

A still life photograph of Sukkot decorations. Several lemons are scattered across a dark wooden surface. In the foreground, there are three lulavim (bundles of palm, willow, and myrtle branches) wrapped in white paper or fabric. The background shows more lemons and lulavim. The lighting is warm, creating a golden glow.

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Tabernacles

With the Festival of Sukkoth, we are commanded to perform this Feasts for 7 days, after the ingathering from the threshing floor and winepress. This highlights the clear timing that shadow pictures when our Master and Elohim, יהושע Messiah, will gather His Ready Bride, after having trampled the winepress in His wrath, when He comes out of the Most Set-Apart Place on Yom Kippur.

The Festival of Sukkoth celebrates the joy of a Bride being gathered to Her Returning Husband and Saviour, and that is certainly something to celebrate!



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The Hebrew word that is translated as **'ingathering'**, comes from the root word אָסַף **asaph** (aw-saf')– **Strong's H622** which means, **'to be gathered, assemble, to be brought in or into (association with others)'**.

The Festival of Sukkoth celebrates us being gathered together, as a unified Bride in Messiah and highlights the importance of gathering, and doing so with rejoicing!

As we look intently into the clear instructions given to us, in regards to performing the Feast of Sukkot, we take note that a key component of our performing this Feast, is one of rejoicing! The Hebrew root word that is translated as **'feast'** is the noun **חַג** **ḥag** (**khag**)– **Strong's H2282** which means, **'a festival, feast, sacrifice, festival gathering, solemnity'**, which comes from the root verb **חָגַג** **ḥagag** (**khaw-gag**)– **Strong's H2287** which means, **'to make a pilgrimage, keep a pilgrimage, celebrate a feast, observe a feast, dance'**.

The Hebrew word for **'booths'** is **סֻכּוֹת Sukkoth**, which is the plural of the root word **סֻכָּה sukkah** (**sook-kaw'**)– **Strong's H5521** which means, **'a thicket, booth, shelter, hut, temporary shelter, canopy, tent'** which comes from the noun **סֹכֶל sok** (**soke**)– **Strong's H5520** which means, **'a thicket, lair, hiding place, booth, den'**, which comes from the primitive root verb **סָכַךְ sakak** (**saw-kak'**)– **Strong's H5526** which means, **'to overshadow, screen, cover, hedge or fence about or to entwine as a screen, weave together, knit together'**, and this helps us understand a little more of just how important this performing of the Feast of Sukkoth is, for we are being knit together as a body of Messiah, under whose wings we find rest, shelter and safety! Now that is something to rejoice about!

This root verb **קָכַק** **sakak** (saw-kak')-**Strong's H5526** is translated as **'shelter'** in: Tehillah/Psalm 5:11 "But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because You **shelter** them; and let those who love Your Name exult in You." Other translations have translated this word **קָכַק** **sakak** (saw-kak')- **Strong's H5526**, in this verse, as **'defend'** or **'protect'**, which speaks, not only of יהוה being our defender and protector, but also pictures for us how His 'booth' or 'dwelling' with us, brings that protection in which we can freely rejoice.

Psa 91:4 He **covers** you with His feathers, And under His wings you take refuge; His truth is a shield and armour.

Psa 139:13 For You, You possessed my kidneys, You have **covered** me in my mother's womb.

Psa 140:7 "O Master יהוה, my saving strength, You have **screened** my head in the day of battle.

The Hebrew word that is translated as 'rejoice' is שמח (samah) – Strong's H8055 and means, 'to rejoice, be glad, be joyful, delight in and be elated', and can also carry the meaning 'to brighten up', giving us the picture how we are to carry His joy as the light of the world and let praise and rejoicing abound!

Php 4:4 **Rejoice** in יהוה always,
again I say, rejoice!

Strong's G5463 - chairō(khah'-
ee-ro)-to rejoice, be glad
to rejoice exceedingly
to be well, thrive



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(Neh 8: 14–18)

Neh 8:14 And they found written in the Torah, which יהוה had commanded by Mosheh, that the children of Yisra'ël should **dwell in booths** in the festival of the seventh new moon,

Neh 8:15 and that they should announce and proclaim in all their cities and in Yerushalayim, saying, “Go out to the mountain, and bring olive branches, branches of oil trees, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written.”

Neh 8:16 So the people went out and brought them and made themselves booths, each one on the roof of his house, and in their courtyards and in the courtyards of the House of Elohim, and in the open space of the Water Gate and in the open space of the Gate of Ephrayim.

Neh 8:17 And the entire assembly of those who had come back from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths, for since the days of Yěshua son of Nun until that day the children of Yisra'ěl had not done so. And there was **very great rejoicing.**

Neh 8:18 And day by day, from the first day until the last day, **he read from the Book of the Torah of Elohim.** And they performed the festival seven days. And on the eighth day there was an assembly, according to the right-ruling.

(John 7: 1-39)

Joh 7:1 And after this יהושע was walking in Galil, for He did not wish to walk in Yehudāh, because the Yehudīm were seeking to kill Him.

Joh 7:2 And the festival of the Yehudīm was near, the Festival of Sukkot.

Joh 7:3 So His brothers said to Him, ‘Get away from here and go into Yehudāh, so that Your taught ones also see the works that You are doing.



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Joh 7:4 “For no one acts in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these works, show Yourself to the world.”

Joh 7:5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

Joh 7:6 יהושע therefore said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

Joh 7:7 “It is impossible for the world to hate you, but it hates Me because I bear witness of it, that its works are wicked.



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Joh 7:8 “You go up to this festival. I am not yet going up to this festival, for My time has not yet been filled.”

Joh 7:9 And having said this to them, He stayed in Galil.

Joh 7:10 But when His brothers had gone up to the festival, then He also went up, not openly, but as it were in secret.

Joh 7:11 The Yehudim, therefore, were seeking Him at the festival, and said, “Where is He?”



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Joh 7:12 And there was much grumbling about Him among the crowd. Some were saying, “He is good,” but others were saying, “No, but He is leading the crowd astray.”

Joh 7:13 However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Yehudim.

Joh 7:14 And about the middle of the festival יהושע went up into the Set-apart Place, and He was teaching.



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Joh 7:15 And the Yehudim were marvelling, saying, “How does this Man know letters, not having learned?”

Joh 7:16 יהושע answered them and said, “My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me

Joh 7:17 “If anyone desires to do His desire, he shall know concerning the teaching, whether it is from Elohim, or whether I speak from Myself.



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Joh 7:18 “He who speaks from himself is seeking his own esteem, but He who seeks the esteem of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

Joh 7:19 “Did not Mosheh give you the Torah? Yet not one of you does the Torah! Why do you seek to kill Me?”

Joh 7:20 The crowd answered and said, “You have a demon, who seeks to kill You?”



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Joh 7:21 יְהוֹשֻׁעַ answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel.

Joh 7:22 “Because of this Mosheh has given you the circumcision – though it is not from Mosheh, but from the fathers – and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

Joh 7:23 “If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the Torah of Mosheh should not be broken, are you wroth with Me because I made a man entirely well on the Sabbath?



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Joh 7:24 “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

Joh 7:25 Therefore some of them from Yerushalayim said, “Is this not He whom they are seeking to kill?”

Joh 7:26 “And see! He speaks boldly, and they say none at all to Him. Could it be that the rulers truly know that this is truly the Messiah?”



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Joh 7:27 “But we know where this One is from. And when the Messiah comes, no one knows where He is from.”

Joh 7:28 יהושע therefore cried out in the Set-apart Place, teaching and saying, “You both know Me, and you know where I am from. And I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

Joh 7:29 “But I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me.”



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Joh 7:30 So they were seeking to seize Him, but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

Joh 7:31 And many of the crowd believed in Him, and said, “When the Messiah comes, shall He do more signs than these which this One did?”

Joh 7:32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these matters concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to seize Him.



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Joh 7:33 Therefore יהושע said to them, “Yet a little while I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.

Joh 7:34 “You shall seek Me and you shall not find Me, and where I am you are unable to come.”



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Joh 7:35 The Yehudim, therefore, said to themselves, “Where is He about to go that we shall not find Him? Is He about to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and to teach the Greeks?”

Joh 7:36 “What is this word which He said, ‘You shall seek Me and you shall not find Me, and where I am you are unable to come’?”



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Joh 7:37 And on the last day, the great day of the festival, יהושע stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and let him who believes in Me drink.

Joh 7:38 “As the Scripture said, out of His innermost shall flow rivers of living water.”

Joh 7:39 And this He said concerning the Spirit, which those believing in Him were about to receive, for the Set-apart Spirit was not yet given, because יהושע was not yet esteemed.



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