the year has come to an end and we wait until spring until the next time we start our planting calendar.
- We celebrate Sukkot to look forward to the Kingdom of Elohim to come to earth.
- We celebrate Sukkot to receive rain for our nation. ***Zechariah 14***

How We Celebrate

- We're commanded to **gather the 4 species** in the aid to our building of our Sukkah.
- Then we use the native vegetation around us to build a Sukkah or what is a dwelling place.
- We eat, sleep and interact in our Sukkot. This is to remind us of our temporary dwelling.
- If you do not sleep in your Sukkah you can sleep in a tent instead while you eat and worship in your Sukkah.
- All or most of your household interaction should take place outside for 7 days.

The Significance of Sukkot

- Sukkot represents a time of **gratitude** and **thanksgiving** for the harvest.
- It symbolizes the impermanence of life and the importance of living in the present.
- Building and dwelling in a sukkah fosters a connection to nature and community.
- Sukkot encourages reflection on the fragility of existence and the need for resilience.
- The holiday promotes hospitality and sharing with others.
- Celebrating Sukkot can deepen one's spiritual connection and sense of belonging.

Messianic Application

- As Messianics we can celebrate Yeshua's tabernacling among us, for He has come to dwell with us.
 - He dwelled with us temporarily, just as we dwell in our Sukkahs temporarily.
- **Sukkot foreshadows Yeshua's second coming, when he will come to tabernacle among us once more!**

Prophetic Significance

- It is the picture of the **FINAL REDEMPTION**, when Messiah **RETURNS, RECONCILING** all things back to Yehovah, and will **REIGN** over the Father's creation on earth.
- Sukkot foreshadows the coming Kingdom of Yeshua, where all Nations shall come up to Jerusalem to worship Yehovah during the festival. ***Zechariah 14:16***
- Prophetically understood, the seven days picture the **Olam Haba** (the world to come) and the 1,000 year Millennial Kingdom age.

What is a Sukkah Anyway?

- A **Sukkah** is a temporary structure which reminds us of how the Children of Israel dwelled in temporary structures while in the wilderness.

Start Getting you Sukkah Plans Started

- On Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles) we are commanded to build a Sukkah (Booth) using as building materials the "4 species" listed in ***Leviticus 23:40***, also as evidenced in ***Nehemiah 8:15***.
- Rabbinical tradition on the other hand, teaches that a bundle of these building materials must be ritually waved in the air during the festival. Yet there is not commandment in the bible to wave the 4 species. No where in the bible does it mention using a citron fruit.
- Dates and Olive branches were traditionally used. Sukkot is a Fruit Harvest celebration (***Lev.23:39***), therefore, decorating with fruit is a tradition.

The Four Species

1. Boughs of goodly trees
2. Branches of palm trees
3. Boughs of thick trees
4. Willows of the brook

Leviticus 23:40

1. Olive branches
2. Branches of oil trees
3. Myrtle branches
4. Palm branches
branches of leafy trees

Nehemiah 8:15

Start Getting you Sukkah Plans Started

Celebrate Sukkot

- **After** Yom Kippur, start building and decorating your **Sukkah**.
- Camp out in a tent with your family.
- Have a Biblical Thanksgiving Celebration.
- Gather around a campfire, as you worship, tell bible stories and enjoy some kosher s'mores.

Counterfeit Pagan Harvest Festivals Celebrated in the Fall

- **Mabon** (celebrated on the Fall Equinox)
- **Harvest Home** (celebrated on the Fall Equinox)
- **American Thanksgiving** (which incorporates all the pagan harvest festivals.
 - Likewise, American Thanksgiving originated as a three day feast celebrating the slaughtering and victory over the Wampanoag Native-American tribe. For Native-Americans, Thanksgiving is a "National Day of Mourning".
- **Don't take our word for it... do your research!**

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Amazon, Wayfair, Costco, Sam's Club or Cabela's

SHEMINI ATZERET

(8th Day Convocation)

What The Bible Says

“On the eighth day there shall be for you an assembly. ***You are to do no regular work.*** You are to offer to Adonai a burnt offering, a fire offering, a pleasing aroma, one bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old without defect, and their grain and drink offerings, with the bull, ram, and lamb corresponding to their number according to the regulations, and a goat for a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offerings.

Num. 29:35-38

Create Lasting Family Memories

- Decorate the House with Sukkot banners, shofars, trumpets, etc.
- If you have kids, make a Candy Sukkah House, sukkot arts & crafts.
Have the kids help you make decorations for your Sukkah.
- Have special feasts throughout the week. Have a Weenie Roast, gather round a campfire and have some kosher S'mores, tell stories and sing songs
- Hold your Annual Thanksgiving Celebration.
- Take family pictures.
- After resting on the day of Sukkot, spend time with family and friends watching biblical movies, playing board games in your Sukkah, eating in your Sukkah.

Create Lasting Family Memories

- Traditionally the Book of Ecclesiastes is read. Though the book of Ecclesiastes may not seem very encouraging.
- Vanity of Vanities we read time and time again, but the Hebrew word there is actually **הֶבֶל** **hevel** = vapor, breath.

breath (5), delusion (2), emptily (1), emptiness (2), fleeting (2), fraud (1), futile (1), futility (13), idols (7), mere breath (2), nothing (1), useless (1), vain (3), vainly (1), vanity (19), vanity of vanities (3), vapor (1), worthless (2).

**vapor of vapors = something transitory, temporal, vanishing,
passing away, fleeting**

Create Lasting Family Memories

- The Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us to be grateful for what we have. To treasure and value everything we have; every moment; every person.
- So while camping out in a tent or sukkah may seem uncomfortable and dreadful. It reminds us to be grateful for the homes that we do get to dwell in .
- While your holding your Sukkot Thanksgiving Dinner take turns sharing what your grateful and thankful for. Share what Sukkot means to you.

Summary

1. Celebrated on the **Fifteenth day** of the **seventh Biblical month**.
2. Also known as the **The Feast of Booths or The Feast of Tabernacles**.
3. Celebrated by dwelling in temporary dwellings with the commanded species for seven days.
4. The first and eighth day are commanded days of rest.

Resources

Just click on the links to open each Resource

Bible Books & Stories Traditionally Read on the Fall Feasts:

1. Sukkot - Ecclesiastes (Focus: Gratefulness & Thanksgiving)

Articles:

- Qohelet and Sukkot

Movies to watch for the Fall Feasts:

Sukkot

- Ushpizin (Adults)

** There are countless other Videos and Movies that you can find Online. * Any links posted on our website, are for reference purposes only, and does not necessarily promote, condone or agree with any website, ministry or their views.*

Where to Buy a Sukkahs and Tents

The Sukkah Project

sukkot.com

Sukkot Hadar

telescopesukkah.com

The Sukkah Store

thesukkahstore.com

Sukkah Depot

sukkahdepot.com

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- Walmart
- Sporting Goods Stores
- Amazon.com
- Wayfair.com

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We personally **Eat in our Sukkah** and **Sleep in a Tent**.