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Meaning of the Word Sukkot



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The word sukkot (plural of sukkah) is Hebrew for “tabernacles, booths, or any tent-like temporary dwelling.” The Tabernacle or Mishkan that YHVH commanded Moses to construct in the wilderness was a sukkah—literally, a portable tent or habitation for YHVH himself. In fact, the time period of the Feast of Sukkot marks the beginning of Israel’s construction of the Mishkan (Tabernacle), for Moses received the second tablets containing the Ten Statements of YHVH on Yom Teruah and it was immediately after this that the Torah records that the Israelites began building the Tabernacle.

The Sukkah

The sukkah, a flimsy, tent-like dwelling, represents the frailty of man's physical life, for the physical body of man is nothing more than a "temporary dwelling" in which mortal man lives (2 Cor 5:1–6) until physical death occurs followed by the resurrection of the Saints into eternal life.



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While in this physical state man must totally depend upon his Creator for everything, without whom we would perish both physically and spiritually in this wilderness in which we find ourselves called life. This is exactly the lesson we learn from the Children of Israel's experience during 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. They depended totally upon YHVH for food, water, clothing and protection from the heat, cold and their enemies.



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YHVH Sukkah-ed With His People

But YHVH desires to dwell among his people. In the past, he did not choose to dwell in a mansion or castle, but a tent, just like his people—the Tent of Meeting, or Tabernacle in the wilderness, as it is variously called. Literally, YHVH sukkah-ed over his people in the pillar of fire which rested over the Tent of Meeting or Mishkan. YHVH sukkah-ing in his people is beautifully pictured on the Day of Pentecost in Acts chapter two when the same spiritual fire of YHVH came to dwell this time in the hearts of Believers as Yeshua predicted (John 14:15-31; 15:26; 16:7-13; Acts 1:5-9).

Sukkot is all about coming before YAH who is with us, He is in our midst and we offering up sacrifice of praise, rejoicing and thanksgiving before Him expressing our joy and gratitude for the fact that He delivered us out of spiritual Egypt and lead us through this life which is a wilderness with a fire by night and a cloud by day!



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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

And the Word became flesh and pitched His tent among us, and we saw His esteem, esteem as of an only brought-forth of a father, complete in favour and truth.

Hebrews 9:11

But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good matters, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation,

σκηνή (skēnē)

Strong: G4633

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

1. For we know that if the tent of our earthly house is destroyed, we have a building from Elohim, a house not made with hands, everlasting in the heavens.

2. For indeed in this we groan, longing to put on our dwelling which is from heaven,
3. so that, having put it on, we shall not be found naked.

4. For indeed, we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we wish to put it off, but to put on the other, so that what is to die might be swallowed up by life.

5. Now He who has prepared us for this same purpose is Elohim, who has given us the Spirit as a pledge of what is to come.

2 Peter 1:13-14

But I think it is right, as long
as I am in this tent, to stir you
up by a reminder,
14.knowing that the putting off
of my tent is soon, even as our
Master יהושע Messiah made
clear to me.

3. The Tabernacle of Moses in the wilderness is called the “Tent of Habitation” (Acts 7:44; Heb 9:1-8).



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Acts 7:44

44. “The Tent of Witness was with our fathers in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Mosheh to make it according to the pattern that he had seen,

Hebrews 9:1-8

1. Now the first covenant indeed had regulations of worship and the earthly set-apart place.

2. For a Tent was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, and the table, and the showbread, which is called the Set-apart Place.

Hebrews 9:1-8

3.And after the second veil, the part of the Tent which is called Most Set-apart,
4.to which belonged the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that held the manna, and the rod of Aharon that budded, and the tablets of the covenant,

5. and above it the kerubim of esteem were overshadowing the place of atonement – about which we do not now speak in detail.

6. And these having been prepared like this, the priests always went into the first part of the Tent, accomplishing the services.

7. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for sins of ignorance of the people,

8. the Set-apart Spirit signifying this, that the way into the Most Set-apart Place was not yet made manifest while the first Tent has a standing,

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



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Hebrews 11:8-9

8.By belief, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he was about to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9.By belief, he sojourned in the land of promise as a stranger, dwelling in tents with Yitshaq and Ya'aqob, the heirs with him of the same promise,

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



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Hebrews 8:1-2

1. Now the summary of what we are saying is: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Greatness in the heavens,
2. and who serves in the set-apart place and of the true Tent, which יהוה set up, and not man.

Revelation 15:1-5

1. And I saw another sign in the heaven, great and marvellous: seven messengers having the seven last plagues, for the wrath of Elohim was ended in them.

2.And I saw like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those overcoming the beast and his image and his mark and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of Elohim.

3.And they sing the song of Mosheh the servant of Elohim, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvellous are Your works, יהוה Ēl Shaddai! Righteous and true are Your ways, O Sovereign of the set-apart ones!

4. “Who shall not fear You, O יהוה, and esteem Your Name? Because You alone are kind. Because all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteousnesses have been made manifest.”

5. And after this I looked and saw the Dwelling Place of the Tent of Witness in the heaven was opened.

Revelation 21:1-3

1.And I saw a renewed heaven and a renewed earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more.

2.And I, Yoḥanan, saw the set-apart city, renewed Yerushalayim, coming down out of the heaven from Elohim, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3. And I heard a loud voice from the heaven saying, "See, the Booth of Elohim is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Elohim Himself shall be with them and be their Elohim.

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 17:11-14) and are just passing through on their way to a heavenly kingdom.

JOHN 17:11-14

11. “And I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Set-apart Father, guard them in Your Name which You have given Me, so that they might be one, as We are.

12. “When I was with them in the world, I was guarding them in Your Name which You have given Me, and I watched over them, and not one of them perished except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be filled.

13. "And now I come to You. And I speak these words in the world, so that they have My joy completed in them.

14. "I have given them Your Word, and the world hated them because they are not of the world, as I am not of the world.

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Deuteronomy 6:4-5

**“Hear, O Yisra’ěl: יהוה our
Elohim, יהוה is one!**

**5. “And you shall love יהוה your
Elohim with all your heart, and
with all your being, and with all
your might.**

Deuteronomy 18:18-19

I shall raise up for them a Prophet like you out of the midst of their brothers. And I shall put My Words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

**19. And it shall be, the man who
does not listen to My Words
which He speaks in My Name, I
require it of him.**

Ezekiel 36:25-27

25“And I shall sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean – from all your filthiness and from all your idols I cleanse you.

26. "And I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. And I shall take the heart of stone out of your flesh, and I shall give you a heart of flesh,
27. and put My Spirit within you and I shall cause you to walk in My laws and guard My right-rulings and shall do them.

**Why is Sukkot so important
for us to celebrate and
remember?**



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Acts 3:19-26

“Repent therefore and turn back, for the blotting out of your sins, in order **that times of refreshing might come from the presence of the Master,**
20.and that He sends יהושע
Messiah, pre-appointed for you,

21. whom heaven needs to receive until the times of **restoration** of all matters, of which Elohim spoke through the mouth of all His set-apart prophets since of old.

22. “For Mosheh truly said to the fathers, ‘יהוה your Elohim shall raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brothers. Him you shall hear according to all matters, whatever He says to you.

23.'And it shall be that every being who **does not hear that Prophet** shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' .

24.“And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Shemu'el and those following, have also announced these days.

25. “You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which Elohim made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.’

26. “To you first, Elohim, having raised up His Servant יהושע, sent Him to bless you, **in turning away each one of you from your wicked ways.**

Isaiah 45:15-18

Truly You are Ěl, who hide
Yourself, O Elohim of Yisra'ěl,
Saviour!

16.They shall be put to shame,
and even be humiliated, all of
them – the makers of idols shall
go away together in humiliation.

**17. Yisra'ěl shall be saved by יהוה
with an everlasting deliverance.**

**You are not to be ashamed nor
hurt, forever and ever.**

**18. For thus said יהוה, Creator of
the heavens, He is Elohim, Former
of earth and its Maker, He
established it, He did not create it
to be empty, He formed it to be
inhabited: “I am יהוה, and there is
none else.**

**Man failure(breaking Torah)
caused separation of
Elohim from His creation
but Yahweh will **Sukkot**
with **His creation again.****



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ACTS 3:19-23

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Genesis 1:26-31

And Elohim said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the livestock, and over all the earth and over all the creeping creatures that creep on the ground.”

27. And Elohim created the man in His image, in the image of Elohim He created him – male and female He created them.

28. And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said to them, “Be fruitful and increase, and fill the earth and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over all creeping creatures on the earth.”

29. And Elohim said, “See, I have given you every plant that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed, to you it is for food.

30. "And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to every creeping creature on the earth, in which there is a living being, every green plant is for food." And it came to be so.

31. And Elohim saw all that He had made, and see, it was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2:8-9

And יהוה Elohim planted a garden in Ėden, to the east, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

9. And out of the ground יהוה Elohim made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, with the tree of life in the midst of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:15-25

And יהוה Elohim took the man
and put him in the garden of
Ēḏen to work it and to guard it.

16. And יהוה Elohim commanded
the man, saying, “Eat of every
tree of the garden,

17. but do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for in the day that you eat of it you shall certainly die.”

18. And יהוה Elohim said, “It is not good for the man to be alone, I am going to make a helper for him, as his counterpart.”

19 And from the ground יְהוָה
Elohim formed every beast of
the field and every bird of the
heavens, and brought them to
the man to see what he would
call them. And whatever the
man called each living being,
that was its name.

20. So the man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the heavens, and to every beast of the field. But for the man there was not found a helper for him, as his counterpart.

21. So יהוה Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he slept. And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

**22. And the rib which יְהוָה Elohim
had taken from the man He made
into a woman, and He brought
her to the man.**

**23. And the man said, “This is
now bone of my bones and flesh
of my flesh. This one is called
‘woman,’ because she was taken
out of man.”**

24. For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife, **and they shall become one flesh.**

25. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, yet they were **not ashamed.**

Genesis 3:1-24

And the naḥasha was more crafty than all the lives of the field which יהוה Elohim had made, and he said to the woman, “Is it true that Elohim has said, ‘Do not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

2. And the woman said to the naḥash, “We are to eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden,

3.but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, Elohim has said, ‘Do not eat of it, nor touch it, lest you die.’ ”

4.And the naḥash said to the woman, “**You shall certainly not die.**

5.“**For Elohim knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be like Elohim, knowing good and evil.”**

6. And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, and she took of its fruit and ate.

And she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

7. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made loin coverings for themselves.

8. And they heard the voice of יהוה Elohim walking about in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of יהוה Elohim among the trees of the garden.

9. And יהוה Elohim called unto Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

10. And he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

11.And He said, “Who made you know that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

12.And the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I ate.”

13. And יהוה Elohim said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The nahash deceived me, and I ate.”

14. And יהוה Elohim said to the nahash, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all livestock and more than every beast of the field. On your belly you are to go, and eat dust all the days of your life.

15 “And I put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed. He shall crush your head, and you shall crush His heel.”

16. To the woman He said, “I greatly increase your sorrow and your conception – bring forth children in pain. And your desire is for your husband, and he does rule over you.”

17 And to the man He said,
“Because you have listened to
the voice of your wife, and have
eaten of the tree of which I
commanded you, saying, ‘Do not
eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground
because of you, in toil you are to
eat of it all the days of your life,

**18. and the ground shall bring forth
thorns and thistles for you, and you
shall eat the plants of the field.**

**19. “By the sweat of your face you
are to eat bread until you return to
the ground, for out of it you were
taken. For dust you are, and to dust
you return.”**

20. And the man called his wife's name Ḥawwah, because she became the mother of all living.

21. And יהוה Elohim made coats of skin for the man and his wife and dressed them.

22. And יהוה Elohim said, “See, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever...”

23. so יהוה Elohim sent him out of the garden of Ėḏen to till the ground from which he was taken,

24 **and He drove the man out.**
And He placed keruḅim at the
east of the garden of Ēḏen, and
a flaming sword which turned
every way, **to guard the way to
the tree of life.**

Romans 8:16-23

**The Spirit Himself bears witness
with our spirit that we are
children of Elohim,**

**17.and if children, also heirs –
truly heirs of Elohim, and co-
heirs with Messiah, if indeed we
suffer with Him, in order that we
also be exalted together.**

18. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the esteem that is to be revealed in us.

19. For the intense longing of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of Elohim.

**20. For the creation was
subjected to futility, not from
choice, but because of Him who
subjected it, in anticipation,
21. that the creation itself also
shall be delivered from the
bondage to corruption into the
esteemed freedom of the
children of Elohim.**

22. For we know that all the creation groans together, and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

23. And not only so, but even we ourselves who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, we ourselves also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

But having the same spirit of belief, according to what has been written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we also believe, therefore we also speak, 14. knowing that He who raised up the Master יהושע shall also raise us up through יהושע, and shall present us with you.

**15. For all this is for your sake,
so that favour, having spread
through the many, would cause
thanksgiving to overflow, unto
the esteem of Elohim.**

**16. Therefore we do not lose
heart, but even if our outward
man is perishing, the inward man
is being renewed day by day.**

17. For this slight momentary pressure is working for us a far more exceeding and everlasting weight of esteem.

18. We are not looking on what is seen, but on what is not seen. For what is seen passes away, but what is not seen is everlasting.

1 Corinthians 15:12-28

And if Messiah is proclaimed that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13. And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Messiah has not been raised.

**14.And if Messiah has not
been raised, then our
proclaiming is empty, and your
belief also empty,**

**15.and we are also found false
witnesses of Elohim, because
we have witnessed of Elohim
that He raised up Messiah,
whom He did not raise up, if
then the dead are not raised.**

16. For if the dead are not raised, then neither Messiah has been raised.

17. And if Messiah has not been raised, your belief is to no purpose, you are still in your sins!

18. Then also those who have fallen asleep in Messiah have perished.

19. If in this life only we have expectation in Messiah, we are of all men the most wretched.

20. But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, and has become the first-fruit of those having fallen asleep.

21. For since death is through a man, resurrection of the dead is also through a Man.

22. For as all die in Adam, so also all shall be made alive in Messiah.

23. And each in his own order: Messiah the first-fruits, then those who are of Messiah at His coming,

24.then the end, when He delivers up the reign to Elohim the Father, when He has brought to naught all rule and all authority and power.

25.For He has to reign until He has put all enemies under His feet.

26.The last enemy to be brought to naught is death.

27. For “He has put all under His feet.” But when He says “all are put under Him,” it is clear that He who put all under Him is excepted.

28. And when all are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself shall also be subject to Him who put all under Him, in order that Elohim be all in all.

Revelation 19:6-9

And I heard as the voice of a great crowd, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, “Halleluyah, for יהוה Ėl Shaddai reigns!

7. “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him praise, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife prepared herself.”

8. And to her it was given to be dressed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the set-apart ones.

9. And he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who have been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true words of Elohim.”

Isaiah 2:1-4

The word that Yeshayahu the son of Amots saw concerning Yehudāh and Yerushalayim:

2. And it shall be in the latter days that the mountain of the House of יהוה is established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills. And all nations shall flow to it.

**3And many peoples shall come
and say, “Come, and let us go
up to the mountain of יהוה, to
the House of the Elohim of
Ya‘aqob, and let Him teach us
His ways, and let us walk in His
paths, for out of Tsiyon comes
forth the Torah, and the Word of
יהוה from Yerushalayim.”**

4. And He shall judge between the nations, and shall reprove many peoples. And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither teach battle any more.

**Sukkot is a picture of
Yahweh restoring all things
back to it's original order,
Yahweh loving His creation
and His creation loving
Yahweh.**



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