

Sukkot: Rehearsing the Kingdom

An 8-Day Family Reading Plan for the Feast of Tabernacles

Reading Plan

Day	Theme	Reading
Day 1	How and Why We Keep Sukkot	Leviticus 23:33-44
Day 2	From the Wilderness to the Promised Land	Leviticus 23:42-43; Deuteronomy 8:1-18
Day 3	The Great Harvest	Exodus 23:16; Matthew 13:36-43
Day 4	Elohim Dwells With His People	Exodus 40:34-38; John 1:14; Ezekiel 37:24-28
Day 5	The King Is Coming	Zechariah 14:1-9, 16-19
Day 6	Reigning With Him	Daniel 7:13-14, 27; Revelation 20:4-6
Day 7	Peace in the Kingdom	Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-4; Isaiah 11:6-9
Day 8	The Last Great Day	John 7:37-39; Revelation 21:1-4; Revelation 22:1-5

What It Means, Day by Day

Day 1: How and Why We Keep Sukkot

Leviticus 23:33-44

Sukkot is one of Yahuah's appointed times. He told His people to live in sukkot, which means booths or little shelters, for seven days, and to rejoice before Him. Sukkot does two things at once. It looks back, helping us remember how Yahuah cared for Israel in the wilderness. And it looks forward, like a practice run, or rehearsal, for the day when Yahusha returns as King and His people reign with Him. Every year we keep Sukkot, we are rehearsing the Kingdom!

What about the Sukkot branches? In Leviticus 23:40, Yahuah tells His people to take the fruit of beautiful trees, palm branches, leafy branches, and willows from the brook, and rejoice before Him. Jewish tradition calls these the four kinds: a lemon-like fruit called an etrog, a palm branch, myrtle, and willow. The Torah does not tell exactly what to do with them, but for thousands of years Yahuah's people have held them together and waved them in every direction and up and down. The waving says, This whole harvest came from You, and You are King over all the earth! It points to the Kingdom too. When Yahusha rode into Jerusalem, crowds waved palm branches to welcome their King (John 12:13), and Revelation 7:9 shows a huge crowd from every nation standing before His throne holding palm branches.

Talk about it: If Sukkot is a rehearsal, what big event are we practicing for?

Day 2: From the Wilderness to the Promised Land

Leviticus 23:42-43; Deuteronomy 8:1-18

Why read about the desert during Sukkot? Because the desert is the reason for the booths! Yahuah says we live in booths so every generation will know He made Israel live in booths when He brought them out of Egypt. For forty years He fed them manna, gave them water from a rock, and kept their clothes from wearing out. But the wilderness was never the end of the story. It was the road to the Promised Land. Our life right now is like that wilderness journey, and the Kingdom is our Promised Land. Our little booth reminds us we are just passing through.

Talk about it: How is our life now like Israel's walk through the wilderness?

Day 3: The Great Harvest

Exodus 23:16; Matthew 13:36-43

Sukkot is also called the Feast of Ingathering because it comes when the last of the harvest is gathered in. Yahusha said that at the end of this age there will be a great harvest too. His messengers will gather out everything that causes wickedness, and the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Sukkot is a picture of that final harvest, when all of Yahuah's people are gathered in.

Talk about it: Yahusha said the righteous will shine like the sun. What do you think that will look like?

Day 4: Elohim Dwells With His People

Exodus 40:34-38; John 1:14; Ezekiel 37:24-28

When Israel finished building the Tabernacle, Yahuah's glory cloud filled it, and He dwelt among His people. John tells us that Yahusha came and dwelt among us too, and the word for dwelt means to pitch a tent, or tabernacle! Ezekiel shows what is coming next. A King from David's family will rule over Yahuah's people, and Yahuah will set His dwelling place among them forever. Sukkot reminds us that Yahuah has always wanted to live close to His people, and in the Kingdom He will.

Talk about it: Why do you think Yahuah wants so much to dwell with His people?

Day 5: The King Is Coming

Zechariah 14:1-9, 16-19

Zechariah tells of a day when Yahusha's feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, and Yahuah will be King over all the earth. Then something amazing happens. People from every nation will go up to Jerusalem year after year to worship the King and keep the Feast of Sukkot! This is one of the clearest places in Scripture that shows Sukkot will be kept in the Kingdom. When we keep it now, we are joining in early.

Talk about it: Which feast will all the nations keep when the King reigns?

Day 6: Reigning With Him

Daniel 7:13-14, 27; Revelation 20:4-6

Daniel saw one like the Son of Man receive a Kingdom that will never end. Then he saw that the Kingdom will be given to the set-apart people of the Most High! In Revelation, John saw those who stayed faithful come to life and reign with Messiah for a thousand years. This is the Millennium, which means one thousand years. Yahuah's people will not just watch the Kingdom, they will serve and rule alongside Yahusha.

Talk about it: What kind of helper do you want to be when you reign with Yahusha?

Day 7: Peace in the Kingdom

Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-4; Isaiah 11:6-9

What will the world be like when Yahusha reigns? The prophets tell us! People will come to Jerusalem to learn Yahuah's ways, and His Torah will go out from Zion. People will turn their swords into plows and stop learning war. Everyone will sit safely under their own vine and fig tree, a lot like sitting peacefully in a sukkah! Even the animals will be at peace. The wolf will lie down with the lamb, and a little child will lead them.

Talk about it: What part of the peaceful Kingdom are you most excited to see?

Day 8: The Last Great Day

John 7:37-39; Revelation 21:1-4; Revelation 22:1-5

During Sukkot, the priests poured out water at the altar while the people sang with joy. On the last great day of the feast, Yahusha stood up and cried out that anyone who is thirsty can come to Him and drink, and rivers of living water will flow from within them. Many believers see the seven days of Sukkot as a picture of the thousand-year reign, and the eighth day as a picture of what comes after, when there is a new heaven and a new earth. Revelation shows Elohim dwelling with His people forever, no more tears, a river of living water flowing from His throne, and His servants reigning forever and ever.

Talk about it: What do you think "living water" means?

What Yahuah Showed Our Family This Sukkot

New insights we gained this year. Year: _____