Leviticus 23:33-44 (KJV) “And Yahuweh (the LORD) spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto Yahuweh. On the first day shall be an holy convocation [assembly]: ye shall do no servile work [laborious, your occupation] therein. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Yahuweh: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Yahuweh: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

These are the feasts of Yahuweh, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto Yahuweh, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day: Besides the Sabbaths of Yahuweh, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto Yahuweh.

Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered [a time of ingathering] in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto Yahuweh seven days: on the first day shall be a **Sabbath**, and on the eighth day shall be a Sabbath. And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs [fruit] of goodly [magnificent] trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick [interwoven foliage] trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before Yahuweh your Elohim (God) seven days. And ye shall keep it a feast unto Yahuweh seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in **booths** seven days; all that are Israelites **born** shall dwell in booths: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am Yahuweh your Elohim. And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of Yahuweh.”

* Sabbath - *Shabbat* - an intermission; cease, desist, rest
* Booths – *Cukkah* – (pronounced Sukkah) – a temporary shelter, tent, hut, tabernacle
* Born – *ezrach* – rising from the soil – (those who are in Messiah are Israelites)

**Foundational Scriptures**

* Nehemiah 8:13-18 (Time of great rejoicing; building booths out of branches of olive, palm, myrtle, willow; reading of the Scriptures)
* Joel 2:18-27 (specifically 23-25 – a time of teaching, healing, restoration, gladness and rejoicing)
* Leviticus 26:11-12 (Our Father longs to dwell in the midst of His people and be their Elohim (God)
* John 7:37-38 (Messiah – our Living water bursting forth from within us – newness of life on the 8th day)
* Revelation 21:1-5; 22:1-4 (a time of completion of the former things and new beginnings)
* Ezekiel 47:1, 9, 12 (The Living water from the throne brings life)

**Introduction to Sukkot**

* Passover – Deliverance from death
* Shavuot (Pentecost) The giving of the Spirit to help us overcome sin
* From Yom Teruah to Yom Kippur (10 days of awe) – a time of testing, trials, repentance and humility
* Yom Kippur - The Day of Yahuweh and the putting away of all wickedness. The Righteous are saved!
* Sukkot - A shadow rehearsal of Revelation 21 and 22
* 7th Feast in the 7th Month for 7 days – a transitional period to complete the former and bring in the new
* A time of ingathering – Jeremiah 32:37-42
* Exodus 19:4-6; 1 Peter 2:9-12 - a kingdom of priests, dwelling with the Master
* Revelation 20:4-6 – judging, and reigning with Messiah
* Zechariah 14:16-21 - The nations will come to Jerusalem for Tabernacles to worship the King

Sukkot is a special time of gathering, entering into rest, dwelling with our King, teaching and healing of nations and the doorway to new beginnings (the 8th day) – He becomes what we rehearse! – Our booth!

**Time of Ingathering**

* The leaves and branches – gathered together for protection, healing and comfort (Leviticus 23:40)

 Olive branch/fruit – anointing and gladness

 Willow bark – used for treatment of pain – not weeping but a fountain/spring

 Myrtle – an antiseptic, medicinal, cleansing agent for recovery of health (also see Isaiah 55:10-13)

 Palm (fruit – dates) – nutrients that gives life

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes [olive]; and there shall be no more death [date palm], neither sorrow, nor crying, [olive] neither shall there be any more pain [willow and myrtle]: for the former things are passed away.” – Revelation 21:4 – (verse 5 takes us into the 8th day)

* Leviticus 23:43, Jeremiah 16:14-15, Isaiah 11:12 – a time to remember our gathering unto Him in the wilderness, deliverance from Egypt and how he became our protection and comfort. He gathers us a second time from all the nations to be the people He called us, **destined** us to be!
* John 15:5 – His people - the branches found bearing fruit and remaining with Him
* The booth reminds us of the Bride and Bridegroom surrounding each other with gladness and rejoicing

**Time of Entering Rest**

* Joel 2 – Teruah to Tabernacles (a journey to rest)
* Deuteronomy 5:12-15 – Deliverance has nothing to do with work, but our obedience
* Exodus 23:16 – A time to rest and enjoy the fruit of our labors at the end of the year

Dwelling in His booth is resting in Him – tabernacle with Him (John 1:14) – teaching and bringing healing to the nations with our Bridegroom – on the 7th day (Shabbat) Messiah healed and taught the people – joy and gladness burst forth because of the time of rest and peace

* Deuteronomy 30:19-20 and Ezekiel 36:8 – He brings us home to dwell in the land of our inheritance BECAUSE we have obeyed Him, followed Him, and kept His covenant.
* Hebrews 3:19 – 4:1-11 – The fathers did not enter into rest because of unbelief/disobedience (the promise remains - we will have rest IF we prove we believe what He says by our obedience)
* If we are not at rest in Him ourselves, we cannot help bring healing and comfort to others

**The Path to Sukkot (Joshua 5)**

* The reproach of Egypt is rolled away (verse 9) – Gilgal (meaning wheel, circle – the stone at the resurrection of Messiah)
* Born in the wilderness (verse 5) – born again and no longer like our disobedient fathers (verse 6)
* Set-apart through circumcision (verses 8-9) - the removal of the reproach of Egypt
* Observing the Passover (verse 10) - do this in remembrance of Me
* The manna stops (verse 12) - shadows the coming of the Bread of Life
* We will see Him face to face and stand on holy ground (verses 13-15)
* Habakkuk 2:14; Zechariah 8:20-23 – The King’s knowledge is passed down to His kingdom of priests, so that the nations will know that Elohim (God) is a promise keeper and how He desires to be worshiped. The original priesthood designed to keep creation in alignment with the Creator through their own example of servant hood and obedience.

**Celebrate Sukkot by gathering together, resting, feasting with laughter and joy!**

**It is the time of the wedding festivities – we are home with our Bridegroom**