

# Some Additional Concepts Regarding the Sukkah

1. Yeshua tabernacled (sukkah) among his people ( John 1:14) and he was the true tabernacle (Heb 9:11).



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## John 1:14

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

σκηνώω (skēnoō)

Strong: G4637 GK: G5012

to pitch tent, encamp; to tabernacle, dwell in a tent; to dwell, have one's abode, Jn. 1:14; Rev. 7:15; 12:12; 13:6; 21:3



## Hebrews 9:11

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)



σκηνή (skēnē)

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GK: G5008

a tent, tabernacle; genr. any temporary dwelling; a tent, booth, [Mt. 17:4](#); [Heb. 11:9](#); the tabernacle of the covenant, [Heb. 8:5](#); [9:1](#), [21](#); [13:10](#); allegor. the celestial or true tabernacle, [Heb. 8:2](#); [9:11](#); a division or compartment of the tabernacle, [Heb. 9:2](#), [3](#), [6](#); a small portable tent or shrine, [Acts 7:43](#); an abode or seat of a lineage, [Acts 15:16](#); a mansion, habitation, abode, dwelling, [Lk. 16:9](#); [Rev. 13:6](#)



2. Scripture likens our physical bodies to a physical sukkah  
(2 Cor 5:1-5; 2 Pet 1:13-14).



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## 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

5 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.



<sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.



## 2 Peter 1:13-14

<sup>13</sup> I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,  
<sup>14</sup> since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.



3. The Tabernacle of Moses in the wilderness is called the “Tent of Habitation” (Acts 7:44; Heb 9:2-8).



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## Acts 7:44

44 “Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen.



## Hebrews 9:1-8

9 Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. <sup>2</sup> For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place.



<sup>3</sup> Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place,  
<sup>4</sup> having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. <sup>5</sup> Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.



<sup>6</sup> These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, <sup>7</sup> but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. <sup>8</sup> By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing



4. The Patriarchs lived in tents  
(tabernacles) (Heb 11:8-9).



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## Hebrews 11:8-9

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

<sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.



5. Scripture speaks of a heavenly tabernacle (Heb 8:1-2; Rev. 15:5). This tabernacle will come down to earth (Rev 21:1-3).



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## Hebrews 8:1-2

8 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup> a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.



## Revelation 15:1-5

15 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands.

<sup>3</sup> And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,



“Great and amazing are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations!

<sup>4</sup> Who will not fear, O Lord,  
and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will  
come and worship you, for your righteous  
acts have been revealed.”

<sup>5</sup> After this I looked, and the sanctuary of  
the tent of witness in heaven was opened,



## Revelation 21:1-3

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."



6. When the Children of Israel left Egypt they lived in tents or sukkahs (plural: sukkot) on their way to the Promised Land. This was to emphasize the fact that while the saints of the Most High live on this earth they are pilgrims and sojourners, they are in the world and not of the world ( John 17:11 and 14) and are just passing through on their way to a heavenly kingdom.