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Review - For those new to the faith or unfamiliar with the Father's festivals

Festivals are divinely appointed "set apart" times aka [mo'eds] that belong to Yahweh

Where He gathers His children to worship Him, fellowship with brethren & receive instruction

Lev 23:1-3 "Adonai said to Moshe, 2 "Tell the people of Isra'el: 'The designated times of Adonai which you are to proclaim as holy convocations are my designated times. 3 "Work is to be done on six days; but the seventh day is a Shabbat of complete rest, a holy convocation; you are not to do any kind of work; it is a Shabbat for Adonai, even in your homes." CJB

He is the source; He sets the times; He gives them meaning and He is their ultimate Object

Why are we here today at Sukkot 1? - To observe the final festival of the Shalosh Regalim

Deut 16:16 "Three times a year all your men are to appear in the presence of Adonai your God in the place which he will choose — at the festival of matzah, at the festival of Shavu'ot and at the festival of Sukkot. They are not to show up before Adonai empty-handed" CJB

I'm also here to rejoice in my deliverance and be blessed because I did obey His command

Deut 16:14-15 "Rejoice at your festival — you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, the L'vi'im, and the foreigners, orphans and widows living among you. 15 Seven days you are to keep the festival for Adonai your God in the place Adonai your God will choose, because Adonai your God will bless you in all your crops and in all your work, so you are to be full of joy!"

Why is Sukkot important to us 2nd Covenant believers or spiritual Israelites?

Its festival details are rich in symbolism _____ Yeshua is the Messiah

These details reveal important truths & realities regarding our past, present and future

Past - Sukkot recalls our deliverance from our bondage to sin

Present - Sukkot reminds us that we are sojourners & not citizens in this world

Future - Sukkot foretells the great spiritual harvest at the end of the age

Book of Revelations confirms Yeshua role in Sukkot being the _____ Ingathering Feast

Via the multitude before the throne carrying palm branches and singing

Rev 7:9-10 "After this, I looked; and there before me was a huge crowd, too large for anyone to count, from every nation, tribe, people and language. They were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands; 10 and they shouted, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" CJB

Via the One on the throne that "leads them to springs of living water"

Rev 7:17 "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will shepherd them, will lead them to springs of living water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes." CJB

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Introduction

Why should we refer to today as Sukkot or Feast of Booths rather than Feast of Tabernacles?

Sukkah means “booth,” not tabernacle; even though many translations use it

A sukkah is a temporary booth used by the Jews _____ during the Sukkot Festival

Whereas a tabernacle is any temporary dwelling or tent used for any purpose

We know Sukkot is an 8-day long feast, with the 8th day one of great importance

Hoshana Rabba on the 7th day, followed by Shmini Atzeret (assembly) & Simchat Torah

We know Sukkot is when Moses came down from the mountain and told the people

That Yahweh’s mishkan would be pitched in the midst of their sukkahs on this same day

We know Solomon’s Temple was dedicated on Sukkot

We know the historical purpose for the Festival was to remind Israel of their fragile existence

That Yahweh buffered them with His provision and care during their wandering for 40 years

Deut 29:4-5 “4(5) I led you forty years in the desert. Neither the clothes on your body nor the shoes on your feet wore out. 5(6) You didn’t eat bread, and you didn’t drink wine or other intoxicating liquor; this was so that you would know that ‘I am Adonai your God.’” CJB

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Lesson

What is different about Sukkot from the other festivals? - It is the only Mo’ed that

Had the most drastic transition; from the most solemn festival to the most joyous one

And was the only festival with an explicit command to rejoice (Zeman Simchateinu)

Has the most biblically mandated symbols (7)

Sukkah symbol, 4 fruit symbols, a compound symbol and a celebration symbol

Has 2 Shabbats that were officiated by all 24 divisions of the priests

Corresponds to the name of a city that symbolizes the festival

Gen 33:17 “Ya’akov went on to Sukkot, where he built himself a house and put up shelters for his cattle. This is why the place is called Sukkot [shelters].” CJB

Does not lead to another Festival; it concludes the year and Pesach ushers in a new year

Is a foretaste of the universality of the Messianic Kingdom (Jew and Gentile living together)

Why are these Sukkot truths important for life in the Birth Pains?

_____, Sukkot is a time of restoration and consecrated fellowship with Yahweh

Ex 29:44-45 “I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar, likewise I will consecrate Aharon and his sons to serve me in the office of cohen. 45 Then I will live with the people of Isra’el and be their God: 46 they will know that I am Adonai their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt in order to live with them. I am Adonai their God.” CJB

How does this apply to us as Birth Pain or Remnant believers today?

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-----, **Sukkot is a celebration of the completion of the work year**

Ex 23:14-16 “Three times a year, you are to observe a festival for me. 15 Keep the festival of matzah: for seven days, as I ordered you, you are to eat matzah at the time determined in the month of Aviv; for it was in that month that you left Egypt. No one is to appear before me empty-handed. 16 Next, the festival of harvest, the firstfruits of your efforts sowing in the field; and last, the festival of ingathering, at the end of the year, when you gather in from the fields the results of your efforts.”

How does this apply to us as Birth Pain or Remnant believers today?

-----, **Sukkot is a reminder we are strangers living in tents in a foreign country**

Like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we too are heirs of a promise of a future “home” land

Heb 11:9-10 “By trusting, he lived as a temporary resident in the Land of the promise, as if it were not his, staying in tents with Yitz’chak and Ya’akov, who were to receive what was promised along with him. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with permanent foundations, of which the architect and builder is God.” CJB

-----, **Sukkot is a foreshadow of God dwelling with men in a sukkah on Sukkot 1**

Isa 7:14 “Therefore Adonai himself will give you people a sign: the young woman will become pregnant, bear a son and name him ‘Immanu El [God is with us].” CJB

This was initially fulfilled when Yeshua entered the earthly sukkah as the Son of Man

John 1:14 “The Word became a human being and lived with us, and we saw his Sh’khinah”

Word used for “lived” in this passage literally means “tabernacled”

This is why when Yeshua entered the Temple on the 8th day of the Festival, He said

John 7:37-39 “Now on the last day of the festival, Hoshana Rabbah, Yeshua stood and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him keep coming to me and drinking! 38 Whoever puts his trust in me, as the Scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from his inmost being!” 39 (Now he said this about the Spirit, whom those who trusted in him were to receive later – the Spirit had not yet been given, because Yeshua had not yet been glorified.)” CJB

And on the following morning of Hoshanna Rabba on the 8th He said

John 8:12 “Yeshua spoke to them again: “I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life.” CJB

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How do we know Yeshua was born on the first day of Sukkot 1 or Ethanim 15 for sure?

By the actions God the Son took in the past to become the Son of Man

Yeshua created the world we live in on Yom Teruah or Trumpets while in heaven

Col 1:15-17 “He is the visible image of the invisible God. He is supreme over all creation, 16 because in connection with him were created all things – in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, lordships, rulers or authorities – they have all been created through him and for him. 17 He existed before all things, and he holds everything together.” CJB

The Plan of Salvation was enacted in heaven on Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement

Yeshua was crucified on earth on Pesach or Passover

Yeshua lived a sinless life on earth to be our Hag HaMatzah or Unleavened Bread

Yeshua was resurrected on Hag Bikkurim or First Fruits as an offering to His Father

The Father & Son gave the Spirit unto believers on earth on Shavu'ot or Pentecost

Yeshua's human sukkah was _____ long before His earthly appearance

Heb 10:5-7 "This is why, on coming into the world, he says, "It has not been your will to have an animal sacrifice and a meal offering; rather, you have prepared for me a body. 6 No, you have not been pleased with burnt offerings and sin offerings. 7 Then I said, 'Look! In the scroll of the book it is written about me. I have come to do your will.'" CJB

And Adam's original body mirrored Yeshua's pre-earthly appearance human sukkah

Ethanin 15 is when the Father breathed the "life" into Adam's lifeless sukkah

Gen 2:7 "Then Adonai, God, formed a person [Hebrew: adam] from the dust of the ground [Hebrew: adamah] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, so that he became a living being." CJB

Yeshua was born 6 months after John (who was born around Pesach on Nisan 14)

Luke 1:36 "You have a relative, Elisheva, who is an old woman; and everyone says she is barren. But she has conceived a son and is six months pregnant!" CJB"

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Conclusion

What do I take home today? - There's spiritual power in observing Sukkot the proper way

Knowing my sins were forgiven on Yom Kippur generates a deeper trust in Yahweh

I rejoice in the fact I have been _____ favorably on Yom Kippur & lived to see it

Deut 30:8-9 "but you will return and pay attention to what Adonai says and obey all his mitzvot which I am giving you today. 9 Then Adonai your God will give you more than enough in everything you set out to do — the fruit of your body, the fruit of your livestock, and the fruit of your land will all do well; for Adonai will once again rejoice to see you do well, just as he rejoiced in your ancestors" CJB

I rejoice in the fact I have come this far and am not _____ like the Israelites were

While they may have forgotten the Promised Land was not their final rest, I haven't

True rest awaits me, along with my return to a better place than this world

Heb 4:8-11 "For if Y'hoshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later of another "day." 9 So there remains a Shabbat-keeping for God's people. 10 For the one who has entered God's rest has also rested from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Therefore, let us do our best to enter that rest; so that no one will fall short because of the same kind of disobedience." CJB

I rejoice in the fact I am completely _____ on Him and am glad about it!

Deut 6:9-13 “When Adonai your God has brought you into the land he swore to your ancestors Avraham, Yitz’chak and Ya’akov that he would give you – cities great and prosperous, which you didn’t build; 11 houses full of all sorts of good things, which you didn’t fill; water cisterns dug out, which you didn’t dig; vineyards and olive trees, which you didn’t plant – and you have eaten your fill; 12 then be careful not to forget Adonai, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you lived as slaves. 13 You are to fear Adonai your God, serve him and swear by his name.” CJB

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Knowing Sukkot’s realities causes me to celebrate my blessings

I celebrate the blessing that Yahweh is my God and this is not my _____ sukkah

Lev 23:41-43 “You are to observe it as a feast to Adonai seven days in the year; it is a permanent regulation, generation after generation; keep it in the seventh month. 42 You are to live in sukkot for seven days; every citizen of Isra’el is to live in a sukkah, 43 so that generation after generation of you will know that I made the people of Isra’el live in sukkot when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am Adonai your God.” CJB

I celebrate the blessing there is an _____ sukkah reserved for me with my name on it

While I may not know “what” this sukkah will look like; I know “who” it will BE like

1 John 3:2 “Dear friends, we are God’s children now; and it has not yet been made clear what we will become. We do know that when he appears, we will be like him; because we will see him as he really is.” CJB

I celebrate the blessing that on the final Sukkot, I shall SEE my God

Rev 21:3 “I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “See! God’s Sh’khinah is with mankind, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and he himself, God-with-them, will be their God.” CJB

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