

Week #:	103	Series:	Hebrew Roots	Title:	Sukkot
Text:	Leviticus 23:26-27; Leviticus 23:39-43; John 14:6				
Songs:	Jesus Name Above All Names (3:05)				
	Kadosh [Holy] – Paul Wilbur 5:54				
	PRAYER: Famous For – Tauren Wells (4:05)				

The months of September and October on our calendar are the months where you find the three Fall Feasts of the Jewish calendar. The dates fluctuate ever year on our calendar, because the Jewish calendar has a different cycle style than our calendar. This year these fall feasts will be on:

- September 18-20, 2020: Yom Teru'ah / Feast of Trumpets / Rosh Hashanah (Lesson #101)
- September 24, 2020: Yom Kippur / Day of Atonement (Lesson #102)
- **October 1, 2020: Sukkot / Feast of Tabernacles (Lesson #103)**

As with all things in the Bible, we can look at them three ways – the literal fulfillment, the practical fulfillment, and the prophetic fulfillment in the future.

All of these feasts are a prophetic timetable for what God wants to accomplish through the earth in the first and second comings of Yeshua. All the fall feasts picture what Yeshua is going to do when He returns at His second appearing.

Sukkot:

- The last fall feast is known as *Sukkot* or the *Feast of Tabernacles*.
- It is sometimes called *the Feast of Booths/Shelters* or the *Feast of Ingathering* (denoting the time of year of the harvest coming in).
- It comes five days after Yom Kippur. It is celebrated on the 15th day of Tishri (7th month on the Jewish calendar) and lasts 7 days (the first and last days are considered like a Sabbath and no work is done.)
- On each of four days of the celebration they were to perform a wave offering to YHWH with four different branches of trees, then these were woven together to form the four sides of the sukkah.
- The Hebrew word *SUKKŌT* is the plural of sukkah, which literally translates as *BOOTH* or *TABERNACLE*.
- Of all the Jewish holidays, Sukkot is the only one whose date does not seem to commemorate a historic event.

Sukkah:

- A sukkah is a walled structure covered with plant material, such as overgrowth or palm leaves.
- A sukkah is the name of the temporary dwelling in which farmers would live during harvesting
- It is also intended as a reminiscence of the type of fragile and temporary dwellings in which the Israelites dwelt during their 40 years in the desert.
- Throughout the holiday, meals are eaten inside the sukkah and many people sleep there as well.

Leviticus 23:39-43

³⁹ “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 Adonai seven days; the first day is to be a complete rest and the eighth day is to be a complete rest. ⁴⁰ On the first day you are to take choice fruit, palm fronds, thick branches and river-willows, and celebrate in the presence of Adonai your God for seven days. ⁴¹ You are to observe it as a feast to Adonai seven days in the year; it is a permanent

regulation, generation after generation; keep it in the seventh month. ⁴² You are to live in sukkot for seven days; every citizen of Isra'el is to live in a sukkah, ⁴³ so that generation after generation of you will know that I made the people of Isra'el live in sukkot when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am Adonai your God.”

So this is a festival where they live in booths to remember when they had to live in booths in the desert.

The four kinds of branches:

- Choice fruit references the **citron fruit** (Hebrew: **etrog**)
- **Palm fronds** (Hebrew: **lulav**)
- Thick branches references **myrtle branches** (Hebrew: **hadassim**)
- River-willows is the branches of a **willow tree** (Hebrew: **aravot**)

The branches of the last three are bound together, the citron is added to it, and these are then woven together, a blessing is given, and they are waved six directions: right, left, forward, up, down and backward

Sukkahs only have one door – we must remember that there is only one way to heaven, through Jesus.

John 14:6

⁶ Yeshua said, “I AM the Way — and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me.

The Feast of Sukkot in prophecy is a book-ends kind of prophecy, in that Jesus came to tabernacle with us when He was born, and one day we will go and sukkot (or tabernacle) with Him in Heaven. So prophetically this feast is a forerunner of our time in heaven with God after Jesus comes back to rapture His bride away.

