

The Importance of Sukkot or the Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast of Tabernacles, or Sukkot, the Feast of Ingathering, is the feast that the Jewish people celebrate every year in the fall, marking the end of the harvest time and representing the shadow of something yet to come. What could it be? Of the three great feasts, this feast has yet to find its greater fulfillment under or in the New Covenant but it is coming. It is the final harvest of souls, the great ingathering.

Yes, we are right at the door, at the beginning of the greatest global harvest the world has ever seen.

Five Major Points Concerning Sukkot

1. The word *Sukkot* is plural for *sukkah*, referring to a booth or hut. *Sukkah* stems from the Hebrew root *sakak*, meaning to cover over or protect. During the Feast of Sukkot, the Jewish people live in booths (*sukkot*) for seven days, remembering God's protective covering and provision during Israel's 40 years in the wilderness and celebrating His goodness (see Lev. 23:42-43).

2. Sukkot is the only *mo'ed* (feast) during which God commands His people to rejoice (see Lev. 23:40; Deut. 16:14). Recall that a *mo'ed* is a set time to meet with Him. This means our King wants to rejoice with us at Sukkot – even during a time of intense global shaking.

3. To celebrate Sukkot, Leviticus 23:40 (CJB) says, "Take choice fruits from trees, palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the Lord for seven days." Different Jewish traditions interpret these natural elements differently. But by any interpretation, God wants us to see the fruit of the land as a prophetic, visual reminder of all He has provided for us in His covenant love. Even in uncertain

times, we can rejoice that He is with us as the God who provides (see Gen. 22:14).

4. On *Hoshana Raba*, a climactic ceremony took place during the time of the temple. In a type of prophetic intercessory act, Israel's priests would draw water from the Pool of Siloam. Then they carefully poured it out, praying for rain for the next year's harvest. Therefore, it was on Hoshana Raba that according to John 7:37-38 (NCB), Jesus said, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'streams of living water will flow from within him.'"

5. Sukkot is called the Feast of Final Ingathering (Chag HaAsif) in Exodus 23:16 and 34:22. An aspect of the prophetic fulfillment of Sukkot involves a great and final ingathering, a spiritual harvest of souls, in connection with Yeshua's return. Then He will tabernacle among us in unimaginable glory in the Messianic Age – and forever. Rejoice! Yes, let us rejoice!

It's Time for the Final Feast to be Fulfilled!

There is a divine relationship between the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the Second Coming of the Messiah through faith and prayer, evangelism, acts of compassion and moving in the power of the Holy Spirit. We each have a part to play that only we can do in this final great harvest.

Yes, we must partner together to see the billion-soul harvest, especially of youth. We must pray to the Lord of the harvest that He thrusts forth laborers into His great end-time field. It's time for the final Great Feast to find its fulfillment. Therefore the Feast of Sukkot of Tabernacles is so important. Let's pray unto that end! {eo}

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