

Title: Sukkot - the Feast of Tabernacles

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Summary: Understanding Yah's feast of Tabernacles or cHag Sukkot.

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From the Torah

The fall feasts are outlined in both Leviticus and Deuteronomy. We start with the beginning of the 7th month and work our way forward. The tracking of month will be worked out in another post, but you can see [here](#) the writeup on harvests and how the Yah's feasts coincide with seasons/cycles.

- **Day 1 Month 7 is Yom Teruah** from Leviticus 23

23. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24. Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

25. Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

- **Day 10 Month 7 is Yom Kippur** from Leviticus 23

26. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27. Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28. And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

29. For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

30. And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31. Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32. It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

- **Day 15 Month 7 is beginning of Sukkot**

- *From Leviticus 23*

33. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

34. Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.

35. On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

36. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

37. These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:
38. Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.
39. Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.
40. And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.
41. And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.
42. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:
43. That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

- *From Deuteronomy 16*

13. Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine:

14. And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.
15. Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

- *From Nehemiah 8*

13. And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.
14. And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:
15. And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.
16. So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.
17. And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.
18. Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

- **Day 22 Month 7 the 8th day Sabbath** from Leviticus 23/36 and Nehemiah 8/18

36. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.
37. Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

Days in 2021

From my current reckoning, here are the dates for Ozark area for the feasts mentioned above.

- Sep 8th eve to 9th eve is Yom Teruah, you blow the shofar, its a memorial and holy convocation, no servile work and an offering made by fire onto Yah.
- Sep 17th eve to 18th eve is Yom Kippur, a day of atonement with holy convocation, afflicting of souls, no work, atone before Yah, no manner of work and a sabbath rest, offering made by fire to Yah
- Sep 22nd eve to 23rd eve is first day of cHag Sukkot starting for 7 days. first day is holy convocation, no servile work, 7 days of offering made by fire to Yah following the holy convocation
- Sep 29th eve to 30th eve is the eight day following 7 days of cHag Sukkot, holy convocation of solemn assembly and no servile work, offering made by fire to Yah

For the full calendar see [here](#).

Hebrew Month 6 - 7 for Ozarks Area

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Some guidelines for celebrating

If you are new to following Torah as believer in our Messiah, Jesus Christ in english or Yeshua Ha'Maschiach, the best place to start is to associate with other believers or camps that might be meeting for 7 days of Sukkot in a campground or park or some private facility to gather and celebrate. Even if you dont believe in their dates or calendar or even some of the practices, as long as you check out the group and know they are grounded in the teachings of Jesus, I would suggest you partake the feast with them, either on the high sabbaths or the

entire feast days. This helps with you being in a congregation or assembly of believers, while keeping you engaged in scriptures and community life as your understanding increases.

In the Ozark area, there are several happening that you can check out or reach out to me iyer@brahminbeliever.com if you want to ask specifics.

But if you are unable to partake with a group, or want to lead the feast for your family, here is what I suggest, based on what I do for my family. Keep in mind this is my suggestion and not the Word of Yah, so pray and do accordingly as the head of household, what is good for your family. If you are a woman reading this, please work this through your covering, husband or head of household.

- High sabbaths involve no work, therefore,
 - try to prepare pre-cooked meals before hand and have enough to eat, so the women dont end up cooking/cleaning that day but enjoy the rest.
 - turn off cellphones or keep away so its only for emergencies
 - stay off computer and media even if its to watch a sermon or purportedly Godly programming
 - read scriptures as family, talk about the significance of the feast, ruminates what the ancients did during the feast etc.
 - play a game - indoor or outdoor that is not too hard on physically, but provides recreation and rest
 - goal is to rest, so keep that in mind and if anything looks like not resting, then dont do it
 - always focus on our Messiah as He is the Lord of Sabbath and in Him we find the ultimate rest
- Yom Kippur High sabbath, is a bit different as its no work and day of affliction
 - fast from even to even
 - I do take water but no food, do what is acceptable within your circumstances and health conditions
 - reflect on the sacrifice of our Messiah
 - search your hearts and mind to seek repentance on unrepented areas
 - search your hearts and mind to forgive others that may have transgressed you
 - sing hymns and songs praising Yah
 - read scriptures and the life of our Messiah
 - rest
 - reflect and thank that our High Priest has once in for all sacrificed Himself as the perfect lambs - both the sweet savor and the azazel goat to take away all our sins once for all, and this day is a look back at what He did once and for all times to come
 - repent if you have strayed away from our Messiah
- Other feast days, if you are able to take time off
 - spend time in gathering and fellowship
 - learn new skills that will help expand the Kingdom of God
 - serve others, poor and the needy
 - visit prison or orphanages or old age homes
 - build something with your family or congregation
 - celebrate Yah and His Son through songs and devotionals

What scriptures to read, if you are leading your family outside of the assembly of believers is covered next.

Scripture Readings

Read through all scriptures either as the head of household or taking turns with your family.

- Start with all scriptures in *From the Torah* section of this post. a PDF is also given for your convenience with scriptures from KJV.
- Read Psalms 120 - 135

- From Hosea 12

8. And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.

9. And I that am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

10. I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

11. Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12. And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.

13. (["kkjv/Hosea/Hosea.12.13"](#) is not created yet. [Click to create.](#))

- From Zechariah 14

16. And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

17. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

- From John 1

14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

- All of Matthew 5, as this is our constitution in the Kingdom of Heaven we are part of.
- All of Hebrews 11
- All of Revelation 21