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Introduction - Today, we look at 3 important realities regarding the Festival of Sukkot

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

Reality 1 - Sukkot is mentioned in Scripture more times than any other feast

Sukkot is universal to all men unlike the others, and is the concluding festival on the calendar

Yahweh purposed it to reveal spiritual truths pertinent to our past, present, and future

Sukkot reveals past truths needed for our continued _____ from sin's bondages

Sukkot reveals present truths crucial to a successful _____ in this world

Sukkot reveals future truths regarding the great spiritual _____ at the End of Time

Reality 2 - Sukkot is the most enjoyable and festive of Yahweh's 7 feasts which is why ...

Sukkot is known as "Zman Simkhatenu" (the time of our rejoicing)

And should be properly viewed as a spiritually festive over-the-top "Thanksgiving"

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!" CJB

Reality 3 - Sukkot is the only Festival with multiple symbols and significations regarding Yeshua

Symbols - Yeshua is the Lamb in Pesach and He is the Matzah in Unleavened Bread

He is the 2 shabbats, the sukkah, the 4 species (lulav, etrog, willows, myrtle)] in Sukkot

His Hut memorialized God "tabernacled" with men to fulfill David's promises

Significations

1 - Sukkot signifies Yeshua's earthly comings to enact mankind's salvation

Sukkot 1 - Signifies Yeshua's 1st earthly arrival as "Mashiach Ben Yosef"

Yeshua _____ unjustly in the same way as Joseph

In both cases, their suffering provided deliverance for their respective nations

Sukkot 7 - Signifies Yeshua's 2nd earthly arrival as "Mashiach Ben David"

Yeshua was Israel's _____ son of David, King of Israel

Sukkot 8 - Signifies Yeshua's establishment of new earthly order as the Father's King

Notes

2 - Sukkot signifies the End's 2 harvest judgments - 1st of the believer, 2nd the unbeliever

Rev 14:19-20 "The angel swung his sickle down onto the earth, gathered the earth's grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's fury. 20 The winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress as high as the horses' bridles for two hundred miles!"

Lesson

What does the Spirit want us to do today? - Transfer the same Yom Kippur union to Sukkot

On Yom Kippur we experienced union with Yahweh via our _____ of self (abstinence)

And "knowing our sins were forgiven" is what took us to a deeper level of trust

Which led to rejoicing because we had been favorably judged and lived to see it

On Sukkot, we experience union via the enjoyment of nature and physical _____

And "joy" of this deeper trust led to a greater harmony of happiness and wholeness

One with no physical/spiritual, natural/supernatural, and eternal/ temporal conflicts

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

What else does the Spirit want us to do? - Trust that He will replace this temporary sukkah

The entire Sukkot festival - Reminds us of the degradation realities of our temporary sukkah

2 Cor 5:2-4 "For in this tent, our earthly body, we groan with desire to have around us the home from heaven that will be ours. 3 With this around us we will not be found naked. 4 Yes, while we are in this body, we groan with the sense of being oppressed: it is not so much that we want to take something off, but rather to put something on over it; so that what must die may be swallowed up by the Life." CJB

Sukkot's "habitation" elements portray the Father's solution - Receive Yeshua's sukkah!

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

Sukkot 1 (Tishrei 15) - Reminds us that Yeshua entered a temporary sukkah like ours at birth

John 1:14 "The Word became a human being and lived with us, and we saw his Sh'khinah, the Sh'khinah of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." CJB

Lived with us [skeno] literally means "tent or reside in" as Yahweh did the old boot

Notes

Sukkot 7 (Tishrei 22) - Reminds us Yeshua reigns in His Messianic kingdom in this new sukkah

Zech 14:17-19 “If any of the families of the earth does not go up to Yerushalayim to worship the king, Adonai-Tzva’ot, no rain will fall on them. 18 If the family of Egypt doesn’t go up, if they refuse to come, they will have no [annual] overflow [from the Nile]; moreover, there will be the plague with which Adonai will strike the nations that don’t go up to keep the festival of Sukkot. 19 This will be Egypt’s punishment and the punishment of all the nations that don’t go up to keep the festival of Sukkot.” CJB

Sukkot 8 (Tishrei 23) - Reminds us that all men will one day enter eternity in their final sukkah

Rev 21:2-3 “2 Also I saw the holy city, New Yerushalayim, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 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

What else does the Spirit want us to do? - Remember the ideology behind the festival of Sukkot

Sukkot’s _____ isn’t in the sukkah’s construction, but the one putting us in the sukkah

Isa 25:8-9 “He will swallow up death forever. Adonai Elohim will wipe away the tears from every face, and he will remove from all the earth the disgrace his people suffer. For Adonai has spoken. 9 On that day they will say, “See! This is our God! We waited for him to save us. This is Adonai; we put our hope in him. We are full of joy, so glad he saved us!” CJB

Our temporary Sukkot sukkah is purposed to reminds us to be totally one with Yahweh

Which allows us to gratefully celebrate being totally _____ on Him

Deut 6:9-11 “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;” CJB

Our responsibility is to recognize whether we celebrate this truth or not

Our temporary sukkah is purposed to remind us of last year’s protection from wrongdoings

But only if we embrace of the message of the sukkah (dwelling) - In Yahweh we trust

Sukkot’s _____ is in the security He provides us in this temporal and transient world

So that we focus on serving Yahweh right now & let Him direct our attention tomorrow

Sukkot’s _____ protects us from the sadness of the evil that’s all around us & we commit

Our job is to get on the right track and be happy developing a deeper relationship with Him

Notes

Conclusion - What do I need to take home from today's lesson?

Sukkot is the last presentation of formal gifts (natural & spiritual) the Father gives His children

Yom Teruah is His gift of a future, Yom Kippur for the present, and Sukkot for a _____

Sukkot is a prophetic shadow of Yeshua's coming Messianic Kingdom (the Kingdom of Heaven)

It forecasts a time of Millennial peace on earth when Israel's enemies have been defeated

And Jews and Gentiles dwell together in unity serving the one true God

It also forecasts a time of eternal peace when brethren dwell in eternal unity with their God

Amos 9:11, 14-15 - "When that day comes, I will raise up the fallen sukkah of David. I will close up its gaps, raise up its ruins and rebuild it as it used to be, ... 14 I will restore the fortunes of my people Isra'el; they will rebuild and inhabit the ruined cities; they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, cultivate gardens and eat their fruit. 15 I will plant them on their own soil, no more to be uprooted from their land, which I gave them," says Adonai your God." CJB

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