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Significance to the End of SUKKOT

We are doing this Sukkot teaching to give some prophetic insights we believe apply to this special feast. Just as the spring holy days were significant to Yeshua's first coming, we believe the fall Holy days are equally significant to His return, more specifically the Feast (Mo'ed) of Tabernacles; or in Hebrew, Sukkot.

We hope to show in this teaching how the end times could possibly begin at the end of a Sukkot and not the beginning. It would seem YHWH would have this event take place when his people are commanded to be gathered together. While many celebrate the whole feast of Sukkot together, we are only commanded to gather on the first and 8th day.

Now, consider Habakkuk. In chapter 1 we read where Habakkuk is waiting for judgement for the nations. In chapter 2, he receives his answer from YHWH.

Habakkuk 2:2-3

Then YHWH replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time (Mo'ed or Feast); it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay".

In this verse, it tells us the future event is destined to be on a Mo'ed, a Feast day. Though there are 7 holy days on the Hebrew calendar, 4 of them are not called Feast days. The Holy days that are declared as "Feasts"(Mo'ed) are:



- 1) Unleavened Bread
- 2) Shavuot(Pentecost)
- 3) Sukkot (Tabernacles)

This verse in Habakkuk tells us He is talking specifically about one of these Feast days.

Furthermore, these verses tell us the future event will “linger”. This could very easily mean it will linger to the end of the feast. While one can read it to mean the event could happen at the beginning, “linger” implies the event will occur towards the end; without delaying from what was prophesied. So, are there any references in the scriptures to indicate something prophetically taking place at the end of a Sukkot? Consider:

Haggai 2:1

On the twenty-first day of the seventh month [7th day of Sukkot], the word of YHWH came through the prophet Haggai.

Skipping to verse 6, consider what YHWH declares on the 7th day of that Sukkot.

Haggai 2:6-7

This is what YHWH Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says YHWH Almighty.

So here we see YHWH making a declaration on the 7th day of Sukkot that everything will shake in “a little while.” Could that “little while” be a warning of what is coming on the next day? The last great day of Sukkot?

It’s interesting to note that YHWH said “I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.” So, just as he shook everything at the time of Noah, it’s going to happen again, except this time with the absence of a flood. According to Habakkuk, this day will happen on a Mo’ed. A Feast day.

Let’s look at some other scriptures and see where we can find things possibly pointing to the end of a Sukkot. One verse we find interesting that mentions the end of Sukkot is found in John chapter 7.





John 7:37

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink."

We realize this can be completely unrelated. However, we find it interesting that the verse specifically says he stood up and made this statement on the last day of Sukkot.

Along with the prophets Habakkuk and Haggai, we also see two other prophets that point to judgement taking place during a Sukkot. Both Jeremiah and Hosea give us a clue that needs to be noted. Though the clues are obvious to a Hebrew, they may not be so evident to others.

For many who celebrate the holidays of the world, they know if someone says "Well, we have our tree up and ready to go," they know it's Christmas season. If someone who celebrates the Biblical Moed'im says "Well, we have our tent up and ready to go", we know it's the time of Sukkot or Tabernacles.

So anytime we read verbiage discussing tents in the scriptures, we need to be mindful of the strong possibility that those verses are discussing the time of Sukkot. A time of remembering when the Hebrews lived in tents after leaving Egypt. That being said, please consider the following verses in Jeremiah and Hosea.

Jeremiah 4:20

Disaster follows disaster; the whole land lies in ruins. In an instant my **tents** are destroyed, my **shelter** in a moment.

Hosea 9:5-7

5 What will you do on the day of your appointed feasts (**Mo'ed**), on the festival days of YHWH? 6 Even if they escape from destruction, Egypt will gather them, and Memphis will bury them. Their treasures of silver will be taken over by briars, and thorns will **overrun their tents**. 7 The days of punishment are coming, the days of reckoning are at hand. Let Israel know this. Because your sins are so many and your hostility so great, the prophet is considered a fool, the inspired man a maniac. .



As you can see, there is strong evidence for us to consider the possibility of the end times starting during a Sukkot. Thus far, we have four prophets indicating this is the case. To me, that is something that we just can't throw out.

Since we mentioned how everything was shaken at the time of Noah, please consider what Yeshua said about Noah and the end times.



Matthew 24:37-41

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming (parousia) of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming (parousia) of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

Yeshua said “just as it was in the days of Noah” it will be the same at His **coming**.

First, we must note that there are two Greek words translated to the word “coming” in Matthew 24. Those words are “erchomai” and “parousia”.

“Erchomai” means a literal physical coming. “Parousia” actually means “presence”. This is covered in our teachings “The Church of Philadelphia”, “As in the Days of Noah” and also in “2nd Coming vs. 2nd Appearing”.

To give a quick perspective on this, Yeshua has to be with His bride for one year before He can go to war according to Deuteronomy 24:5. We believe the parousia(presence) is where Yeshua goes to be with His bride in the place prepared for that one year.

Something to keep in mind while looking into this is the parousia shows the moon turning to blood and the erchomai shows the moon not giving it's light. Again, this is covered in the other teachings.

- Parousia - Moon to blood - Joel 2:31; Revelation 6:12

(Many assume Rev. 6:12 is when Yeshua comes down for Armageddon. However, Rev. 6:12-17 shows the princes and generals hiding in caves. At the Battle of Armageddon they are prepared for war in the valley of Megiddo. This event in Rev. 6 is different from the battle of Armageddon. We believe it is the event that begins the birth pains to the tribulation.)

- Erchomai - Moon not giving it's light - Matthew 24:29

The point here is that we struggle to believe the verses in Matthew 24:37-41 are talking about His coming for the battle of

Armageddon. Do we really believe that people will be eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage up to the day of Armageddon? Think about this for a second.

After going through the hardships of the tribulation, do we really think the world will be oblivious to all the events found in Revelation only to be marrying and giving in marriage? To be living joyfully just as if none of these judgements happened? Can they really go through the trumpets, the bowls, and the time when kingdom of the Antichrist will be plunged into darkness at the 5th bowl (Rev. 16:10) and not be phased at all?

Consider the attitude of the people at the time of the 5th Bowl.

Revelation 16:10-11

The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

They will be cursing YHWH. It's clear that they will not be unaware to what is going on around the world. This event mentioned in Matthew 24:37-41 is to paralleled the days of Noah and the flood. An event that caught everyone by surprise. The only ones not surprised was Noah and his family.

When examining the word "parousia" more carefully, the phrase "these are the beginning of the birth pains" makes more sense. This is because they indicate all the anticipated events that are to occur **before** He comes (erchomai) for the Battle of Armageddon.

It's during this time when the world will be caught off guard. Yeshua is referring to the beginning of when everything begins and not the end at the battle of Armageddon. A period of time when the world has no clue what is coming.

Are there more verses that parallel this pattern? Compare what happened in the story of Noah. The story that Yeshua refers to when He uses the word "Parousia" in Matthew 24.





Genesis 7:1-4

YHWH then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. Take with you seven of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and two of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, and also seven of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made".

First, in verse 1, they are told to go into the ark. Then, on that day **when** they are told to go into the ark, YHWH says in seven days He will send rain on the earth.

So, though it was not the time of Sukkot, the ark was a parallel to a Sukkah (a temporary dwelling) which was Noah's "tent". Noah was in the ark on the 1st day and YHWH said it would be 7 days from then that the rains would come. Could that be interpreted as happening on the 8th day? If so, could the seven days of Sukkot be the 7 day warning as given to Noah? Something to ponder.

Again, keep in mind that we believe the Fall Holy days will be equally significant to Yeshua's second coming just as the Spring Holy days were significant to His first. Since Yeshua Himself says that His Parousia(presence) will be likened to the days of Noah, it's not a stretch to parallel the ark as a sukkah with everything happening on the last day.

Yeshua said in Matthew 24:16...

Matt. 24:16

then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

While we admit that this can be a general reference to any time, we do find it interesting that it's at all three Feasts, Mo'ed, that all men are to travel to Jerusalem. So could Yeshua be referencing a time when Judea will be populated more than usual? At a time of a feast where they may have to flee?

Another interesting thing we see in the story of Noah is what YHWH did on the last day right before the judgement came. YHWH sealed them in.

Genesis 7:16-17

The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then YHWH shut him in. For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth.

So what's so interesting about YHWH shutting them in the ark?

Well, immediately after the 6th seal in Revelation chapter 6, the Angels were told to wait before sending any calamity.

Revelation 7:1-3

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."

Just as YHWH sealed Noah in the ark moments before the rains came, we see the angels are told to wait until YHWH's servants are sealed before sending the judgement.

Please note the verses given to us immediately after YHWH's servants are all sealed. I'm going to give several verses here so bear with me. It will all make sense in a moment regarding the timing in these verses.

Revelation 7:9-14

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes — who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the

great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

So what do we see here? Immediately after we see the 144,000 sealed, we see a multitude that came out of the tribulation. But how did they come out? Many use this for a rapture event. For that topic, please see my teaching [Testing the Pre-trib Rapture](#).

We read in these scriptures that these multitudes of people are before the throne. They are separate and different from other believers in Revelation. The scriptures say they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. So how are the other believers described?

First, did you know there will be two groups of YHWH's servants in the kingdom? The scriptures describe the two groups as the least in the kingdom and the greatest in the kingdom. If this sounds too harsh to you, please know Yeshua Himself said this. The one thing that separates these two groups of people is the commandments of YHWH.

[Matthew 5:19](#)

[Yeshua said] Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

So here in Revelation 7:14 we see a group that washed their robes in the blood of the lamb. So then how are the other believers described in the book of Revelation?

[Revelation 12:17](#)

Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring — those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

[Revelation 14:12](#)

This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.

So, there actually seems to be three groups of believers in the book of Revelation. Those who are ready for Yeshua and are



taken to the place prepared with Him during His parousia(presence).

Revelation 12:14

14 The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.

Luke 21:36

36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

This is to fulfill Deuteronomy 24:5. Then we have those who pursue His commands and testimony yet have to go through a time of refinement during the tribulation. And then there are those who hold to Yeshua but not to His commands.

As given by Yeshua in Matthew 5:19, we see the "greater" are those who pursue the commandments of YHWH and the "lesser" are those who do not. So then why do we see the "greater" going through the tribulation?

Most likely to be purged; so they can be refined and purified as mentioned in the book of Daniel;

Daniel 11:35

Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.

Daniel 12:10

Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

Could this be the 5 foolish virgins who were not ready for the Bridegroom? Could this be the time they truly get refined in the tribulation?

It would seem those who are around the throne in Revelation chapter 7 were taken at the time when the Angels released the judgement. It is possible they were spared from losing out completely with YHWH by being removed from the tribulation

via a form of a swift death. This may sound harsh to some. However, consider Psalms 116:15.

Psalms 116:15

Precious in the sight of YHWH is the death of his saints.

No matter how one may wish to interpret and view these multitudes of people that are around the throne and how they arrived at there is truly irrelevant. This is because the more significant issue to consider is the timing of when they got to the throne which is implied throughout these scriptures. A timeline that parallels what we have seen thus far regarding everything at the time of Sukkot. You may be wondering how we can know the timing of the multitude arriving at the throne. While we are not 100% positive, we **do** believe a hint is given to us.

It's the same hint given to us in Jeremiah and Hosea. It's the usage of the word "tent". Please consider what is mentioned about this multitude of believers around the throne in Revelation 7.

Revelation 7:15

Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple (**naos**); and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent (**skenoo**) over them.

His tent, meaning what? It's the Mo'ed of Sukkot.

The judgement came in Sukkot just as the prophets pointed to. It is very likely the last day of Sukkot which will be after the 144,000 are sealed just as Noah was sealed on the last day before the flood occurred. Everything points to the same time frame.

For more information on the seals and the trumpets, please see my teachings [The Seven Seals](#) and [The First Five Trumpets](#) at torahfamily.org. And don't forget, there is no requirement for a stone temple to be built indicating the start of the tribulation. Please see our teaching [Thoughts: The Tent](#), for that topic.

As mentioned earlier, the more I study the end times, the more I see the tribulation only lasting one year. As silly and new as that may sound, as it did to me, there is more reasonable evidence to support this premise. A problem I realized in many other beliefs and perspectives is they forget everything is to be cut short according to Yeshua. We also know Yeshua would not say this if His words were not first mentioned in the prophets.

This one year perspective is covered in detail in our PDF titled [“Cut Short”](#).

This understanding of everything lasting only one year actually explains Deuteronomy 24:5, a verse many have struggled with. This verse tells us a man cannot go to war for one year after getting married. So if the marriage of the lamb takes place at the resurrection, Yeshua can't go to war for a whole year. Meaning, He could not fight the battle of Armageddon. If He fought right after the marriage, He would be breaking Torah.

From the day a man chooses His bride, He has one year to marry and be with her. We know that the Northern kingdom was married to Him before the divorce.

[Jeremiah 31:32](#)

It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares YHWH.



Israel was married to YHWH; but they were never resurrected or taken into an “inner chamber” as many say has to happen. So why do we say this has to occur for believers in the end times in order to get married? The pattern does not make sense, it does not add up. Based on the patterns of scripture, it only seems reasonable that we will be “married” the same way Israel was “married” when they were taken out of Egypt.

What do we see when Israel was married? When and how were they married to YHWH? First we see Israel being delivered from Egypt on Passover – another Mo’ed. This was when YHWH chose Israel as His bride and Israel agreed to the marriage covenant in Exodus 19.

[Exodus 19:8](#)

The people all responded together, “We will do everything YHWH has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to YHWH.

So He chose them on Passover and then Israel agreed to the marriage covenant.

According to the following verses, we see everything to the Tabernacle was ready on the first day of the first month in the second year of them leaving Egypt. They were then instructed to put it all together.

Exodus 39:42-43

The Israelites had done all the work just as YHWH had commanded Moses. Moses inspected the work and saw that they had done it just as YHWH had commanded. So Moses blessed them.

Exodus 40:1-2

Then YHWH said to Moses: "Set up the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, on the first day of the first month.

Everything was ready and laid out before Moses for inspection, ready to be built for Passover which was 14 days later. Then, sometime between the first day of the month and Passover, we see YHWH coming down to tabernacle with them in the tent of meeting.

Exodus 40:33-35

Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of YHWH filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of YHWH filled the tabernacle.

Israel celebrated Passover one year to the day when YHWH chose Israel for the marriage covenant; He tabernacled with them in the tent of meeting – one year later. Similarly, just as everything took one year back then, we will see the same pattern in the end times – one year.

Starting at a Sukkot and then one year later He is able to take vengeance on the nations. After the year given in Deuteronomy 24:5.

This parallels and patterns what we read in the prophet Isaiah regarding one year and a day.

Isaiah 34:8

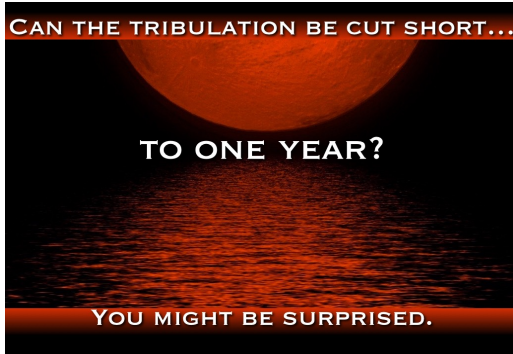
For YHWH has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause.

Isaiah 61:2

To proclaim the year of YHWH's favor and the day of
vengeance of our God, to comfort all who Mourn;

Isaiah 63:4

For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my
redemption has come.



So after choosing His bride, YHVH confirms His covenant with them for one year in accordance to Deuteronomy 24:5 and then He goes to war at the Battle of Armageddon. A time after a one year period. Let us not forget Noah was in the Ark for 1 year. The destruction came after the 7 day warning. Then after being in the Ark for 1 year they exited onto the new earth.

Again, the concept of the tribulation and birth pains only lasting a year is covered in our PDF titled ["Cut short"](#).

After examining the scriptures, we believe it is very plausible that the Parousia(presence) of Yeshua could very well begin on the last day of a Sukkot and not the beginning.

We hope you have enjoyed this teaching. Now it's up to you to be a Berean and study it for yourself. That is the only way to grow.

Blessings & Shalom!

