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# Special Feast Edition

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## INTRODUCTION

This Parsha Pearls Feast Edition is designed specifically for Chag HaSukkot - the Feast of Tabernacles, and Shemini Atzeret - the 8<sup>th</sup> Day Assembly. In Leviticus 23:1-2, Yahweh told Mosheh to speak to the children of Yisra'el about His appointed times (moadim), which they were to keep as set-apart gatherings (mikra kodesh). Three times each year, the children of Yisra'el were required to travel to Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) to observe one of the 3 pilgrimage feasts (shalosh regalim).

### The 3 spring festivals are:

1. Passover (Pesach)
2. Festival of Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMatzot), which immediately follows Passover
3. Feast of Weeks (Chag HaShavuot)

### The 4 autumn festivals are:

1. Day of Trumpets (Yom Teruah/Zichron Teruah/Rosh HaShanah)
2. Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), Day of Atonements (Yom HaKippurim)
3. Feast of Tabernacles (Chag HaSukkot)
4. 8<sup>th</sup> day Assembly (Shemini Atzeret), which immediately follows Sukkot



Sukkot is the 6<sup>th</sup> appointed time (moad) of the year. According to Yahweh's calendar, it is observed for 7 days from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month of Tishrei. It is commonly referred to as the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths. *"Speak to the children of Yisra'el, saying, 'On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of this 7<sup>th</sup> month (new moon) is the Festival of Booths (Festival of Sukkot) for 7 days to Yahweh. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day is a set-apart gathering (mikra kodesh), you do no servile work. For 7 days you bring an offering made by fire to Yahweh'"* (Lev. 23:34-36).

Shemini Atzeret also known as The 8<sup>th</sup> Day Assembly or The Last Great Day, immediately follows the Feast of Tabernacles and is a concluding festival. It is the 7<sup>th</sup> appointed time (mo'ad) of the year. According to Yahweh's calendar, it falls on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month of Tishrei. *"On the 8<sup>th</sup> day there shall be a set-apart gathering (mikra kodesh) for you, and you shall bring an offering made by fire to Yahweh. It is a closing festival; you do no servile work"* (Lev. 23:36).

Leviticus 23:39 also tells us, *"On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month (new moon), when you gather in the fruit of the land, celebrate the festival of Yahweh for 7 days. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day is a rest, and on the 8<sup>th</sup> day a rest."*

These festivals were commanded by Yahweh to be kept by the children of Yisra'el throughout their generations, and that is why we are observing them as well (Lev. 23).

## Chag Sameach (Happy Feast) from MTOI and YMTOI

