

A still life composition featuring several loaves of golden-brown, textured bread and bundles of green wheat stalks tied with light-colored twine. The items are arranged on a dark, textured wooden surface. The lighting is warm, highlighting the textures of the bread and the green of the wheat.

Sukkot

FEAST OF

Tabernacles

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 YeHoVaH commanded Moses to construct in the wilderness was a sukkah— literally, a portable tent or habitation for YeHoVaH 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 YeHoVaH 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 YeHoVaH for food, water, clothing and protection from the heat, cold and their enemies.



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Our Heavenly Dwelling

2Co 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.

2Co 5:2 For indeed in this we groan, longing to put on our dwelling which is from heaven,

2Co 5:3 so that, having put it on, we shall not be found naked.

2Co 5:4 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.

2Co 5:5 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.

2Co 5:6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Master –

YeHoVaH Sukkah-ed With His People
But YeHoVaH 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, YeHoVaH sukkaH-ed over his people in the pillar of fire which rested over the Tent of Meeting or Mishkan.

YeHoVaH sukkaH-ing in his people is beautifully pictured on the Day of Pentecost in Acts chapter two when the same spiritual fire of YeHoVaH 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).

Joh 14:15 “If you love Me, you shall guard My commands.

Joh 14:16 “And I shall ask the Father, and He shall give you another Helper, to stay with you forever –

Joh 14:17 the Spirit of the Truth, whom the world is unable to receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. But you know Him, for He stays with you and shall be in you.

Joh 14:18 “I shall not leave you orphans – I am coming to you.

Joh 14:19 “Yet a little while, and the world no longer sees Me, but you shall see Me, because I live, and you shall live.

Joh 14:20 “In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Joh 14:21 “He who possesses My commands and guards them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I shall love him and manifest Myself to him.”

Joh 14:22 Yehudah – not the one from Qerioth – said to Him, “Master, what has come about that You are about to manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?”

Joh 14:23 יהושע answered him, “If anyone loves Me, he shall guard My Word. And My Father shall love him, and We shall come to him and make Our stay with him.

Joh 14:24 “He who does not love Me does not guard My Words. And the Word which you hear is not Mine but of the Father Who sent Me.

Joh 14:25 “These Words I have spoken to you while still with you.

Joh 14:26 “But the Helper, the Set-apart Spirit, whom the Father shall send in My Name, He shall teach you all, and remind you of all that I said to you.

Joh 14:27 “Peace I leave with you – My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Joh 14:28 “You heard that I said to you, ‘I am going away and I am coming to you.’ If you did love Me, you would have rejoiced that I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.

Joh 14:29 “And now I have told you before it takes place, that when it does take place, you shall believe.

**Joh 14:30 “I shall no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he possesses none at all in Me,
Joh 14:31 but, in order for the world to know that I love the Father, and that as the Father commanded Me, so I am doing.
Rise up, let us go from here.**

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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JOHN 15:26

**“And when the Helper comes,
whom I shall send to you from
the Father, the Spirit of the
Truth, who comes from the
Father, He shall bear witness
of Me,**

JOHN 16:7-13

“But I say the truth to you. It is better for you that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you at all, but if I go, I shall send Him to you.

**8. “And having come, He shall
convict the world concerning
sin, and concerning
righteousness, and concerning
judgment**

**9. concerning sin because they
do not believe in Me,**

**10.concerning righteousness
because I go to My Father and
you see Me no more,**

**11.concerning judgment
because the ruler of this world
is judged.**

12. "I still have many words to say to you, but you are not able to bear them now.

13. "But when He comes, the Spirit of the Truth, He shall guide you into all the truth. For He shall not speak from Himself, but whatever He hears He shall speak, and He shall announce to you what is to come.

ACTS 1:5-9

**because Yohanan truly
immersed in water, but you
shall be immersed in the Set-
apart Spirit not many days from
now.”**

6. So when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Master, would You at this time restore the reign to Yisra’ěl?”

7. And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

8. "But you shall receive power when the Set-apart Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Yerushalayim, and in all Yehudāh and Shomeron, and to the end of the earth."

9. And having said this, while they were looking on, He was taken up, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.

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,

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

13. 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.

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 Ėl 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.