

# Sukkot

The Feast of Tabernacles

**John 1:4**

**“And the Word became flesh and  
“sukkah” [tabernacled] among us.”**

Leviticus 23:39-43

“On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the Lord for seven days, with a rest on the first day and a rest on the eighth day. Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. You shall thus celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in booths, so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.”

Introduction:

## **Read Duet 16:13-17**

The Feast of Sukkot [Booths or Tabernacles] celebrates the Messiah who once tabernacled among us, now tabernacles with us, and in the future will again tabernacle among us.

It is the last appointment of the Fall Feasts and is the culmination of all the Feasts. It is a time that is appointed for great rejoicing. As the final harvest of the year was gathered, the people would rejoice in the blessing that the harvest was, knowing that God had provided for their needs for that year and into the winter, but it was also a dress rehearsal for the final fulfillment of this holiday in the Messiah just as the Messiah fulfilled the Spring Feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread and Shavuot during His first coming. Thus, Sukkot is the great festival that is spoken of by the prophets as foreshadowing the final harvest of the souls of men into God's kingdom, and insures in an age of peace and prosperity upon the earth for all who are in Christ.

Sukkot was first established as a reminder of the temporary dwelling places the people of Israel lived in while wandering in the wilderness following the Exodus until God fulfilled His Word to bring them into the promise land exactly 430 years from the day Isaac was born to the day Joshua would lead the people into the land.

The word Sukkah (Sukkot for plural) often translated booth or tabernacle means and was a temporary shelter, stable or hut much like the modern day manger scene, which are constructed of wood and annual foliage with three covered sides and one open side.

The Feast of Sukkot anticipates the Messianic Age, when all the dead from all history will be raised to life again and those in Christ will sit at the table with Yeshua our Lord as well as with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Daniel and all the rest.

Prophetic Connections:

The Prophets relate the days of Sukkot to the final harvest in both **Micah 4:4** and **Zechariah 3:10**.

**Isaiah 4:6** says the God will spread a tabernacle of glory over Jerusalem.

**Hosea 12:9** God will cause Israel to live in Booths again yet future.

**Zech 14:4-19** the return of Christ!

**READ: Nehemiah 8:1-9:3**

**Tabernacle as our physical body imagery:**

Job 11:14, 12:6, 15:34, 22:23, **John 2:19**

**Jesus' birth as well as the transfiguration occurred during Sukkot.**

Birth narratives: Matt 1:18-chap 2, Luke 2,

Transfiguration passages Matt 17, Mark 9, Luke 9

**Practical Modern Day Activities for Sukkot:**

**Build a Sukkah**

**Decorate your Sukkah**

**Eat meals in your Sukkah and invite friends and family over to celebrate with you.**

**Use the time to remember the birth of Yeshua and look forward to His return in which we will celebrate this day with Him during His 1000 year reign.**