

## Celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths (The Ingathering)



**Lev 23:33-44** – “Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **34**Say to the children of Israel, ‘On the **fifteenth day of this seventh month, and for seven days, is the Feast of Booths** to the LORD. **35**The first day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work. **36**For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On the **eighth day** you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the LORD. **It is a festive assembly**; you shall not do any laborious work.

**37**These are the **appointed times of the LORD**, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to present an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its own day. **38**This is **in addition to the Sabbaths** of the LORD, and in addition to your gifts and all your vowed offerings and all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD. **39**On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, **you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days, with a Sabbath rest on the first and a Sabbath rest on the eighth day.** **40**Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and **you shall rejoice before the LORD your Elohim**

**for seven days.** **41**You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It shall be a permanent statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. **42**You shall live in booths for seven days, all native-born in Israel shall live in booths, **43**so that your generations may know that **I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt.** I am the LORD your Elohim.” **44**So, Moses declared to the Israelites the appointed feasts of the LORD.”

This was the seventh and last feast that YAH commanded Israel to observe. It starts five days after the **Day of Atonement** and at the completion of the fall harvest. It was a time of great celebration and thankfulness for all the blessings YAH had bestowed on Israel during



the year, and his faithfulness to them during their journey through the wilderness in route to the Promised Land. YAH called on them to remember and teach their children how he had them live when he delivered them from Egypt. This was also one of the three feasts that all able-bodied males of Israel were to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem to celebrate this eight-day feast.

This feast was to begin & end with an Holy Assembly of the people. In between these two days of rest

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were six days of celebration and joyfulness. They were to cut branches and boughs from good tree and construct their booths and take palm and other goodly branches to wave in their celebrations. **What were they celebrating?** <sup>1</sup>Their freedom & deliverance from their enemies, <sup>2</sup>YAH's protection, <sup>3</sup>YAH's provisions, and <sup>4</sup>YAH's presence remaining with and among them for 40 scary long years in the wilderness.

All of these blessings were a shadow of the blessing we look forward to in our day. We look forward to the day when we too will be free from our enemies – both spiritual and natural.

We look forward to our spiritual victory at the coming **Day of Atonement** when we will be granted the blessings of *Sinless Perfection* and *YAH's laws written in our hearts* by him. After this is where **Rev 19:7-9** is fulfilled: <sup>7</sup>*Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.* <sup>8</sup>And

*to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.* <sup>9</sup>And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.** And he saith unto me, *These are the true sayings of YAH*".

I believe, the return of Christ to live with us again in Jerusalem, with the resurrected **'Elect of Israel'**, is the fulfillment of these verses describing the marriage supper of the Lamb. **The Elect of Israel will have been made sinless on the Day of Atonement, hence the wearing of white linen, symbolic of our righteous state. Israel is the "Bride of Christ"** who has made herself ready for the **wedding super** – the return of Christ to receive the **Elect** to rule and reign with her on earth. **This will be him tabernacling with us again. But this time, in his kingdom for ever.**

Here is what **II Esdras 2:35-48** (*Apocrypha*) has to say, . . . <sup>35</sup>Be ready



*to the reward of the kingdom, for the everlasting light shall shine upon you for evermore.* <sup>36</sup>*Flee the shadow of this world, receive the joyfulness of your glory: I testify my Savior openly.* <sup>37</sup>*O receive the gift that is given you, and be glad, giving thanks unto him that hath led you to the heavenly kingdom.* <sup>38</sup>*Arise up and stand, behold the number of those that be sealed in the feast of the LORD;* <sup>39</sup>*Which are departed from the shadow of the world, and have received glorious garments of the LORD.* <sup>40</sup>*Take thy number, O Sion, and shut up those of thine that are clothed in white, which have fulfilled the law of the LORD.* <sup>41</sup>**The number of thy children, whom**

**thou longest for, is fulfilled:** *beseech the power of the LORD, that thy people, which have been called from the beginning, may be hallowed.* <sup>42</sup>*Esdras saw upon the mount Sion a great people, whom I could not number, and they all praised the LORD with songs.* <sup>43</sup>*And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, And upon every one of their heads he set crowns, and was more exalted; which I marvelled at greatly.* <sup>44</sup>*So I aske the angel, and said, Sir, what are theses?* <sup>45</sup>*He answered and said unto me, These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the . . .*

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name of YAH: **now are they crowned, and receive palms.** <sup>46</sup>Then said I unto the angel, What young person is it that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands? <sup>47</sup>So he answered and said unto me, **It is the Son of YAH, whom they have confessed in the world.** Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of the LORD. <sup>48</sup>Then the angel said unto me, Go thy way, and tell my people what manner of things, and how great wonders of the LORD thy Elohim, thou hast seen.”

**Notice these main points that Esdras (Esra) saw in his vision:** <sup>1</sup>These people were receiving the inheritance of the kingdom. <sup>2</sup>They have lived through the “shadow” of the kingdom but now are inheriting the real eternal heavenly kingdom. <sup>3</sup>They were sealed during **the feast of the LORD** (*The Day of Atonement*). <sup>4</sup>They have received glorious garments of white (*righteousness*) from the LORD because they kept his laws. <sup>5</sup>The number of **the remnant** that YAH was

looking for had been reached and the power of YAH has been placed upon them. <sup>6</sup>Just as John saw in **Rev 7:9** “a **great multitude that no man could number,**” Esdras also saw this great multitude that he could not number. <sup>7</sup>He saw them **receiving crowns** (positions of leadership & authority) to help rule and reign with Christ. (Remember Christ said in **Rev 22:12** – “And, behold, I come quickly; and **my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**”) <sup>8</sup>These are the Saints of Israel that have been raised from the dead along with those alive that had been sealed; and they all have put on immortality at the coming of Christ. And lastly <sup>9</sup>they were **given palms** to wave in celebration of the coming of Yahushua to dwell/tabernacle among us again.

Then the icing on the cake, so to speak, will be when **the Father also joins us** to live among Israel in the new Jerusalem with the new heaven and on the new earth – completing



the **Marriage Supper of the Lamb.** The Father will be with the Son, with all the invited guests in attendance, along with all the servants. **Rev 21:3** – “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the tabernacle of YAH is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and YAH himself shall be with them, and be their Elohim.**” Then **Rev 22:3** says: “And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of YAH and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve him: <sup>4</sup>And **they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.** <sup>5</sup>And there shall be no night there; and they need

no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Yuhuah Elohim giveth them light: **and they shall reign forever and ever.**

Then he says in verse, - <sup>14</sup>**Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.** <sup>15</sup>For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whore-mongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth, and maketh a lie.”

In conclusion, the **Feast of Tabernacles** is the great “**ingathering**” of the Saints into the Eternal Kingdom of YAH and his son and both of them in the end, dwelling with us forever! **HalleluYAH!!!**

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