

Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Yahweh gave the children of Yisra'el specific instructions regarding His Appointed Times. The command to keep Yahweh's back-to-back festivals of Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret, the 6th and 7th feasts, can be found in Lev. 23:33-36 & 39-44. We have created a special Parsha Pearls lessons to help us learn about and celebrate the festival of Sukkot.

PARSHA POINTS

- Yahweh spoke to Mosheh and commanded him to tell the children of Yisra'el these words (Lev. 23:33-36, 39, 41; Num. 29:12, 35):
 - On the 15th day of the 7th month is the Festival of Booths (Sukkot)
 - It is observed for 7 (**sheva**) days unto Yahweh
 - The 1st day is a set-apart day; you do no servile work
 - You shall bring an offering made by fire to Yahweh for 7 days
 - The 8th day is a set-apart day; you do no servile work
 - The 8th day is a closing festival
 - You shall bring an offering made by fire to Yahweh
 - You shall observe this festival as a law forever throughout your generations
 - For 7 days you dwell in booths - all who are native Yisra'elites



Arba'ah Minim

- On the 1st day of Sukkot, you shall take for yourselves (Lev. 23:40):
 - the fruit/citron of good trees (**etrog**)
 - branches of palm trees (**lulav**)
 - twigs of leafy trees/myrtle (**hadasim**)
 - willows of the stream (**aravot**)



etrog



lulav



hadasim



aravot

Fun Facts regarding the 4 Species

- Etrog - the shape of the *citron* fruit resembles the *heart* - the driving force behind all our actions
- Lulav - the *palm* branch resembles the *spine*, which holds the body together and without which we would be unable to move
- Hadasim - the almond-shape of *myrtle* leaves, resemble the *eyes*, with which we behold Yahweh's Creation
- Aravot - the *willow* branches resemble the *lips*, with which we give expression to our thoughts and feelings

- You shall rejoice before Yahweh your Elohim for 7 days - Lev. 23:40; Deut. 16:14
- You shall know that Yahweh made you dwell in booths when He brought you out of Mitsrayim - Lev. 23:43
- Yahweh specified that the following people are to rejoice before Him (Deut. 16:14):

- you
- your son
- your daughter
- your male servant
- your female servant
- the Lewite
- the stranger
- the fatherless
- the widow
- all those within your gates



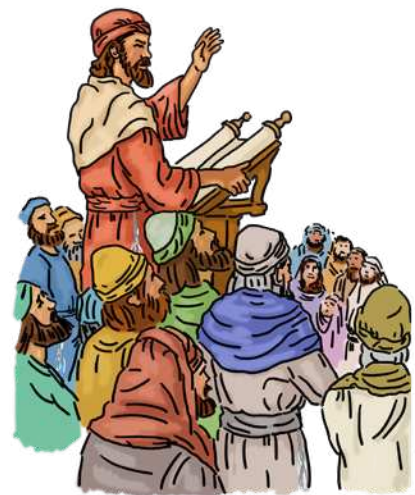
- For 7 days the festival shall be observed unto Yahweh *in the place which He chooses* - Deut. 16:15
- You shall rejoice for the blessing that Yahweh gives in the increase and in all the work of your hands - Deut. 16:15
- Guard the Festival of In-gathering at the outgoing or turn of the year when you have gathered in the fruit of your labors from the field - Ex. 23:16; 34:22-23; Deut. 16:13

Public hearing of the Torah every 7 years during the Festival of Sukkot

- Mosheh commanded them, saying, "At the end of 7 years, the year of release, at the Festival of Booths, when all Yisra'el comes before Yahweh your Elohim *in the place which He chooses*, read this Torah before all Yisra'el in their hearing" to (Deut. 31:10-13):

- the men
- the women
- the little ones
- the sojourner who is within your gates

- They are to hear this so that they learn to fear Yahweh Elohim and to guard to do all the Words of this Torah - Deut. 31:12
- Day by day, from the 1st day until the Last Day, Ezra read from the Book of the Torah of Elohim - Neh. 8:18



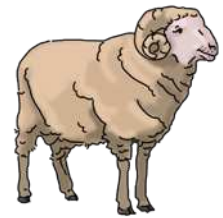
Chag HaSukkot Offerings/Feast of Tabernacles

*Refer to Leviticus 28 -29 in parsha Pinchas (41.2) for an in depth study on feast offerings.

- Burnt Offering for each of the 7 days (Num. 29:12-32, 2 Chr. 8:12-13, Ezz. 3:4):
 - 13 (**shlosh esre**) young bulls - Day 1
 - 12 (**shtem esre**) young bulls - Day 2
 - 11 (**achat esre**) young bulls - Day 3
 - 10 (**eser**) young bulls - Day 4
 - 9 (**tesha**) young bulls - Day 5
 - 8 (**shmoneh**) young bulls - Day 6
 - 7 young bulls - Day 7
 - 2 (**shtayim**) rams each day
 - 14 (**arba esre**) lambs a year old - perfect ones, each day
- Grain Offering for each of the 7 days (Num. 29:33):
 - 3/10th of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with oil for each bull
 - 2/10th of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with oil for each ram
 - 1/10th of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with oil for each lamb
- Sin Offering for each of the 7 days (Num. 29:34):
 - 1 (**achat**) male goat to make atonement for you
- The Sukkot offerings are in addition to the daily offering and its grain and drink offering - Num. 29:16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 34
- These are ascending offerings made by fire for 7 days, a sweet fragrance to Yahweh - Num. 29:36



Young Bull



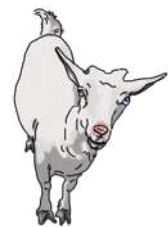
Ram



Lamb a year old



An ephah of fine flour



Male goat

Shemini Atzeret/8th Day Assembly Offerings

- Burnt (Ascending) Offering (Num. 29:36):

- 1 young bull
- 1 ram
- 7 lambs a year old - perfect ones



Young Bull



Ram



7 Lambs

- Grain (Meal) and Drink Offering (Num. 29:37):

- 3/10th of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with oil for each bull
- 2/10th of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with oil for each ram
- 1/10th of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with oil for each lamb



An ephah of fine flour

- Sin Offering (Num. 29:38):

- 1 male goat to make atonement for you

- The 8th Day Assembly offering is in addition to the daily offering - Num. 29:38



Male goat

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Neh. 8:14-18 - the account of Ezra reading the Torah to the children of Yisra'el during the festival of Sukkot. Discuss the significance of this event.

As a contrast, read 1 Kings 12:32-33 - the account of Yarob'am (Jeroboam) the king of Yisra'el, who instituted a feast in the 8th month on the 15th day instead of the 7th month as Yahweh had instructed. What does it say about the condition of his heart?

It is understood that Sukkot represents the millennial reign. Read passages in Isaiah that describe the millennium (Isa. 2:1-4, 11:6-9, 35:1-10, 65:25). Also refer to Zech. 14:16-19. What is the punishment for not observing the festival of Sukkot during the millennium?

Read the verses in the Gospel of John 7:2, 37 which refer to Yeshua's observance of Sukkot and the 8th day Assembly.

Discuss why Yahweh would want us to dwell in temporary dwellings during the week of Sukkot. Refer to Heb. 11:3. Does He perhaps want us to remember that we are strangers and pilgrims in this world?

It is understood that the 8th Day Assembly, or the Last Great Day, represents the Great White Throne Judgment. Read the passage in Rev. 20:11-15 which refers to this.