## Special Feast Edition

## 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 (Chaq 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 (Chaq HaSukkot)
- 4. 8th 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 (moad) 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  $15^{th}$  day of the  $7^{th}$  month (new moon), when you gather in the fruit of the land, celebrate the festival of Yahweh for 7 days. On the  $1^{st}$  day is a rest, and on the  $8^{th}$  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

