

SUKKOT
Feasts of Booths

Torah: **Leviticus 22:26-23:44, Numbers 29:12-16**
Haftarah: **Zechariah 14:1-21**
Brit Chadasha: **John 7**

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TORAH

Leviticus 22:26-33

26 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying:

27 "When a bull, a sheep or a goat is born, then it is to remain seven days with its mother, and from the eighth day onward it will be accepted as the gift of an offering made by fire to *Adonai*.

28 If it is a cow or ewe, you are not to slaughter it along with its young, both in one day.

29 When you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to *Adonai*, you are to present it so that you may be accepted.

30 It is to be eaten on the same day. You are to leave none of it until the morning. I am *Adonai*.

31 "So you are to keep My *mitzvot* and do them. I am *Adonai*.

32 You must not profane My holy Name, for I will be made holy among *Bnei-Yisrael*. I am *Adonai* who makes you holy,

33 who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. I am *Adonai*."

Leviticus 23:1-44

Biblical Feasts

1 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying:

2 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*, and tell them: These are the appointed *moadim* of *Adonai*, which you are to proclaim to be holy convocations—My *moadim*.

3 “Work may be done for six days, but the seventh day is a *Shabbat* of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You are to do no work—it is a *Shabbat* to *Adonai* in all your dwellings.

Pesach and Feast of Matzot

4 “These are the appointed feasts of *Adonai*, holy convocations which you are to proclaim in their appointed season.

5 During the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, is *Adonai*'s Passover.

6 On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Matzot to *Adonai*. For seven days you are to eat *matzah* .

7 On the first day you are to have a holy convocation and you shall do no regular work.

8 Instead you are to present an offering made by fire to *Adonai* for seven days. On the seventh day is a holy convocation, when you are to do no regular work.”

Bikkurim and *Shavuot*

9 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying:

10 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael* and tell them: When you have come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you are to bring the omer of the firstfruits of your harvest to the *kohen*.

11 He is to wave the omer before *Adonai*, to be accepted for you. On the morrow after the *Shabbat*, the *kohen* is to wave it.

12 On the day when you wave the omer you are to offer a male lamb without blemish, one year old, as a burnt offering to *Adonai*.

13 The grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil—an offering made by fire to *Adonai* for a soothing aroma. Its drink offering with it shall be a quarter of a gallon of wine.

14 You are not to eat bread, roasted grain, or fresh grain until this same day—until you have brought the offering of your God. It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

15 “Then you are to count from the morrow after the Shabbat, from the day that you brought the omer of the wave offering, seven complete *Shabbatot*.

16 Until the morrow after the seventh *Shabbat* you are to count fifty days, and then present a new grain offering to *Adonai*.

17 You are to bring out of your houses two loaves of bread for a wave offering, made of two tenths of an ephah of fine flour. They are to be baked with *hametz* firstfruits to *Adonai*.

18 You are to present, along with the bread, seven one-year-old lambs without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They will become a burnt offering to *Adonai*, with their meal offering, and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to *Adonai*.

19 Also you are to offer one male goat for a sin offering and a pair of year-old male lambs for a sacrifice of fellowship offerings.

20 The *kohen* is to wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before *Adonai*, with the two lambs. They should be holy to *Adonai* for the *kohen*.

21 You are to make a proclamation on the same day that there is to be a holy convocation, and you shall do no regular work. This is a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 “Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you are not to reap to the furthest corners of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Rather you are to leave them for the poor and for the outsider. I am *Adonai* your God.”

Fall Festivals

23 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying:

24 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*, saying: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you are to have a *Shabbat* rest, a memorial of blowing (*shofarot*), a holy convocation.

25 You are to do no regular work, and you are to present an offering made by fire to *Adonai*.”

26 *Adonai* spoke to Moses, saying:

27 “However, the tenth day of this seventh month is *Yom Kippur*, a holy convocation to you, so you are to afflict yourselves. You are to bring an offering made by fire to *Adonai*.

28 You are not to do any kind of work on that set day, for it is *Yom Kippur*, to make atonement for you before *Adonai* your God.

29 For anyone who does not deny himself on that day must be cut off from his people.

30 Anyone who does any kind of work on that day, that person I will destroy from among his people.

31 You shall do no kind of work. It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It is to be a *Shabbat* of solemn rest for you, and you are to humble your souls. On the ninth day of the month in the evening—from evening until evening—you are to keep your *Shabbat*.”

33 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying:

34 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*, and say, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Feast of *Sukkot*, for seven days to *Adonai*.

35 On the first day there is to be a holy convocation—you are to do no laborious work.

36 For seven days you are to bring an offering by fire to *Adonai*. The eighth day will be a holy convocation to you, and you are to bring an offering by fire to *Adonai*. It is a solemn assembly—you shall do no laborious work.

37 “These are the *moadim* of *Adonai*, which you are to proclaim to be holy convocations, to present an offering by fire to *Adonai*—a burnt offering, a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, each on its own day,

38 besides those of the *Shabbatot* of *Adonai* and besides your gifts, all your vows and all your freewill offerings which you give to *Adonai*.

39 “So on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruits of the land, you are to keep the Feast of *Adonai* for seven days. The first day is to be a *Shabbat* rest, and the eighth day will also be a *Shabbat* rest.

40 On the first day you are to take choice fruit of trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and rejoice before *Adonai* your God for seven days.

41 You are to celebrate it as a festival to *Adonai* for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations—you are to celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 You are to live in sukkot for seven days. All the native-born in Israel are to live in sukkot,

43 so that your generations may know that I had *Bnei-Yisrael* to dwell in sukkot when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am *Adonai* your God.”

44 So Moses declared to *Bnei-Yisrael* the *moadim* of *Adonai*.

HAFTARAH

Zechariah 14:1-21

Coming to the Mount of Olives

1 Behold, a day of *Adonai* is coming when your plunder will be divided in your midst.

2 I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to wage war. The city shall be captured, the houses ransacked and the women ravished. Half of the city will be exiled but the remainder of the people will not be cut off from the city.

3 Then *Adonai* will go forth and fight against those nations as He fights in a day of battle.

4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives which lies to the east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a huge valley. Half of the mountain will move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

5 Then you will flee through My mountain valley because the mountain valley will reach to Azel. Yes, you will flee like you fled from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then *Adonai* my God will come and all the *kedoshim* with Him.

6 In that day there will be no light, cold or frost.

7 It will be a day known only to *Adonai*, neither day nor night—even in the evening time there will be light.

8 Moreover, in that day living waters will flow from Jerusalem, half toward the eastern sea and half toward the western sea, both in the summer and in the winter.

9 *Adonai* will then be King over all the earth. In that day *Adonai* will be Echad and His Name Echad.

10 The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. Jerusalem will be raised up and occupy her place, from the Benjamin Gate to the place of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.

11 People will dwell in her, and no longer will there be a ban of destruction—Jerusalem will live in security.

12 Now this is the plague with which *Adonai* will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are standing on their feet; their eyes will rot in their sockets; and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

13 It will happen in that day that a great panic from *Adonai* will be among them. Each person will seize the hand of his neighbor and they will attack each other.

14 Even Judah will fight at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the surrounding peoples will be gathered together—an abundance of gold, silver and apparel.

15 A similar plague will strike the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey and all the animals in that camp.

16 Then all the survivors from all the nations that attacked Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, *Adonai-Tzva'ot*, and to celebrate *Sukkot*.

17 Furthermore, if any of the nations on earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, *Adonai-Tzva'ot*, they will have no rain.

18 If the Egyptians do not go up and celebrate, they will have no rain. Instead, there will be the plague that *Adonai* will inflict on the nations that do not go up to celebrate *Sukkot*.

19 This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate *Sukkot*.

20 In that day "Holy to *Adonai*" will be inscribed on the bells of the horses and the pots in House of *Adonai* will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar.

21 In fact every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be Holy to *Adonai-Tzva'ot*, so that everyone who comes to sacrifice will take them, and cook in them. In that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the House of *Adonai-Tzva'ot*.

BRIT CHADASHA

John 7

Anticipating Hostility at Sukkot

1 After these events, *Yeshua* was walking about in the Galilee. He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Judean leaders wanted to kill Him.

2 Now the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near.

3 Therefore His brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go to Judea, so Your disciples also may see the works You are doing.

4 No one who wants to be well known does everything in secret. If You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world!"

5 For not even His brothers were trusting in Him.

6 Therefore *Yeshua* said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always at hand.

7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify that its works are evil.

8 You go on up to the Feast. I'm not going to this feast, because My time hasn't yet fully come."

9 After saying these things, He stayed in the Galilee.

10 But after His brothers went to the Feast, He also went, not openly but secretly.

11 Then the Judean leaders were searching for Him at the Feast and kept asking, "Where is that fellow?"

12 There was a lot of murmuring about Him in the crowds. Some were saying, "He is good." But others were saying, "Not so! He leads the people astray."

13 Yet no one spoke openly about Him for fear of the Judean leaders.

Teaching at the Temple

14 About halfway through the Feast, *Yeshua* went up to the Temple and began teaching.

15 Then the Judean leaders were amazed, saying, “How does this man know so much, having never been taught?”

16 *Yeshua* answered, “My teaching is not from Me, but from Him who sent Me.

17 If anyone wants to do His will, he will know whether My teaching comes from God or it is Myself speaking.

18 Whoever speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

19 Hasn’t Moses given you the *Torah*? Yet none of you keeps it. Why are you trying to kill Me?”

20 The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who’s trying to kill you?”

21 *Yeshua* answered, “I did one good work, and all of you are amazed.

22 Because Moses has given you circumcision (though it is not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a man on *Shabbat*.

23 If a man receives circumcision on *Shabbat* so that the *Torah* of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry that I healed a man’s whole body on *Shabbat*?

24 Do not judge by appearance, but judge righteously.”

25 Then some of the people from Jerusalem were saying, “Isn’t this the person they’re trying to kill?

26 Look, He speaks openly and they’re saying nothing to Him. Can it be that the leaders know He is the Messiah?

27 But we know where this person is from. But the Messiah, whenever He may come, no one knows where He is from.”

28 Then, while teaching in the Temple courts, *Yeshua* cried out, “You know both who I am and where I am from! I have not come on My own, but the One who sent Me is true. You do not know Him,

29 but I know Him because I am from Him and He sent Me.”

30 Then they were trying to seize Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

31 Yet many from the crowd believed in Him and were saying, “When the Messiah comes, He won’t perform more signs than this person has, will He?”

32 The Pharisees heard people in the crowd murmuring these things about Him, and the ruling *kohanim* and Pharisees sent guards to arrest Him.

33 *Yeshua* said, “I am with you only a little while longer, and then I am going to the One who sent Me.

34 You will look for Me but will not find Me. Where I am, you cannot come.”

35 The Judean leaders then said among themselves, “Where is this person about to go that we shall not find Him? He’s not going to the Diaspora to teach the Greeks, is He?

36 What did He mean by saying, ‘You will look for Me but will not find Me. Where I am, you cannot come’?”

Satisfying Spiritual Thirst

37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, *Yeshua* stood up and cried out loudly, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

38 Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture says, ‘out of his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”

39 Now He said this about the *Ruach*, whom those who trusted in Him were going to receive; for the *Ruach* was not yet given, since *Yeshua* was not yet glorified.

40 When they heard these words, some of the crowd said, “This man really is the Prophet.”

41 Others were saying, “This is the Messiah.” Still others were saying, “The Messiah doesn’t come from the Galilee, does He?

42 Didn’t the Scripture say that the Messiah comes from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, David’s town?”

43 So a division arose in the crowd because of *Yeshua*.

44 Some wanted to capture Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Religious Adversaries

45 Then the guards returned to the ruling *kohanim* and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why didn’t you bring Him?”

46 “Never has anyone spoken like this man,” the guards answered.

47 The Pharisees responded, “You haven’t been led astray also, have you?

48 Have any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in Him?

49 No, but this mob that doesn’t know the *Torah*—they are cursed!”

50 Nicodemus, the one who had come to *Yeshua* before and was one of them, said to them,

51 “Our *Torah* doesn’t judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he’s doing, does it?”

52 They answered him, “You aren’t from the Galilee too, are you? Search, and see that no prophet comes out of the Galilee!”

53 Then everyone went to his own house.