

FEAST OF SUKKOT/TABERNACLES YHWH dwells with us!

This year (2010) when the new moon well on Sept. 10th and thus began the “Seventh” biblical month, the beginning of Sukkot now falls into tonight (9-24-10) @ sundown! This is the Seventh and final feast of YHWH!

Lev 23:33-44 YHWH said to Moshe, "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of **Booths**^{H5521} (Strong's H5521 ~ Sukkot) for seven days **to YHWH**. On the first day there is to be a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work. For seven days you are to bring an offering made by fire to YHWH; on the **eighth day** you are to have a holy convocation and bring an offering made by fire to YHWH ; it is a day of public assembly; do not do any kind of ordinary work. " 'These are the designated times of YHWH that you are to proclaim as holy convocations and bring an offering made by fire to YHWH — a burnt offering, a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, each on its own day — besides the Shabbats of YHWH, your gifts, all your vows and all your voluntary offerings that you give to YHWH. " 'But on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered the produce of the land, you are to observe the festival of YHWH seven days; the first day is to be a complete rest and the **eighth day** is to be a complete rest. On the first day you are to take choice fruit, **palm leaves**, thick branches and river-willows, and celebrate in the presence of YHWH your Elohim for seven days. You are to observe it as a **feast to YHWH** seven days in the year; it is a **permanent regulation**^{H5769}, generation after generation; keep it in the seventh month. You are to live in **sukkot**^{H5521} for seven days; every citizen of Isra'el is to live in a **sukkah**^{H5521}, so that generation after generation of you will know that I made the people of Isra'el live in **sukkot**^{H5521} when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am YHWH your Elohim.' "Thus Moshe announced to the people of Isra'el the **designated times of YHWH**.

Hebrew words of note...

Strong's H5521 - *sook-kaw'* - Feminine of [H5520](#); a *hut* or *lair*: - booth, cottage, covert, pavilion, **tabernacle**, tent.

Strong's H5769 *o-lawm'*, *o-lawm'* - From [H5956](#); properly *concealed*, that is, the *vanishing* point; generally time *out of mind* (past or future), that is, (practically) *eternity*; frequentative adverbially (especially with prepositional prefix) *always*: - always (-s), ancient (time), any more, continuance, eternal, (for, [n-]) ever (-lasting, -more, of old), lasting, long (time), (of) old (time), perpetual, at any time, (beginning of the) world (+ without end). Compare [H5331](#), [H5703](#).

In the verses above Sukkot is referred to as a “Feast to YHWH”

Deut 16:13-17 "You are to keep the festival of **Sukkot**^{H5521} for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing-floor and winepress. Rejoice at your festival - you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, the L'vi'im, and the **foreigners**^{H1616}, orphans and widows living among you. Seven days you are to keep the festival for YHWH your Elohim **in the place YHWH your Elohim will choose**, because YHWH your Elohim will bless you in all your crops and in all your work, so you are to be full of joy! "Three times a year all your men are to appear in the presence of YHWH your Elohim in the place which **he will choose** - at the festival of matzah (Passover), at the festival of Shavuot (or Pentecost in Christianity) and at the festival of **Sukkot**^{H5521} (Tabernacles). They are not to show up before YHWH empty-handed, but every man is to give what he can, in accordance with the blessing YHWH your Elohim has given you.

As we studied last week during Yom Kippur this “FOREIGNER” in Hebrew “Gare” (Strong's H1616) is anyone who embraces the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel)!!!...

This word “**Gare**^{H1616}” is used in reference to the **FOREIGNER**^{H1616} keeping the Passover ([Exo 12:19&Num 9:14](#)) and being circumcised ([Exo 12:48](#)) keeping the Sabbath ([Exo 20:10,Exo 23:12&Deu 5:14](#)) offering sacrifices ([Lev 17:8](#)) abstaining from blood ([Lev 17:10](#)) observes the dietary laws ([Lev 17:13](#)) shall be as the native born ([Lev 19:34](#)) gives tithes and free-will offerings ([Lev 22:18&Deu 26:12](#)) **ONE TORAH** for native Israeli and the “Gare” ([Num 15:16,Num 15:29&Deu 31:12](#)) they are to rejoice at the Temple ([Deut 16:11](#)) and do the Feast's ([Deut 16:11](#)) the “foreigner” was blessed with the native Israeli ([Joshua 8:33](#)) 153,900 lived in Israel during King Solomon's reign ([2Ch 2:17](#)) they will be added to Israel ([Isa 14:1](#)) is judged like the native Israeli ([Ezek 14:7](#)) has an inheritance with Israel ([Ezek 47:22-23](#)) **Gentiles being “Grafted into Israel” existed long before Romans 11 and Eph. 2 Rom 15:9= Gare**^{H1616}!

“The place He (YHWH) will choose” in v15&16 is the **TEMPLE** in **JERUSALEM** see 1 Kings 8:15-16 2Chron 7:12-16

Deut 31:9-13 Then Moshe wrote down this **Torah** and gave it to the cohanim, the descendants of Levi who carried the ark with the covenant of YHWH, and to all the leaders of Isra'el. Moshe gave them these orders: "At the end of every

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seven years, during the festival of **Sukkot**^{H5521} in the year of sh'mittah (The year of Jubilee), when all Isra'el have come to appear in the presence of Adonai at the place he will choose, you are to read this **Torah** before all Isra'el, so that they can hear it. Assemble the people — the men, the women, the little ones and the **foreigners**^{H1616} you have in your towns — so that they can hear, learn, fear YHWH your Elohim and take care to obey all the words of this **Torah**; and so that their children, who have not known, can hear and learn to fear YHWH your Elohim, for as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Yarden to possess." (See also Exo 23:16) (And for princes Ezek 45:25)

The details of the Sacrifices for Sukkot are found in **Num 29:12-40** in all 105 Lambs, 71 Bulls, 15 Rams and 8 Goats were sacrificed during the eight days (199 animals in all). The bulls is always a sin offering (**Exo 29:14 Exo 29:36 Lev 4:3,8,14&21**) just to list a few. In **Num 29:12-40** the bulls sacrificed descends in number, one for each day of Sukkot... example 13 bulls on day one, all the way down to 7 bulls on day 7, which =70 bulls for sin offerings and then just **ONE bull on the 8th day**. When asked about forgiveness of our brothers sins, Yeshua said forgive them SEVENTY times SEVEN (**Mat 18:22**). We know that all the sin sacrifices are a shadow of the Messiah and the blood sacrifice that he made, so the Sukkot bull sacrifices represent enough forgiveness for all with ONE left over on the **Eighth day** to cover all of us! The eighth day in scripture represents the "New Jerusalem or Heaven"

Interesting uses of the word **SUKKAH/SUKKOT**^{H5521} ...

Job 36:26-29 Look, Elohim is great, beyond what we can know; the number of his years is uncountable. "He makes the droplets of water, which condense into rain from his mist. The clouds pour it down upon humankind in abundance. Can anyone fathom the spreading of the clouds, or the crashes that come from his **canopy**^{H5521} (**Sukkah**)?"

Psa 18:6-11 (7-12) In my distress I called to YHWH; I cried out to my Elohim. Out of his temple he heard my voice; my cry reached his ears. "Then the earth quaked and shook, the foundations of the mountains trembled. They were shaken because he was angry. Smoke arose in his nostrils; out of his mouth came devouring fire; sparks blazed forth from him. He lowered heaven and came down with thick darkness under his feet. He rode on a keruv; he flew, swooping down on the wings of the wind. He made darkness his hiding-place, his **canopy**^{H5521} (**Sukkah**) thick clouds dark with water.

Psa 31:16-21 Make your face shine on your servant; in your grace, save me. YHWH, don't let me be put to shame, for I have called on you; let the wicked be put to shame, let them be silenced in Sh'ol. May lying lips be struck dumb, that speak insolently against the righteous with such pride and contempt. But oh, how great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you do for those who take refuge in you, before people's very eyes! In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plots, you conceal them in your **shelter**^{H5521} (**SUKKAH**), safe from contentious tongues. Blessed be YHWH! For he has shown me his amazing grace when I was in a city under siege.

Isa 4:4-6 When YHWH washes away the filth of the women of Tziyon and cleanses Yerushalayim from the blood shed in it with a blast of searing judgment, YHWH will create over the whole site of Mount Tziyon and over those who assemble there a smoking cloud by day and a shining, flaming fire by night; for the Glory will be over everything like a hupah. A **sukkah**^{H5521} will give shade by day from the heat; it will also provide refuge and cover from storm and rain.

Historical happenings on Sukkot...

Both Temples were dedicated to YHWH and He came into and dwelt in the Temple on Sukkot:

1Kings 8:2-16 All the men of Isra'el assembled before King Shlomo (Solomon) at the festival in the month of Etanim, the **seventh month**. All the leaders of Isra'el came. The cohanim took the ark and brought up the ark of YHWH, the tent of meeting and all the holy utensils that were in the tent; these are what the cohanim and L'vi'im brought up. King Shlomo and the whole community of Isra'el assembled in his presence were with him in front of the ark, sacrificing

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sheep and oxen in numbers beyond counting or recording. The cohanim brought the ark for the covenant of YHWH in to its place inside the sanctuary of the house, to the Especially Holy Place, under the wings of the k'ruvim. For the k'ruvim spread out their wings over the place for the ark, covering the ark and its poles from above. The poles were so long that their ends could be seen from the Holy Place in front of the sanctuary, but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moshe put there at Horev, when YHWH made the covenant with the people of Isra'el at the time of their leaving the land of Egypt. When the cohanim came out of the Holy Place, the cloud filled the house of YHWH, so that, because of the cloud, the cohanim could not stand up to perform their service; for the glory of YHWH filled the house of YHWH. Shlomo said, "YHWH said he would live in thick darkness. But I have built you a magnificent house, a place where you can live forever." Then the king turned around and blessed the whole community of Isra'el. The whole community of Isra'el stood as he said: "Blessed be YHWH, the Elohim of Isra'el, who spoke to my father David with his mouth and fulfilled his promise with his hand. He said, 'Since the day I brought my people Isra'el out of Egypt, I chose no city from any of the tribes of Isra'el in which to build a house, so that my name might be there; but I did choose David to be over my people Isra'el.'

2Chron 7:1-16 When Shlomo had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of YHWH filled the house, so that the cohanim could not enter the house of YHWH; because the glory of YHWH filled YHWH's house. All the people of Isra'el saw when the fire came down, and the glory of YHWH was on the house; they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the flooring; prostrating themselves, they gave thanks to YHWH, "for he is good, for his grace continues forever." Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before YHWH. King Shlomo offered a sacrifice of 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. Thus the king and all the people dedicated the house of Elohim. The cohanim stood at their appointed stations, while the L'vi'im used the instruments that David the king had provided for making music to YHWH in order to "give thanks to YHWH, for his grace continues forever," by means of the praises David had composed. {The Hallel Psa 115-118} Opposite them the cohanim sounded trumpets; and all Isra'el stood up. Shlomo also consecrated the center of the courtyard in front of the house of YHWH; because he had to offer the burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings there. For the bronze altar which Shlomo had made could not receive the burnt offering, the grain offering and the fat. So Shlomo celebrated the festival at that time for seven days, together with all Isra'el, an enormous gathering; *[they had come all the way]* from the entrance of Hamat to the Vadi *[of Egypt]*. On the eighth day they held a solemn assembly, having observed the dedication of the altar for seven days and the festival for seven days. Then, on the twenty-third day of the seventh month (the eighth day of Sukkot), he sent the people away to their tents full of joy and glad of heart for all the goodness YHWH had shown to David, to Shlomo and to Isra'el his people. Thus Shlomo finished the house of YHWH and the royal palace. Everything that Shlomo had set his heart on making in the house of YHWH and in his own palace he accomplished successfully. YHWH appeared to Shlomo by night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. If I shut up the sky, so that there is no rain; or if I order locusts to devour the land; or if I send an epidemic of sickness among my people; then, if my people, who bear my name, will humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears will pay attention to the prayer made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house, so that my name can be there forever; my eyes and heart will always be there.

And again in the Second Temple...

Neh 8:818 They read clearly from the scroll, in the Torah of God, translated it, and enabled them to understand the sense of what was being read. Nechemyah (Nehemiah) the Govenor, `Ezra the cohen and Torah-teacher and the L'vi'im who taught the people said to all the people, "Today is consecrated to YHWH your Elohim; don't be mournful, don't weep." For all the people had been weeping when they heard the words of the Torah. Then he said to them, "Go, eat rich food, drink sweet drinks, and send portions to those who can't provide for themselves; for today is consecrated to our Master. Don't be sad, because the joy of YHWH is your strength." In this way the L'vi'im quieted the people, as they said, "Be quiet, for today is holy; don't be sad." Then the people went off to eat, drink, send portions and celebrate; because they had understood the words that had been proclaimed to them. On the second day, the heads of fathers' clans of all the people assembled with the cohanim and L'vi'im before `Ezra the Torah-

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teacher to study the words of the Torah. They found written in the Torah that YHWH had ordered through Moshe that the people of Isra'el were to live in sukkot during the feast of the seventh month; and that they were to announce and pass the word in all their cities and in Yerushalayim, "Go out to the mountains, and collect branches of olives, wild olives, myrtles, palms, and other leafy trees to make sukkot, as prescribed." So the people went out, brought them and made sukkot for themselves, each one on the roof of his house, also in their courtyards, in the courtyards of the house of Elohim, in the open space by the Water Gate and in the open space by the Efrayim Gate. The entire community of those who had returned from the exile made sukkot and lived in the sukkot, for the people of Isra'el had not done this since the days of Yeshua (Joshua) the son of Nun. So there was very great joy. Also they read every day, from the first day until the last day, in the scroll of the Torah of God. They kept the feast for seven days; then on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the rule. (Also see Ezra 3)

It would also seem logical that since all the Temples were dedicated to YHWH on Sukkot, He will probably come into the THIRD TEMPLE ON SUKKOT!

Ezek 43:1-9 After this, he brought me to the gate facing east. There I saw the glory of the God of Isra'el approaching from the east. His voice was like the sound of rushing water, and the earth shone with his glory. The vision seemed like the vision I had seen when I came to destroy the city; also the visions were like the vision I had seen by the K'var River; and I fell on my face. YHWH's glory entered the house through the gate facing east. Next, a spirit took me up and brought me into the inner courtyard, and I saw YHWH's glory fill the house. I heard someone speaking to me from the house, and a man was standing by me. He said, "Human being, this is the place for my throne, the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live among the people of Isra'el forever. The house of Isra'el, both they and their kings, will never again defile my holy name by their prostitution, by *[burying]* the corpses of their kings *[on]* their high places, or by placing their threshold next to my threshold and their door-frames next to my door-frames, with only a common wall between me and them. Yes, they defiled my holy name by the disgusting practices they committed; which is why I destroyed them in my anger. So now, they should put their prostitution at a distance and the corpses of their kings far away from me; then I will live among them forever."

Yeshua and Sukkot

John 7:1-19 After this, Yeshua traveled around in the Galil, intentionally avoiding Y'hudah because the Judeans were out to kill him. But the festival of Sukkot in Y'hudah was near; so his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go into Y'hudah, so that your talmidim can see the miracles you do; for no one who wants to become known acts in secret. If you're doing these things, show yourself to the world!" (His brothers spoke this way because they had not put their trust in him.) Yeshua said to them, "My time has not yet come; but for you, any time is right. The world can't hate you, but it does hate me, because I keep telling it how wicked its ways are. You, go on up to the festival; as for me, I am not going up to this festival now, because the right time for me has not yet come." Having said this, he stayed on in the Galil. But after his brothers had gone up to the festival, he too went up, not publicly but in secret. At the festival, the Judeans were looking for him. "Where is he?" they asked. And among the crowds there was much whispering about him. Some said, "He's a good man"; but others said, "No, he is deceiving the masses." However, no one spoke about him openly, for fear of the Judeans. Not until the festival was half over did Yeshua go up to the Temple courts and begin to teach. The Judeans were surprised: "How does this man know so much without having studied?" they asked. So Yeshua gave them an answer: "My teaching is not my own, it comes from the One who sent me. If anyone wants to do his will, he will know whether my teaching is from God or I speak on my own. A person who speaks on his own is trying to win praise for himself; but a person who tries to win praise for the one who sent him is honest, there is nothing false about him. Didn't Moshe give you the Torah? Yet not one of you obeys the Torah! Why are you out to kill me?"

And then He goes on to Teach in the Temple on Sukkot...

John 7:32-38 The P'rushim heard the crowd whispering these things about Yeshua; so the head cohanim and the P'rushim sent some of the Temple guards to arrest him. Yeshua said, "I will be with you only a little while longer; then I will go away to the One who sent me. You will look for me and not find me; indeed, where I am, you cannot come." The Judeans said to themselves, "Where is this man about to go, that we won't find him? Does he intend to

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go to the Greek Diaspora and teach the Greek-speaking Jews? And when he says, 'You will look for me and not find me; indeed, where I am, you cannot come' — what does he mean?" Now on the last day of the festival, Hoshana Rabbah, Yeshua stood and cried out, "**If anyone is thirsty, let him keep coming to me and drinking! Whoever puts his trust in me, as the Scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from his inmost being!**"

Yeshua announces that HE is the fulfillment of part of the Sukkot **water and wine** libation ceremony described in the Mishna ...

""A priest had a flask of gold filled with water and another has a flask of gold filled with wine. There were two silver bowls perforated with holes like a narrow snout. One was wide for the water the other is narrow for the wine. The priests poured the wine and water into each of their bowls. The wine and water mixed together. The wine flowing slowly through the narrow snout and the water flowing quickly through the wider snout. (mishna .Sukkot 4:9)""

Joh 19:34 However, one of the soldiers stabbed his side with a spear, and at once **blood and water** flowed out.

It also parallels the book of **Enoch 48:1** And in that place I saw the fountain of righteousness which was inexhaustible:

And around it were many fountains of wisdom: And all the **thirsty drank of them**, and were filled with wisdom, and their dwellings were with the righteous and holy and elect.

So Yeshua is the "Water" spoken of in Revelation...

Rev 7:17 "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will shepherd them, will lead them to **springs of living water**, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

Rev 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the 'Aleph' and the 'Tav,' the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty I myself will give water **free of charge from the Fountain of Life**.

Rev 22:1 Next the angel showed me the **river of the water of life**, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Rev 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Let anyone who hears say, 'Come!' **And let anyone who is thirsty come — let anyone who wishes, take the water of life free of charge.**"

Also consider...

1Jn 5:1-8 Everyone who believes that Yeshua is the Messiah has God as his father, and everyone who loves a father loves his offspring too. Here is how we know that we love God's children: when we love God, we also do what he **commands**. For loving God means **obeying his commands**. Moreover, **his commands are not burdensome**, because everything which has God as its Father overcomes the world. And this is what victoriously overcomes the world: our trust. Who does overcome the world if not the person who believes that Yeshua is the Son of God? He is the one who came by means of **water and blood**, Yeshua the Messiah — not with water only, but with the **water and the blood**. And the Spirit bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth. There are three witnesses — the Spirit, the water and the blood — and these three are in agreement.

Future Fulfillments!

Zec 14:16-21 Finally, everyone remaining from all the nations that came to attack Yerushalayim will go up every year to worship the king, YHWH-Tzva'ot, and to keep the festival of **Sukkot**. If any of the families of the earth does not go up to Yerushalayim to worship the king, YHWH-Tzva'ot, **no rain will fall on them**. If the family of Egypt doesn't go up, if they refuse to come, they will have no [annual] overflow [from the Nile]; moreover, there will be the plague with which YHWH will strike the nations that don't go up to **keep the festival of Sukkot**. This will be Egypt's punishment and the punishment of **all the nations that don't go up to keep the festival of Sukkot**. When that day comes, this will be written on the bells worn by the horses: "Consecrated to YHWH"; and the cooking pots in the house of YHWH will be [as holy] as the sprinkling bowls before the altar. Yes, every cooking pot in Yerushalayim and Y'hudah will be consecrated to YHWH-Tzva'ot. Everyone who offers sacrifices will come, take them and use them to stew the meat. When that day comes, there will no longer be merchants in the house of YHWH-Tzva'ot.

Sounds like there might be some CRISPY American "church" yards!!!

Amo 9:8-15 Look, the eyes of YHWH Elohim are on the sinful kingdom. I will wipe it off the face of the earth, yet I will not completely destroy the house of Ya`akov," says YHWH. "For when I give the order, I will shake the house of

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Isra'el, there among all the Gentiles, as one shakes with a sieve, letting no grain fall to the ground. All the sinners among my people who say, 'Disaster will never overtake us or confront us,' will die by the sword. "When that day comes, I will raise up the fallen sukkah^{H5521} of David. I will close up its gaps, raise up its ruins and rebuild it as it used to be, so that Isra'el can possess what is left of Edom and of all the nations bearing my name," says YHWH, who is doing this. "The days will come," says YHWH, "when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the one treading grapes the one sowing seed. Sweet wine will drip down the mountains, and all the hills will flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Isra'el; they will rebuild and inhabit the ruined cities; they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, cultivate gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their own soil, no more to be uprooted from their land, which I gave them," says YHWH your God.

This passage is also talked about in Act's 15

Act 15:15-18 And the words of the Prophets are in complete harmony with this for it is written, ' "After this, I will return; and I will rebuild the fallen tent of David. I will rebuild its ruins, I will restore it, so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, that is, all the gentiles who have been called by my name," says YHWH, who is doing these things.' All this has been known for ages.

When this "age of the gentiles" comes to it's fullness, then Israel we be re-gathered!

Rom 11:25-27 'For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery so that you will not be wise in your own estimation that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the gentiles has come in and so all Israel will be saved. Just as it is written, The Deliverer will come from Zion. He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. This is My Covenant with them, when I take away their sins.'

Rom 11:11-15 "In that case, I say, isn't it that they have stumbled with the result that they have permanently fallen away?" Heaven forbid! Quite the contrary, it is by means of their stumbling that the deliverance has come to the Gentiles, in order to provoke them to jealousy. Moreover, if their stumbling is bringing riches to the world — that is, if Isra'el's being placed temporarily in a condition less favored than that of the Gentiles is bringing riches to the latter — how much greater riches will Isra'el in its fullness bring them! However, to those of you who are gentiles I say this: since I myself am an emissary sent to the gentiles, I make known the importance of my work in the hope that somehow I may provoke some of my own people to jealousy and save some of them! For if their casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead!

The Prophesied Return...

Jer 16:11-17 then you are to say to them, 'It is because your ancestors abandoned me, says YHWH, and went after other gods, serving and worshipping them, but abandoned ME and did not keep my Torah. And you have done worse than your ancestors, for — look! — each of you lives according to the stubbornness of his own evil heart, so that you don't listen to me. Therefore I am thrusting you out of this land into a land you have not known, neither you nor your ancestors; and there you will serve other gods day and night; for I will show you no favor.' " 'Therefore,' says YHWH, 'the day will come when people will no longer swear, "As YHWH lives, who brought the people of Isra'el out of the land of Egypt," but, "As YHWH lives, who brought the people of Isra'el out of the land to the north and out of all the countries where he drove them"; for I will bring them back to their own land, which I gave to their ancestors. " 'Look,' says YHWH, 'I will send for many fishermen, and they will fish for them. Afterwards, I will send for many hunters; and they will hunt them from every mountain and hill and out of caves in the rocks. For I see all their ways; they are not hidden from me; their crimes are not concealed from my eyes.

So Sukkot, the FINAL ingathering feast, a feast hidden in Joseph (Who is lost in the nations)

{ **Psa 81:3** Sound the shofar at Rosh-Hodesh (Yom Teruah) and at full moon for the pilgrim feast (Sukkot), because this is a law for Isra'el, a ruling of the God of Ya`akov. He placed it as a testimony in Y'hosef when he went out against the land of Egypt...}

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Will be a catalyst in provoking the Jews to jealousy, and sparking the re-gathering of Israel (Jew and Gentile) back to the land of Israel! This will happen before the ULTIMATE fulfillment of Sukkot, which is ALL ISRAEL WILL DWELL WITH YHWH IN THE NEW JERUSALEM! This is the last fulfillment of Sukkot!

THE BIRTH OF YESHUA THE MESSIAH

So why doesn't the scripture just come out and tell us exactly when Yeshua's Birthday is??? One reason is the fact that one's Birthday is not a celebrated date in Hebraic culture, if you word search "Birthday" in scripture, you will only come up with three results... **Gen 40:20, Mat 14:6, & Mark 6:21** and they are in reference to DISGUSTINGLY PAGAN MEN ~ Pharaoh and Herod!!! That's why it's not blatantly obvious in scripture! But, there is strong evidence which suggests that Yeshua the Messiah was born during Sukkot! The key to calculating the date of the birth of Messiah is **Luke 1:5** where we learn that Zechariah the father of Yochanan was a priest of the course of Abijah. (Read **1 Chron 24:10**, then **Luke 1:5**)

The priests became too numerous to all serve at the Temple all the time, so they were divided into 24 courses (**1Chron 24**). Each course served for **two weeks each year**, once in the former rain (first half of the year) and once in the latter rain (second half of the year). There were also three weeks in which all the priests were required to serve, these were the three pilgrimage festivals (**Deut 16:16**). 24 times 2 is 48 plus three is 51. 51 weeks is 357 days fitting nicely within the 360 day lunar year.

The course of Abijah is the eighth course (**1Chron. 24:10**) which serves the tenth week during the former rain portion of the year (this is because during Passover and Shavuot all for the priests serve together **Deut 16:16**). Zechariah had his vision while serving in the course of Abijah in the tenth week (It will become apparent that he was serving his first course not his second as the timing will show as we progress). Thus Zechariah's vision took place during the 10th week of the year (The religious year beginning at Abib around 14 days before Passover). We must add two additional weeks before Yochanon (John) could be conceived, due to the purity laws (**Lev. 12:5; 15:19, 25**). So Yochanon was conceived in the 12th week of the year. He was born about 40 weeks later during the 52nd week of the year (12 + 40 = 52) which brings us to Passover. Thus Yochanon was born at Passover, the very time that Elijah was, according to Jewish tradition, supposed to appear. (**Mal 4:5 & Mat 11:14**)

Yeshua was conceived 6 months (about 25 weeks) after Yochanon's conception (**Luke 1:26 & 1:36**). This means Yeshua was conceived around the 37th week around Chanukah. This would mean the light of the world was conceived during the festival of lights! Yeshua was born 40 weeks later (around week 77 that is week 25 of the following year) this brings us to the time of the fall feasts.

There are several clues that Yeshua was born at Sukkot:

1. Bethlehem was "booked solid." This would not have been due census which would have taken place over the period of a year. Every Jew was required to come to Jerusalem for Sukkot (**Deut 16:16**) this would have over run Jerusalem as well as Bethlehem just five miles away.
2. Yeshua was born in a "manger" or stable. The Hebrew word for "stable" is "sukkah" (as in **Gen. 33:17**) so it is likely that Yeshua was born in a Sukkah/booth.
3. If Yeshua was born on the first day of Sukkot then he would have been circumcised on the "eighth great day" a festival following Sukkot. This day was the original "Simchat Torah" (Rejoicing in the Torah) So Yeshua would have entered the covenant on the day of "rejoicing in the Torah."
4. When the angels appeared to the shepherds they made a statement which closely echoes the ancient Sukkot liturgy "...behold, we have come to declare to you glad tidings of great joy." (**Luke 2:10-11**)
5. Sukkot is symbolic of God dwelling in a "tabernacle" (body?) with us.