

Your Territory Is Enlarging Now

We have now begun the Feast of Tabernacles. It comes in the autumn after the start of the Hebrew New Year, Rosh Hashanah and the Day of Atonement. It's also known as the Feast of Booths, the Feast of Sukkot and the Feast of Ingathering.

The Feast of Tabernacles is a very special celebration. In Exodus 34:22-24 (NIV), we read, "Celebrate the Festival of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Festival of Ingathering at the turn of the year. Three times a year all your men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord, the God of Israel. I will drive out nations before you and enlarge your territory, and no one will covet your land when you go up three times each year to appear before the Lord your God."

Here we see the Lord's specific instructions on how the Israelites are to celebrate the Feast of Weeks and Feast of Tabernacles, and how three times a year their men were to appear before the Lord God of Israel.

For you, it is also very important to the Lord that you come to Him during this time. It is important that you present an offering to Him and bring Him a blessing. Most of all, He wants you to give your heart and recognize that He is Jehovah Jireh, your Provider. In this way, you will give Him honor, glory and praise.

This feast is also a joyful time of celebration. It's a time to have a festival in your heart as much as physically around you. Let's read Deuteronomy 16:13-15 (NIV), where it says, "Celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing floor and your winepress. Be joyful at your festival—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the

foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns. For seven days celebrate the festival to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.”

Jesus Christ makes your joy complete! When you confess Him as Lord and Savior, you know that the One who sprinkled His blood on the mercy seat provides for you. It is then that your joy is complete!

I want you to know this and to be encouraged during this season. The Lord is properly positioning you to step into this season full of joy. It truly is an exciting time!

Did you know that the Jewish people make something called a “sukkah” as a way of remembering their history during the Feast of Tabernacles? It has at least three walls and is framed with wood and canvas, then on top is cut branches and leaves for a roof that they could see out of. This “sukkah,” or booth, helps them remember their ancestors’ 40 years in the wilderness of Sinai and how isolated they were from the rest of the world. It also reminds them how the presence of God dwelt in their midst, how He covered them daily with His cloud and how at night He warmed them with His fiery presence. Wow! Amazing! God is so good! Their clothes didn’t even wear out and no matter what they faced or if they felt vulnerable, they were covered!

Even in times that you feel vulnerable or weak, know the Lord will come and bless you with His overwhelming presence. He tabernacles among you.

Jesus is the Word and in John 1:14 (TLV), we read, “And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Your heavenly Father loves you greatly! He wants you to

recognize that this is your season of joy and blessing. When you believe Him to be your Provider in all things, He is able to come in and properly position you and enlarge your territory! As He stretches and advances you, know that He is your provider. The joy of the Lord is your strength!

Purpose in your heart to bless the Lord by giving an offering to your favorite ministry, your church or whatever you feel called to do in honor of the Lord. {eoa}

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