

Jewish Feasts 2020: The Feast of Sukkot!

Text: Leviticus 23:33-44 ^{NKJV}

Intro: The Feast of Sukkot or The Feast of Booths began at sunset last night. It is also called the Feast of Tabernacles or The Feast of The Ingathering and marks the end of harvest time. It lasts for 7 days and concludes next Friday at sunset. This feast is one of three which required a pilgrimage to the temple and is a time of rest and rejuvenation. It is believed that when the ram's horn is blown, then all of God's people whether gathered or scattered will hear it.

Point: The Feast of Tabernacles is the only Jewish Feast that includes the Jewish people and the Gentiles. It represents the millennial reign of Christ with those who were taken up in the rapture and with those who were beheaded for their faith during the great tribulation. Together they have now returned with Jesus Christ to rule with Him in Jerusalem for 1,000 years! The message of Sukkot is that we are just passing through this temporary world that God created as a place of preparation to be part of the eternal world to come!

Revelation 20:4-6 ^{NIV} ⁴ 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 for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

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Comment: The Feast of Tabernacles is known as the seasons of joy and rejoicing! During the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles, it is customary for the Jews and the Gentiles to gather together and to celebrate as if they were one family. The first day of the Feast is celebrated with special prayer services and holiday meals. The seventh day is called the Great Supplication or the Great Plea, Petition or Prayer during which worshippers will walk around the perimeter of their sanctuary seven times beating the ground with a bundle of five willow branches which represents intercession. (5 represents grace)

Hebrews 11:13-16 ^{NTV} ¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left; they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Point: And what is that city that God has prepared for every born-again Jew and Gentile? It is the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, that comes down from God out of Heaven beautifully dressed for her husband!

Revelation 3:10-12 ^{NLT} ¹⁰ "Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. ¹² All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the New Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name.

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✚ Today I would like to speak on the following subject:

"The Feast of Sukkot 2020!"

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The Feast of Tabernacles ³³

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁴ "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord. ³⁵ On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it. ³⁶ For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it. ³⁷ 'These are the feasts of the Lord which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the Lord, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day — ³⁸ besides the Sabbaths of the Lord, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the Lord. ³⁹ 'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the Lord for seven days; on the first day there shall be a Sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a Sabbath-rest. ⁴⁰ And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. ⁴¹ You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴² You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, ⁴³ that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." ⁴⁴ So Moses declared to the children of Israel the feasts of the Lord.

Comment: A Jewish Rabbi commenting on the Feast of Sukkot stated: "Joy is an open roof, an open door and an open heart. It is the season of our rejoicing. Somehow Sukkot decodes for us the secret of joy. Joy does not come from great buildings of brick or stone; it does not come from what we shut out but rather from what we let in! Joy comes from a roof open to heaven, a door that is open to guests and a heart open to thanksgiving. "Who

is rich? Not he who has everything he wants, but the one who celebrates everything he has!" Sukkot is one of the world's great seminars in happiness because it shows us that you can sit in a shack with only leaves for a roof exposed to all the hazards of the cold, the wind and the rain and yet still rejoice when you are surrounded by God and the people you love. Have that, and you have everything. Remember, the only true disabilities that exist are the ones we allow in our lives!"

TOR Video 2020:

Sukkot: God Wants You To Be Happy!

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Note: This festival is about getting back to the basics of our faith and looking up into the clouds of glory with joy, no matter what we are facing or going through, while preparing ourselves to be in the presence of God's glory! It is a time to encourage ourselves and to know that after the rapture, we then receive our rewards at the Bema Seat of Christ followed by our attendance at the wedding feast of the Lamb. Then after 7 years we return with Christ to the New Jerusalem to rule with the Lord for 1,000 years.

Revelation 21:2-4 ^{NLT} ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

Quote: A 16th century Jewish Mystic once said: "No one has ever or will ever come into this world with the exact same mission and purpose as yours. The light within you that is intended to shine out of you is yours and yours alone and is as individual as your fingerprint and is as personal as your voiceprint."

Quote: George Orwell once said: "The more people drift away from the truth, the more they hate those who speak it."

Zechariah 14:16-19 ^{NLT} (The Millennial reign of Christ.) ¹⁶ In the end, the enemies of Jerusalem who survive the plague will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King,

the Lord of Heaven's Armies, and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.¹⁷
Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, will have no rain.¹⁸ If the people of Egypt refuse to attend the festival, the Lord will punish them with the same plague that he sends on the other nations who refuse to go.¹⁹ Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they do not go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

Close: Every head bowed and every eye closed!