

The Feast of Tabernacles (Booths)

Lev. 23:33 The LORD said to Moses, 34 “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the LORD’s Feast of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days. 35 The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work. 36 For seven days present offerings made to the LORD by fire, and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly and present an offering made to the LORD by fire. It is the closing assembly; do no regular work. ... 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 rest, and the eighth day also is a day of rest. 40 On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, 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 booths for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in booths 43 so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.’” 44 So Moses announced to the Israelites the appointed feasts of the LORD.

The Holy Feast Days

Spring	Summer	Fall
1. Passover	4. Pentecost	5. Trumpets
2. Unleavened Bread		6. Day of Atonement
3. Firstfruits		7. Tabernacles (Sukhot)

The Appointments with God

1. The Holy Days were given to us by God as _____ between Himself and His _____.
2. The holy days look _____ and _____.
3. These are the “_____ feasts” and so should be celebrated by _____ people who belong to Him.

Lev. 23:2 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘These are my appointed feasts, the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.

The Three Fall Feasts

Rosh Hashanah –The Feast of Trumpets – _____

Yom Kippur – The Day of Atonement – _____

Sukkoth – The Feast of Tabernacles – _____

The Purpose of the Feast of Tabernacles

It was designed to remember the _____ years of wilderness _____ and God’s _____.

The Celebration of the Feast in Bible Times

- It was one of _____ times each year that Jewish men had to _____ to Jerusalem.
- It was a _____ -day feast.
- The _____ species of branches are waved as a reminder of their _____. (citron, palm, willow, myrtle)
- The people built “_____” and decorated them with _____, etc. They “_____” in the booths for 7 days.
- On the _____ day of the feast, _____ was brought from the pool of Siloam and _____ out in front of the people (living water).
- _____ were lit and placed around the _____ as a sign to the _____ that the Messiah was available to them also.

The Feast of Tabernacles in Scriptures

- After the rebuilding of Jerusalem’s _____. – Neh. 8:16-17
- At the dedication of Solomon’s _____. –1 Kings 8:1-2
- During the _____ of Jesus – John 7:1-12

The Feast of Tabernacles for the Jews Today

1. It is a time of _____ and _____ after the “high holy days.”
2. Each family _____ a “booth,” and _____ it with fall foliage, and fruit. (<http://www.beingjewish.com/yomtov/sukkos/build.html>)
3. A _____ is said and a _____ is served in the booth each evening.
4. Families _____ outside in the booth for 1, 3 or 7 night(s).
5. It is a time of “_____” visiting others and remembering God’s blessings and being _____.

For further study: <http://www.aish.com/holidays/sukkot/default.asp>

The Feast of Tabernacles for Christians

1. It may be a time to remember the _____ of our Lord!
2. For some Christians, the 3 fall feasts point to the _____ events of the church: Trumpets (second-coming); Atonement (judgment) and Tabernacles (dwelling with Christ for eternity).
3. It is a time to _____ the Lord’s _____!