

SUKKOT

The Feast of Tabernacles

Yehovah's appointed time of rejoicing and remembrance

The purpose of the Teaching

Biblical observance, temporary booths, native Israelites and strangers, harvest, and future fulfillment

The command in Leviticus 23

The fifteenth day of the seventh month • Seven days of feasting •
Holy convocation • Sacred eighth day

Rejoicing at the harvest

Give thanks for the ingathering; remember deliverance from Egypt
(Leviticus 23:39-43)

A temporary dwelling

The sukkah recalls the Exodus and becomes a teaching illustration of life's impermanence

The contrast in the Torah

Leviticus 23:42: native Israelites dwell in booths

Deuteronomy 16:14: strangers rejoice with Israel

Whose story is remembered?

The booths memorialize the historical deliverance of the children of Israel

Our earthly tent

Hebrews 13:14 and 2 Corinthians 5:1-5 provide the speaker's typological parallels

The mixed multitude

Exodus 12:38: others accompanied Israel; the lesson asks why they joined

Why people join

Fear • Safety • Material benefits • Sincere covenant faithfulness

Possible motives proposed in the discussion

A wilderness warning

Numbers 14 and 1 Corinthians 10: Israel's experience serves as an admonition

The second Exodus proposal

Ezekiel 20:33-38: a future refining and purging; distinguish the text from the speaker's interpretation

The one taken and one left

Matthew 24:40-41: the speaker suggests an analogy with removal of rebels; not a settled reading

Sukkot among the nations

Zechariah 14:16-19 pictures the nations coming up to worship the King at Tabernacles

Torah teaching at Sukkot

Deuteronomy 31:10-13: public reading includes children and strangers

The prophetic harvest

Matthew 13 and Revelation 14: a harvest of the earth and judgment

The sacred assembly

The eighth day of solemn gathering after seven days of rejoicing

God dwelling with His people

Revelation 21:1-4: the ultimate dwelling of Yehovah among the redeemed

Study and apply

What is commanded? What is an interpretation? How can we honor the feast responsibly today?