



Understanding God's Appointed Times

...a 7-part study...part 4

Sukkot – **Sept 29, 2024**
Feast of Tabernacles
Module 5, Room 1



Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Sept 1, 2024 - Appointed Times – What and Why*
 - ✓ *Sept 3, 2024. - Manor Lake (starting again...)*
- ✓ *Sept 8, 2024. - Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah/Rosh HaShana)*
- ✓ *Sept 15, 2024 – Barry Hoover Teaching*
- ✓ *Sept 22, 2024 – Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)*
- ✓ *Sept 29, 2024 – Festival of Tabernacles (Sukkot)*
 - *Oct 1, 2024 – Manor Lake – Daniel Ch 1*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *So much is happening now, it is hard to make a list of items, but*
- *Israel has taken out the Head of Hezbollah and many of the Sr. Staff*
- *Hezbollah is firing missiles into Northern Israel, but they have been seriously degraded in their supply and troops. They seem like a group of snakes with their head cut off*
- *Israel is preparing for ground entry with troops and tanks. Reserve battalions called up*
- *Netanyahu gave a strong speech to the UN. Gen Assembly while an attack against Hez. leadership was taking place. US not notified until operation was underway. **Interesting***
- ***Iranian Cargo Planes have suspended flights to Beirut Airport after IDF jets forced them to turn back***

US/World

- *Ukraine Leader has visited the US and met with the leadership of both political parties*
- *Meddling in US elections by Russia, Iran, Ukraine, and others is very active. (Cyber, disinformation, terrorist activities, assassination attempts)*
- *China is continuing, along with Russia to try and sow chaos in America...streets... Elections... and stretch military so Taiwan is more vulnerable. China stirring pot in China Sea.*
- *The US is setting up Missile batteries in the Aleutian Islands to counter Russian/ Chinese efforts*
- ***Days to Election are drawing to a close. Assassination plans from 5 groups ID'd***

Israel and Hezbollah



Thoughts about our current study...

- *All of these Sacred Assemblies have other verses that further explain the procedures to follow. We will discuss this more when we do each of the Festival discussions, but we will not focus on process but on meaning.*
- *These sacred assemblies were meant to be a “**Divine drama**” or **recreate the past blessings of the Lord to make sure the generations to come knew what the Lord had done for them.** It is no different than the “ordinance” of the Lord’s Supper which is a part of the Passover Feast that Jesus celebrated in the final days of His life before the cross*
- *These Sacred Assemblies were serious business to the Jews. Some are viewed as “holidays” today, but their purpose and intent **were for solemn reflection and understanding. Today we will study one for Joy.***
- *My prayer is that each of us will see these Jewish Feasts as an opportunity to better understand the deeper meaning and the projected fulfillment, and perhaps be a way to encourage our Jewish friends to come to the Lord while they can.*

Key Verses – Sukkot (from Lev 23)

The Festival of Tabernacles

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³⁸ These offerings are in addition to those for the Lord’s Sabbaths and[these offerings are] in addition to your gifts and whatever you have vowed and all the freewill offerings you give to the Lord.)

Key Verses - Sukkot

³⁹ “So beginning with the **fifteenth day of the seventh month**, **after you have gathered the crops of the land**, celebrate the festival to the Lord for **seven days**; the first day is a day of sabbath rest, and the eighth day also is a day of sabbath rest.

⁴⁰ On the first day you are to take branches from luxuriant trees—from palms, willows and other leafy trees—and rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days.

⁴¹ Celebrate this as a **festival to the Lord** for seven days each year. **This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month.**

⁴² Live in **temporary shelters for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters**

⁴³ **so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in temporary shelters when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”**

⁴⁴ So Moses announced to the Israelites the appointed festivals of the Lord

Last time we discussed Yom Kippur

Key points to remember:

- *It is a culmination of the days of repentance, forgiveness, making amends, and seeking to repair relationships both personally and corporately for Israel*
- *It is a time to **repair relationships, ask for forgiveness from God** and others that you have wronged*
- *It is to petition the Lord for forgiveness for another year. To keep your name written in the Book of Life*
- *Certain active measures for cleansing of the High Priest, the Nation, and the Holy of Holies to be ready to stand clean before the Lord*
- ***Animal Sacrifices are made for Israel, and a male goat is designated the Scapegoat to receive the sins of the Nation and the personal Sins of the People and then released to its death in the wilderness to God for punishment***
- *God's forgiveness was seen in a crimson wool thread that turned white upon God's acceptance.*
- *Most Holy and Sacred time of the year for devout Jews.*

Today, we look at the Festival of Tabernacles / Sukkot

- These first two Fall Feasts were serious business for the observant Jews. They allowed for the renewal of both the individual and the Nation to be clean before God, and keep their name in the Book of Life
- When God accepted their sacrifices and prayers and they were “in” for another year, it was a time of celebration and rejoicing.
- Leviticus 23:33-36 says

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Lev 23:37-44 How do they celebrate it?

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Reminder of the Critical Feasts

The Promise of Each Season			Wednesday	Oct 02, 2024	<u>Rosh HaShana Starts</u>
Shabbat	Sabbath	Rest, Remembrance, and Restoration			
Pesach	Passover	Redemption	Friday	Oct 04, 2024	<u>Rosh HaShana Ends</u>
Chag HaMotzi	Unleavened Bread	Holy Walk with God	Saturday	Oct 12, 2024	<u>Yom Kippur</u>
Reshit Katzir	First Fruits	Resurrection			
Shavu'ot / Weeks	Pentecost	Revelation, and the Gift of the Torah and the Spirit	Wednesday	Oct 16, 2024	<u>Sukkot Starts</u>
Rosh Hashanah / Yom Teruah	New Year/ Trumpets	Repentance, Restoration, and returning and regathering to God	Wednesday	Oct 23, 2024	<u>Sukkot Ends</u>
Yom Kippur	Day of Atonement	Reparation and Redemption/ forgiveness from Sin - the Fullness of Redemption			
Sukkot	Tabernacles	Shelter in the Wilderness and Provision			
Chanukah	Hannukah	Festival of Light - Rededication ourselves to God			
Purim	Purim	Rejoicing and realizing that God is in control even though his hand is hidden			

Some Messianic Jews and scholars believe that Jesus was born on Sukkot, not on the Dec 25th when. tradition claims His Birth

Some Interesting Ideas about Sukkot

- It is one of the few feast days that require traveling to Jerusalem
- Some believe it is the actual timing of the Luke 2 story of the Birth of Christ
 - No one knows the real date, and the early church in about the 330 AD timeframe, chose Dec 25 for the Western Church (Pope Julius 1) as the day we celebrate Christ's Mass or Christmas
 - I'm not saying that, but the actual date is not named in the Bible
- **Sukkot** means “tabernacle” and “tabernacle” means a temporary dwelling place where man meets God. When Israel was let out of Egypt, they were instructed to build a **sukkah**, which is the **singular of Sukkot**...a tent of meeting. Every night the Israelites would set up their sukkah using linen walls and open branches as the ceiling. This was to be able to see the stars and remember that God was with them on this journey. This was a foldable dwelling and the whole family would sleep and eat in it and regarded it as a “Shelter” from the Lord.

The Festival of Sukkot - Two main ideas and One purpose

***1. Shelter** – God was the provider of shelter for the Jews as they wandered in the desert*

2. Provision** – God provided the food for them to eat. He also provided the water as Moses struck the rock with his rod, and fresh water gushed out. **Think of this provision as Bread and Water.

*The Jews were led by a cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night, and the fact that God dwelled with them (**His Presence**) and provided provision during their 40 years of wandering.*

Sukkot affirmed God's Presence with the Jews

John 1:14

*¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his **dwelling** (Sukkah) among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

We have God among us (Emmanuel) and dwelling with us as He did in the Wilderness with the Jews.

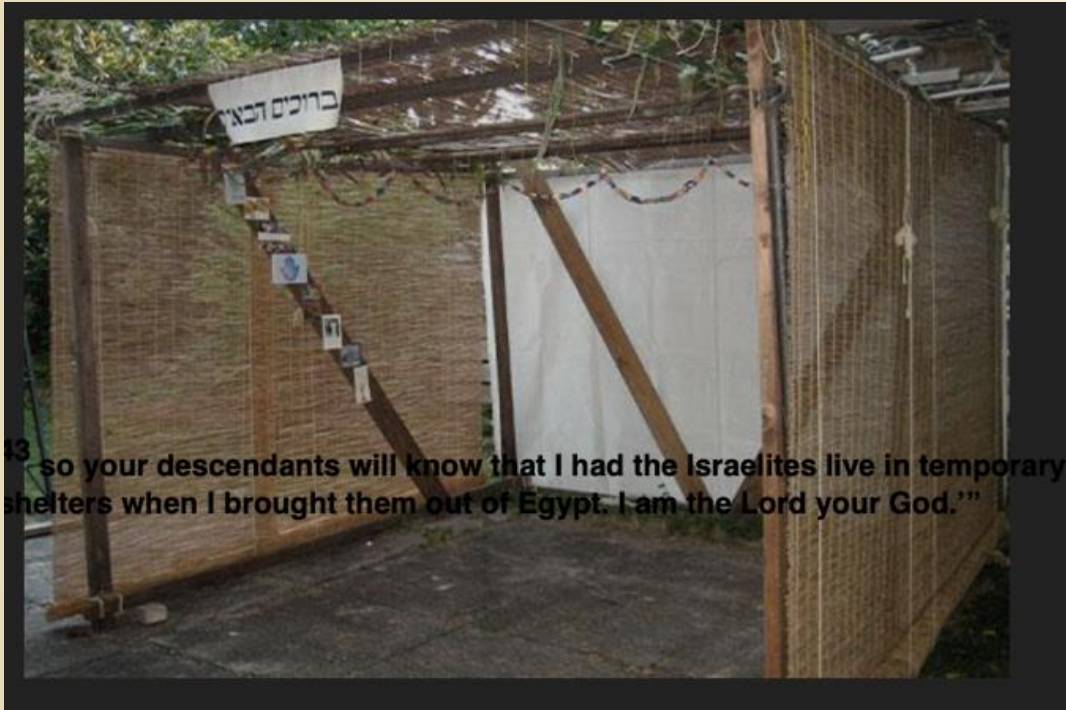
What was Moses told about Sukkot and its purpose?

*⁴³ So your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in **temporary shelters** when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.*

God was present with them wherever they were

Key Attitude for Sukkot

- *The idea of **rejoicing before God**. It is not a somber holiday but one of singing, playing instruments, and dancing for Joy before the Lord as a worship to Him.*
- *Today, Jewish families build a Sukkah*



If you have not noticed...*Jews Remember*

- *Sukkot was a celebration of Joy for being approved another year in Yom Kippur, and acknowledgment of God's presence, His Shelter, and His Provision*
- *As Christians, we also remember what God has done for us in the past, what He is doing in the present, and what He will do in the future. We can learn from, and honor what God has done also for the Jews.*

Remember the wilderness travel?

- *His Presence was manifested by a **cloud by day** that **protected them from the scorching sun of the desert and guided them during the day**. At night, the **clouds became a pillar of Fire that lit up their way and protected them from the cold of the desert, as well as the animals and varmints that were there.***
- *You can see that His Presence in a physical sense was also their Shelter and Provision.*
- *It reminds me of a benediction and prayer*

Consider the Presence and Protection of God.

*May God go before you to guide you,
Behind you to protect you,
Beside you to encourage you,
Above you to bless you
Beneath you to uphold you,
And within you to give you peace.
Amen*

*The Sukkah is the physical reminder that they are in God's hands and under His Wing of protection. It also reminds them of His **PHYSICAL PRESENCE**.*

Some verses that are important to understanding Sukkot

Matt 17:4 - ⁴ Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up **three shelters (sukkahs)**—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

Sukkot is linked to the manifest presence of God and was natural to Peter

Amos 9:11

“In that day

*“I will restore David’s fallen **shelter**—*

I will repair its broken walls

and restore its ruins—

and will rebuild it as it used to be

Sukkot is linked to the prophetic time of David in the Millennial Kingdom

Whenever we worship God, we are on the fast-path to the Presence of God

Bread and Water, provision and shelter

There are so many connections between water and bread, sukkot, and the Provision of God that we could spend a whole session on them, but here are several:

- Miriam placed Moses on the water for his safety and provision. She danced at the parting of the Red Sea for the Israelites to escape the Egyptians, exhibiting her rejoicing and worship to the Lord (Ex 15:20-21)
- When Moses struck the rock with his staff (Nu 20:11), water came out to quench the thirst of the Jews. In Num 21:7, rocks burst forth with fountains of water to quench the thirst of the people.

John 7:37-40

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, *“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, **rivers of living water will flow from within them.**”* ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

⁴⁰ On hearing his words, some of the people said, *“**Surely this man is the Prophet.**”*

Bread and Manna

In John 6, Jesus linked himself to the bread of Life

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Connections...

*Moses provided through God the Manna in the wilderness, Jesus provided and multiplied the physical bread at the feeding of the 5000, **but Jesus also provides Eternal Shelter and Provision, Presence, and Future Promises** are all connected to the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot). As the Jews rejoiced and worshipped God, we can also rejoice and worship the Lord and be thankful for all HE has, is, and will provide for us.*

IS THERE A SUKKOT IN YOUR FUTURE?

Zech 14:16 answers that (in the MK)

*¹⁶ Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up **year after year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, and to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles.***

*We all have deserts in our life. We all need to be guided, protected, and sheltered by the Lord...**and we have been.***

Delight in the Lord, His Presence, His Provision, His Protection and be thankful and rejoice over His goodness. This is what Sukkot is all about both for Jews and Christians

Next Week

- Pray for God to move in the US, protect Israel, and the leaders*
- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
 - *Pray for your family and friends inside and outside the church.*
*Pray for healing for those in grief and recovery, **Be thankful for answered prayer***
 - *Be thankful that God has placed you **in this day and time** and commit your will ...to doing His Will.*
 - *Praise Him for the blessings He continually bestows on us.*
 - *Pray for each of us to take our role seriously in the coming storm*
 - *Pray for those who don't know the Lord to come to Him*