Special Feast Edition

INTRODUCTION

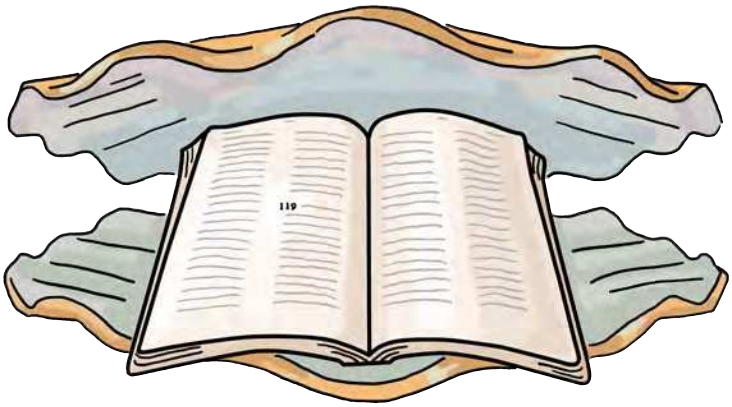
This Parsha Pearls Feast Edition is designed specifically for Chag HaSukkot - the Feast of Tabernacles, and Shemini Atzeret - the 8th Day Assembly. In Leviticus 23:1-2, Yahweh told Mosheh to speak to the children of Yisra'el about His appointed times (moadim), which they were to keep as set-apart gatherings (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. 8th day Assembly (Shemini Atzeret), which immediately follows Sukkot



Sukkot is the 6th appointed time (moad) of the year. According to Yahweh's calendar, it is observed for 7 days from the 15th to the 21st day of the 7th 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 15th day of this 7th month (new moon) is the Festival of Booths (Festival of Sukkot) for 7 days to Yahweh. On the 1st 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).

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Shemini Atzeret also known as The 8th Day Assembly or The Last Great Day, immediately follows the Feast of Tabernacles and is a concluding festival. It is the 7th appointed time (moad) of the year. According to Yahweh's calendar, it falls on the 22nd day of the 7th month of Tishrei. "*On the 8th 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 15th day of the 7th month (new moon), when you gather in the fruit of the land, celebrate the festival of Yahweh for 7 days. On the 1st day is a rest, and on the 8th 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

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