

Sukkot

Insights Into the Feast of Tabernacles

Leviticus 23:39-43 You are to celebrate Adonai's festival on the fifteenth day of the seventh month for seven days after you have gathered the produce of the land. There will be complete rest on the first day and complete rest on the eighth day. On the first day you are to take the product of majestic trees, palm fronds, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and rejoice before Adonai your God for seven days. You are to celebrate it as a festival to Adonai seven days each year. This is a permanent statute for you throughout your generations; you must celebrate it in the seventh month. You shall live in *sukkot* for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in *sukkot*, so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in *sukkot* when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am Adonai your God.

Deuteronomy 31:10-13 Moshe gave them these orders: “At the end of every seven years, during the festival of *Sukkot* in the year of *shemittah*, when all Israel have come to appear in the presence of Adonai at the place He will choose, you are to read this *Torah* before all Israel, so that they can hear it. Assemble the people – the men, the women, the little ones and the foreigners you have in your towns – so that they can hear, learn, fear Adonai your God and take care to obey all the words of this *Torah*; and so that their children, who have not known, can hear and learn to fear Adonai your God, for as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”





Nehemiah 8:14-18 They found written in the Torah how Adonai had commanded through Moses that the Israelites should dwell in *sukkot* during the festival of the seventh month. So they proclaimed and spread this news throughout their towns and in Jerusalem, saying, “Go out to the hill country and bring back branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, just as it is written.” The people went out, brought back branches, and made *sukkot* for themselves on each of their rooftops, and courtyards, the court of the house of God, the square by the Water Gate, and the square by the Gate of Ephraim. The whole community that had returned from exile made *sukkot* and lived in them. They had not celebrated like this from the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day. And there was tremendous joy. Ezra read out of the book of the Torah of God every day, from the first day to the last. The Israelites celebrated the festival for seven days, and on the eighth day there was an assembly, according to the ordinance.

***Sukkkot* at the Time of Yeshua**







Psalm 118:25-29

Please, Adonai! Save us! Please, Adonai! Rescue us! Blessed is He who comes in the name of Adonai. We bless You from the house of Adonai. Adonai is God, and He gives us light. Join in the pilgrim festival with branches all the way to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I thank You. You are my God; I exalt You. Give thanks to Adonai; for He is good, for His grace continues forever.

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.

Zechariah 14:16-19 Finally, everyone remaining from all the nations that came to attack Jerusalem will go up every year to worship the King, Adonai of Hosts, and to keep the festival of *Sukkot*. If any of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Adonai of Hosts, no rain will fall on them. If the family of Egypt doesn't go up, if they refuse to come, they will have no [annual] overflow [from the Nile]; moreover, there will be the plague with which Adonai will strike the nations that don't go up to keep the festival of *Sukkot*. This will be Egypt's punishment and the punishment of all the nations that don't go up to keep the festival of *Sukkot*.





John 7:1-3

After this, Yeshua traveled around in the Galilee, intentionally avoiding Judah because the Judeans were out to kill Him. But the festival of *Sukkot* in Judah was near; so His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go into Judah, so that your disciples can see the miracles You do...”

John 7:37-38

Now on the last day of the festival, the Great Day [*Hoshana Rabbah*], Yeshua stood and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him keep coming to Me and drinking! Whoever puts his trust in Me, as the Scripture says, **rivers of living water** will flow from his inmost being!”

John 8:12

Again therefore Yeshua spoke to them, saying, “**I am the light of the world**; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

The Four Species

(*Arba'ah Minim*)

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

...the fruit of a *hadar* tree, פְּרֵי עֵץ הָדָר, *Etrog* (citron) **Etrog**

... branches of a date palm כַּפַּת תְּמָרִים *Lulav* **Palm**

...boughs of leafy trees וְעֵנַף עֵץ-עֵבֶת *Hadassim* **Myrtle**

...willows of the brook, וְעֵרְבֵי-נַחַל *Aravot* **Willow**

...and you shall rejoice before Adonai your God for seven days.



Etrog



Palm



Myrtle



Willow



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!’”





THE *USHPIZIN* ("Guests")



Day 1 – **Abraham**

Day 2 – **Isaac**

Day 3 – **Jacob**

Day 4 – **Joseph**

Day 5 – **Moses**

Day 6 – **Aaron**

Day 7 – **David**

Day 8 - _____?

Leviticus 23:34-36

*“Speak to the sons of Israel, Saying, ‘On the fifteenth of this seventh month is the Feast of Sukkot for seven days to Adonai....For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to Adonai. **On the eighth day** you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to Adonai; it is an assembly (atzeret)...”*

Day 8 (Shemini Atzeret) - _____?

Passover

1st holy Day

7 days long

Pilgrimage Feast

Israelites left homes

We remove yeast

On to Sinai (darkness)

JOY!

Messiah is the sacrifice

Sukkot

Last Holy day

7 Days Long

Pilgrimage Feast

Israelites leaves homes

WE remove ourselves

On to God (light)

JOY!

WE are the sacrifice

