

Sukkot

Insights into the Feast of Tabernacles

Colossians 2:17 *These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Messiah.*

Names for *Sukkot*:

- *Feast of Booths* (Lev.23:42-43)
- *The Festival*
- *The Festival of Ingathering* (Ex.23:16)
- *The Season of Our Joy* (Deut.16:13-14)
- *Festival of the Great Sacrifices* (Numbers 29:12-34)
- *Festival of the Messianic Kingdom* (Zech. 14:16-19)

Historic Events:

- **Dedication of Solomon's Temple** (1 Kings 8)
- **Public Reading of the entire Torah** (Deut.31:10-12)
- **Yeshua invites to drink the 'Living Waters'** (John 7)

Midrash Succah 5.1

They said that anyone who had not witnessed the rejoicing at the water drawing ceremony had never seen rejoicing in his life.

The Four Species

(*Arba'ah Minim*)

Leviticus 23:40 *Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the...*

...fruit of a beautiful tree ---

Etrog



...branches of palms ---

Palm



... and boughs of leafy trees ---

Myrtle



... and willows of the brook; --- Willow



...and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.



L.H. - **Etrog** = the Heart
R.H. { **Palm** = the Spine
Myrtle = the Eyes
Willow = the Mouth } Bound together

	TASTE	SCENT
Etrog	✓	✓
Palm	✓	-
Myrtle	-	✓
Willow	-	-

Four types of Jews:

- **Etrog** - taste + scent = Torah + good deeds
- **Palm** - taste (dates) + no scent = Torah, but no good deeds
- **Myrtle** - scent + no taste = Good deeds, but no Torah
- **Willow** - no scent + no taste = lack of Torah and good deeds

Vayikra Rabbah

“What is God to do with them? To destroy them is unthinkable. Rather, God says, ‘Bind them together in one bond and they will atone for each other!’”