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## Sukkot The Feast of Tabernacles

As we move out of the first two Fall appointments of our Father... we find ourselves steaming towards the Feast of Tabernacles. And it should be of no surprise that it is the Feast of Tabernacles (also known as Sukkot) that most people enjoy the most... and the reason for that is that Sukkot... (or the feast of Tabernacles) is meant to be a joyful celebration before our Father in Heaven. This very day is a day of rejoicing... it's the day that the fall harvest is brought in, it's the last appointment of our Father in heaven for the year... and it's a time that many families join together in a time of rejoicing with our Father to socialize and to fellowship, and to slow life down and really get to know one another, and to be close to our Father. We must remember what our Messiah told us... that whatever we do for even the least of our brothers we've done... for him.

There are three times a year... that all the males of the house of Israel are to appear before our Father in Heaven. Let's read that in Deuteronomy 16:16:

*Deu 16:16 "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.*

*Deu 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.*

Now... it's important to understand right from the beginning that "The Feast of Booths" and "The Feast of Tabernacles" and "The Feast of Sukkot" are all the same. So, when you hear any one of these names, or labels... you can know that they're all talking about the same event. And I just want to make that clear so that we don't lose anybody with all of these different kinds of terminologies, and names, and titles.

The reason for the Feast of Sukkot is to remember the Israelite's when they came out of Egypt, and each person was to dwell in what is called a sukkot... which is kind of like a tent structure for 7 days. Let's turn to Leviticus 23:42-43

*Lev 23:42 You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, Lev 23:43 that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God."*

And so today many modern-day Christians will spend those seven days camping, or in tents during this time to remember the commandment of our Father in Heaven and the Israelites who he brought out of bondage under Egypt. And what we will also see in this commandment... is why our Father wanted us to come to where he was... and to feast, and to fellowship, and to basically have a huge public party... and to rejoice before our Father in Heaven. This is to be a special time that our Father wants to be with his children, and to see them rejoicing in his presence, and being glad in all that he has bestowed upon them. Take into consideration what we find in Deuteronomy 14:22-26:

*Deu 14:22* “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year.

*Deu 14:23* And before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

*Deu 14:24* And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the LORD your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the LORD your God chooses, to set his name there,

*Deu 14:25* then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the LORD your God chooses

*Deu 14:26* and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.

And so, our Father tells us to keep back a tithe or a portion of our earnings each year... so that we can come before him and enjoy this time of gathering, and fellowship before him. It was a time that we were to go where ever our Father’s tabernacle was... or where ever he chooses to make his name dwell... and we were to eat what we had saved up throughout the year and once again have a great time of rejoicing and fellowship with each other where ever our Father was.

Now with that being said... we know of course that our Father in Heaven no longer tabernacles with us here on earth at this point in time. But we also know that he soon will again tabernacle with us in the very near future. Let’s turn to Revelation 21:1-8:

**Rev 21:1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

*Rev 21:2* And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

*Rev 21:3* And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”

*Rev 21:4* He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

*Rev 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."*

*Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

*Rev 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment."*

*Rev 21:7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.*

*Rev 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."*

And so each and every Christian should know and understand that things will again come full circle, and our Father in Heaven will restore all things when he returns to make his Sons enemies his footstool. And once again my friends... I must be sure to point us back to Revelation 21 verse 8. Our Father in heaven, and his only begotten Son will not include the cowardly who will not stand up for his name. Nor will he include the faithless, the detestable, or murderers, or the sexually immoral, or sorcerers, and idolaters, and liars. Their portion will be in the lake of fire which comes after the 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection... and is known as the second death.

So, as we read about this joyous time called Sukkot... please, please, please... understand... that this is a time for our Fathers people... and it is not a time for those who have made themselves friends of this world.

And I would also like to say that I completely understand the argument that our Father is no longer tabernacling with us here on earth so we can't really keep Sukkot. But to that I would say... that most of his appointments are appointments that we can no longer keep as commanded because we no longer have a temple, or an earthly High Priest, and we no longer have the Levitical court system that our Father put in place here on this earth. We live much like the early Israelite's lived while in bondage under Babylon. We live in a Babylonian world my friends... that does not keep our Fathers appointments... let alone his Sabbaths, commandments, or precepts. We too... are in bondage in the world that we now live in. But this was the exactly what our Messiah came to free us from. The bondage of this world! The day is soon to come when he will indeed restore all things about which our Father spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from ancient times... just as we're told in Acts 3:21. And so we do what we can to keep the remembrance of what we can... so that we can continue to practice his appointments to the best of our ability. This way... when we do enter into his coming kingdom... we will already know, and understand the things that he himself will re-institute from ancient times. We must remember always the Biblical definition of the love of God found in 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:3... *"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome."*

So, with that being said... I always like to reconfirm the fact that it is indeed written that both Jew and Gentile are indeed supposed to keep our Fathers appointments... and that from the very beginning of the God breathed scriptures that we hold in our hands, our Father has always

included the Gentile stranger into the House of Israel... so as we lay this teaching out... it's important that we minister to those who may have never heard these things before. So, let's turn to Numbers 15:15-16:

*Num 15:14 And if a **stranger** is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he shall do as you do.*

*Num 15:15 For the assembly, **there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike** before the LORD.*

*Num 15:16 **One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you.***"

So, let there be no question about whether or not a modern-day Christian is to keep these commanded appointments, Sabbaths, precepts, and commandments of our Father in Heaven. It has been long taught... and I might add... wrongly taught... that there is a separation between Jew and Gentile over the ages. This teaching comes directly from the wicked one my friends. It comes directly from the wisdom of men... and their anti-Semitic so called "Early Church Fathers", and their councils of men, and their prestigious Bible commentators, and those who to this day still reside within the walls of the Vatican.

The scriptures themselves are clear... and we need not second guess them just because of the foul stench of the wisdom of men that has been pumped into our ears for generations. We need only turn to our prayer closets, and our personal walk with our Father in Heaven and his only begotten Son and ask... to be given the truth... and then... stand on the truth that we've been given... not by men... but by God.

Here is another scripture that is most often taken out of context... but in reality... re-confirms what we're saying here today. Let's turn to Colossians 2:16-17:

*Col 2:16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.*

*Col 2:17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.*

Here we have Paul telling the Colossians not to let the Gnostics, and those who worship angles pass judgment on them in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or our Fathers new moons, or his Sabbaths. Paul is telling the Colossians that these are a shadow of things to come... in other words... these appointed times of food and drink... and our Fathers festivals, and his calendar, and his Sabbaths are all a shadow of things to come. They all point directly to our Messiah... and should not be done away with. Paul tells the Colossians very clearly that the substance belongs to the Messiah!

And so, as we begin to review what the Feast of Tabernacles (also known as Sukkot) is all

about... let's return to our list of the seven appointed moedim... (or appointments) of our Father: (SHOW CHART)



Now... I do want to mention the fact that there are actually eight moedim, (or appointments) that we have with our Father each year... the first one being the “7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath” ... and just as we’re told by our Father in Heaven in genesis 2:2... where our Father tells us that he crated the earth in seven days... and then rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day... so too are we to rest on that seventh day. And for all of you 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week Sunday sabbath keepers out there... you need to know and understand that you are keeping a sabbath day that belongs to men... not our Father in Heaven. If you’re still calling the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week our Fathers Sabbath... you need to understand that Sunday is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week... and schoolboy can tell you that my friends. And you need to also know that there was never any biblical authorization to change our Fathers 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath to the first day of the week. And you also need to understand that the Sabbath change was made by men after the New Testament was written. And we have several studies on that at our website at HolyImpactMinistries.com if you’d like to take the time to visit us and let us put some truth in your hearing... and we urge you to do that... and then as always... take these things to your prayer closet and test them through the fire of prayer.

But getting back to our chart here... as we can see there are 7 other moedim (or appointments) given to us by our Father... but not all of these are indeed “feast days”. Only three of them are really commanded to include a feast. (SHOW CHART):

# THE MOEDIM:

## Feast Days In Red

### Spring Moedim:

Appointed Times

Passover (Pesach)

**Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMatzot)**

First Fruits (Reishit Katzir)

**Pentecost (Shavuot)**

### Fall Moedim:

Appointed Times

Trumpets (Yom Teruah)

Atonement (Yom Kippur)

**Tabernacles (Sukkot)**

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There is the Passover and Unleavened Bread which are really seen as one because the Passover is in preparation for the feast of “Unleavened Bread” ... and once again this is why it’s called “Preparation Day” in the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John... and then we have the feast of Pentecost also known as “Shavuot” and then “Tabernacles” also known as “Sukkot”.

So, the Feast of Sukkot is indeed a real “Feast Day” according to the commandment, and is once again a time of great rejoicing, and is to be used as a week of fellowship, and to bind together not only with each other... but with our Father in Heaven.

So where do we find the commandment for the feast of Sukkot in our scriptures? We can find it in Leviticus 23:33-43:

*ev 23:33 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,*

*Lev 23:34 “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, **On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the LORD.***

*Lev 23:35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work.*

*Lev 23:36 For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. **On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work.***

*Lev 23:37 “These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the LORD food offerings, burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its proper day,*

*Lev 23:38 besides the LORD's Sabbaths and besides your gifts and besides all your vow*

*offerings and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.*

*Lev 23:39 “On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest.*

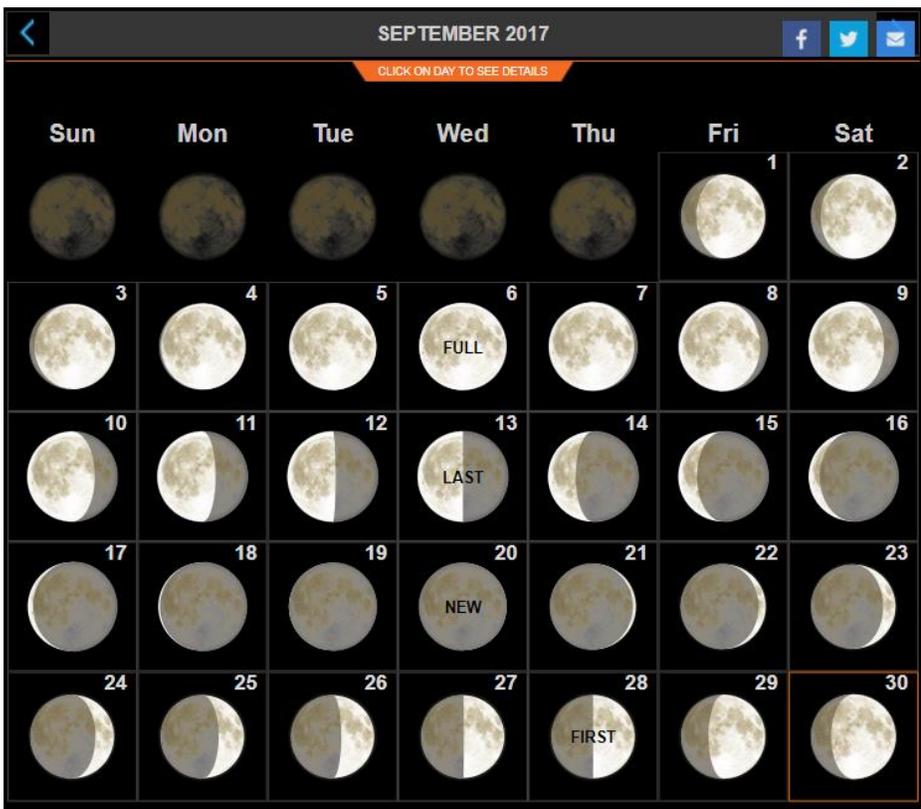
*Lev 23:40 And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.*

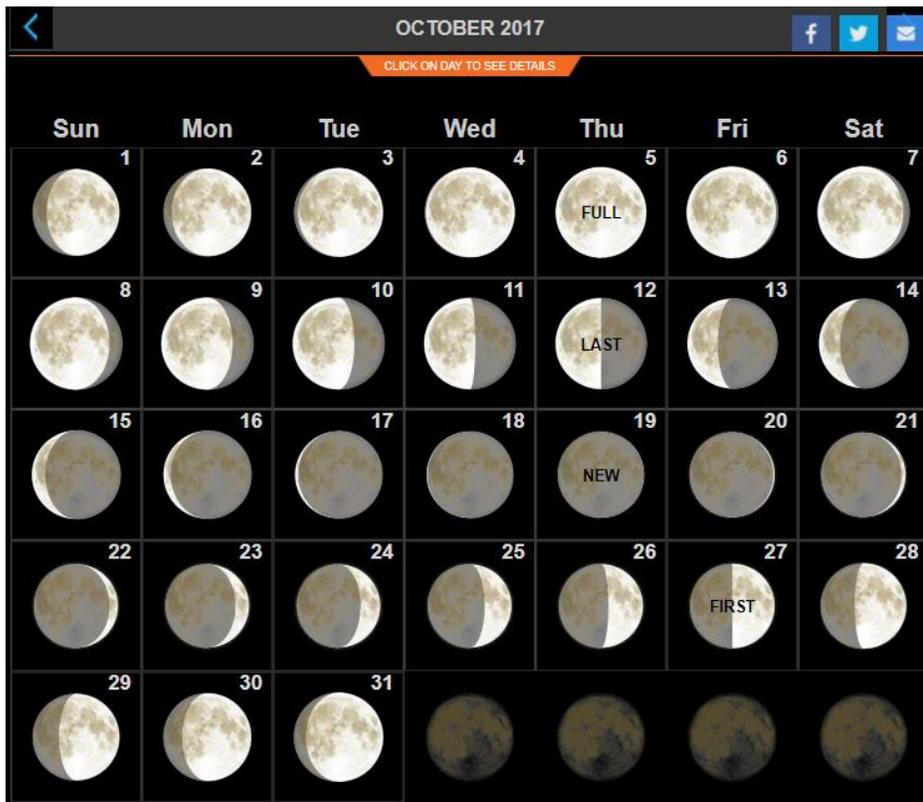
*Lev 23:41 You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month.*

*Lev 23:42 You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths,*

*Lev 23:43 that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”*

Now once again my friends... it's important to understand how to properly calculate the Feast of Sukkot... and so before we go any farther... I'd like to point out verse 34. We're clearly told in verse 34... that the day of the Feast of Booths... also known as the Feast of Sukkot... or Tabernacles... is to be kept on the fifteenth day of the seventh month. Knowing that our Father does not keep our modern day Gregorian calendar... we need to understand that our Fathers months start with each new moon. So, we simply need to go back to when the 7<sup>th</sup> new moon is. And for that... let's turn to when the 7<sup>th</sup> new moon is this year in 2017:





As we can clearly see in our chart... if we count the new moon which begins on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September this year in 2017... we can then very easily count 15 days... just as we are commanded in Leviticus 23:34... and we land directly on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. So, we can know without a doubt... that Sukkot in 2017 starts at sundown on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We must remember... that our Fathers days do not run from midnight to midnight as our modern day Gregorian calendar does. Our Fathers days begin at sundown, and end at sundown... not midnight. Therefore... we would begin to celebrate Sukkot at sundown on the Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October of 2017... and it would run until Wednesday at sundown October 11<sup>th</sup> because Sukkot is to run for 7 days... just as we are once again told in Leviticus 23:34. And after the 7<sup>th</sup> day... there is the 8<sup>th</sup> day of rest that is also commanded for us to keep.

So, there is nothing confusing about how to calculate our Fathers feast days... so anyone who is able to count from one to fifteen can know exactly when our Fathers commanded day of Booths is... (once again... also known as Sukkot or Tabernacles).

Now there will be those who will argue once again that the Israelite's were to ignorant to know when the new moon was. And they will argue that the Israelite's would have had to have seen the sliver of the new moon, in order to know that it was the new moon. But I would submit to you that civilizations much younger than the Israelite's always new when the "new moon" was... and so did they... and so once again... we can go by what the scripture tells us... or we can go by what man supposes is right. You will have to decide that for yourself my friends... but as for me and my house... we will follow our Fathers God breathed scriptures to a "t" ... the very best that we can. And once again we do not condemn anyone for starting the Feast of

Sukkot a day later... we simply do not hold to that understanding... so please... if you are from another ministry that has taught you differently... please do not send your emails... because we are well aware of the discrepancy... and have already made our decision to stay the course.

Now... with all of that being said... we must understand that just like on the Feast of Unleavened Bread... there are what are called “High Sabbaths”. These “High Sabbaths” are separate and apart from our Fathers “7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath”. On the first day of Sukkot... no work is to be done... and again on the 8<sup>th</sup> day... no work is to be done... and you can find that again in Leviticus 23:36. So our Father wants us well rested for the Feast of Sukkot... and he wants us well rested after the Feast of Sukkot. So that 8<sup>th</sup> day... which would be Thursday October 12... is a “High Sabbath” ... or another day of rest where no work is to be done.

Now... with all of that being said I want to backup just a moment here... because some people are confused by what they find in Leviticus 23:42:

*Lev 23:42 You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All **native Israelites** shall dwell in booths*

Now when the unstudied read this... they automatically think that the Feast of Sukkot is only for the native Israelites. And this is kind of what you might call an “oxymoron”. They are both right and wrong at the same time. Yes... they are right. The Feast of Sukkot is for the “native Israelites”. But no, they are wrong... if they think that Gentiles are not included as a “native Israelite”. All believing Christians are indeed “native Israelite’s”. Let me prove that to you through the scriptures. Let’s turn to Numbers 15:15-16:

*Num 15:14 And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he shall do as you do.*

*Num 15:15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. **You and the sojourner shall be alike before the LORD.***

*Num 15:16 **One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you.***”

And just to nail this down even farther... let us turn to Exodus 12:48-49:

*Exo 12:48 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a **native of the land.** But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.*

*Exo 12:49 There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.”*

So, let there be no doubt my friends... that if you are indeed a believer in the Messiah Yahshua, Jesus... you are a native of the land... in fact... if you are in the Messiah... and the Messiah is

in you... you are the offspring of Abraham... and if you are the offspring of Abraham... you are then also an heir to the promise that our Father in Heaven made to Abraham... and just to confirm that scriptural fact... let's ones again turn to Galatians 3:27-29:

*Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

*Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

*Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

So, let there be no mistake my friends... there is no difference in our Fathers eyes between the Jew and the Gentile... or the free or the slave, or even a man and a woman... we indeed are all one in our Messiah. And without him... we are lost... and have absolutely no hope. There is only one way my friends.

And once again I want to make it very clear that our Father wants us to “rejoice”. It is a time for all of our Fathers people to “rejoice” and to prove that through the scriptures... let's turn to Deuteronomy 16:13-17:

*Deu 16:13 “You shall keep the Feast of Booths seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress.*

*Deu 16:14 **You shall rejoice** in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns.*

*Deu 16:15 For seven days you shall keep the feast to the LORD your God at the place that the LORD will choose, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.*

*Deu 16:16 “Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.*

*Deu 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.*

And so, this is a day that we are to rejoice and remember how our Father rescued his children out from under the bondage of Egypt, and to rejoice and be thankful for all that he has bestowed upon us as his children. And something else that we as Christians should take note of is what our Messiah Yahshua, Jesus said during the Feast of Sukkot. Let's turn to John 7:37-38:

*Joh 7:37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.*

*Joh 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”*

And this is a prophecy that has been taught since the days of Isaiah. Let's turn to Isaiah 55:1-2:

**Isa 55:1** *“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

**Isa 55:2** *Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.*

**Isa 55:3** *Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.*

This my friends is a direct link to our Messiah who came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah. Once again, we see clear back in what most of us know as the “Old Testament” ... the scriptures always point to the coming Messiah who indeed did come from the house of David and the very tribe of Judah just as our Father in Heaven promised David in 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel chapter 7 verses 12 through 16. And I want us to stay focused also on this mention of “water” and when we hear our Messiah in John 7:38 say “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ... it's important that we remember what we read in Revelation 22:1-2:

**Rev 22:1** *Then the angel showed me **the river of the water of life**, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb*

**Rev 22:2** *through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

**Rev 22:3** *No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.*

**Rev 22:4** *They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.*

**Rev 22:5** *And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.*

**Rev 22:6** *And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”*

**Rev 22:7** *“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”*

Knowing these things... and pondering the similarities between things like how our Father lays out the seven days of the Feast of Unleavened bread with the first day being a day of rest and the last day being a day of rest... and the fact that we see almost this same layout during the Feast of Sukkot at the end of the year with seven days of rejoicing and feasting with the first day being a day of rest and the last day being a day of rest... there is a theory that many of us believe may be how and why our Father in Heaven has laid all of these things out before us.

Many biblical scholars who study to show themselves approved believe that it may have been Gods will that man would reside on the earth for 6000 years... and on the 7<sup>th</sup> thousandth year...

our Messiah would return to set up his kingdom upon the earth. This would be known as the “Millennial Rein” when we will tabernacle with our Messiah for a thousand years. This would be a kind of Sabbath rest for our Fathers children. We already know that a day is as a thousand years to our Father in Heaven and a thousand years is as one day, and so this theory would indeed fall in line with what we see throughout the scripture. On the eighth day... or the 8<sup>th</sup> thousandth year... we would then see the new Jerusalem of Revelation chapter 21 being brought down out of Heaven.

Now... there are all kinds of speculations over what is coming and how it’s all going to play out... but there are things that we know for sure... because they are written in our God breathed scriptures. One of the things that we know is that not the crossing of a “T” or the dotting of an “I” will pass from the law until heaven and earth pass away and all things are accomplished according to our Messiah in Matthew 5:18, and we know that the earth and Heaven do not pass away until the end of the book in Revelation chapter 21 verses 1 and 2. So according to our Messiah his Fathers Feast Days have not passed away.

Our God is a God who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow... he does not change my friends. He cared about his laws, commandments, precepts, and appointments yesterday, he cares about them today, and he will again care about them tomorrow. And make no mistake about it my friends... we will be keeping these feast days even after the Millennium. And just to prove that through the scripture let’s turn to Zechariah 14:16-17:

*Zec 14:16 Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths.*

*Zec 14:17 And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.*

*Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.*

*Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.*

The family of Egypt pertains to those who are outside of Gods people... people who are still left on the earth after the great battle that comes against Jerusalem... just as we’re told in verse 16. And so over and over and over again he speaks of the commandment of all the nations coming to celebrate the Feast of Booths... also known as Sukkot during the Melena.

It’s important that we also understand that the building of Solomon’s Temple was finished during the Feast of Sukkot. You see all things point to that biblical number seven. The seven days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the seven days of Sukkot, God created the earth in seven days, “observe the 7<sup>th</sup> day to keep it holy as a Sabbath unto me, they marched around the great walls of the city of Jericho for six days until the seventh day... and the walls came down.

You see there are reasons that our Father in Heaven does everything. And that seventh day... points to not only the end... but the beginning. Just as his days end and start at sundown so too will the end also be the beginning.

And as we close out part one of this study into the Feast of Sukkot... I will leave you with his from Revelation 21:3:

**Rev 21:3** *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

There is a time when our Father will once again tabernacle with us... and that day is soon to come my friends... it is closer now... than when we first believed.