

High Holy Days

Leviticus 23:23-44

Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah): 1st-2nd Tishri (6th-8th Sept 2021)

Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur): 10th Tishri (15th-16th Sept 2021)

Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot): 15th-21st Tishri (20th-27th Sept 2021)

**Eighth Day (Shemini Atzeret) /
Rejoicing in the Law (Simchat Torah):** 22nd Tishri (27th-28th Sept 2021)

Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah) (Rosh Hashanah)



- Rosh Hashanah = Head of the Year = Jewish New Year's Day.
- Customary to eat apples dipped in honey – “May your new year be sweet!”
- Yom Teruah = Day of Blasting (of the trumpet).
- First day of Ten Days of Awe.
- This year is Jewish year 5782 = Sabbath (“rest”) / Shmita (“release”) year (Leviticus 25:2-7, Deuteronomy 15:1-2).
- Hebrew for “feast” is “mo-ed” = “appointed time” or “set time”.

Wishing you a New Year of Sweet Blessings!



- Trumpets is likely the appointed time for the second coming of Jesus.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 NKJV



Feast of Tabernacles (Booths) (Sukkot) (Feast of Ingathering)

- Celebrates the end of harvesting for the farming year.
- One of the three feasts of pilgrimage to Jerusalem (Deuteronomy 16:16).

And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days.

Leviticus 23:40 NKJV

- Most joyful of all the feasts.
- The Jews carry “lulavs”, made of the “Four Species” – etrog (citrus fruit), palm, myrtle, willow.
- They build booths with roofs of palm branches.
- Jesus went to the Feast of Tabernacles.

Now the Jews’ Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. ... On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

John 7:2, 37-38 NKJV





Feast of Tabernacles (Booths) (Sukkot) (Feast of Ingathering)

Fulfilment of Tabernacles

- Ingathering of souls which will mark the end of the spiritual harvest.
- Only feast to be observed during the Millennium.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zechariah 14:16 NKJV

- God will dwell, or tabernacle, with us forever.

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”

Revelation 21:3 NKJV



Eighth Day (or Eighth Assembly) (Shemini Atzeret) Rejoicing in the Law (or Word) (Simchat Torah)

- Eighth Day is the Sabbath immediately following Tabernacles.
- Incorporates Simchat Torah.

...you shall keep the feast of the Lord [i.e. Tabernacles] for seven days; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest.

Leviticus 23:39b NKJV

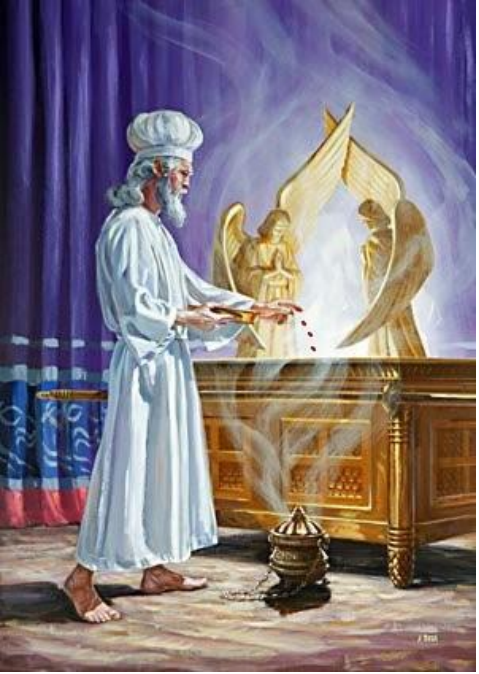
- Both the final day of Tabernacles and a celebration in its own right.
- Simchat Torah commemorates the end and beginning of the annual Torah reading cycle.
- Includes joyful celebration and dancing with Torah scrolls.
- Eighth Day is the “great day” of Tabernacles in John 7.
- Christians rejoice in the Word which became flesh and tabernacled among us: Jesus!

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. ... For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Philippians 3:1a, 3 NKJV



Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (Day of Covering)



- “Atonement” = “at onement” – our oneness with God through Jesus’ atoning sacrifice.
- The one day the high priest went into the Holy of Holies (Most Holy Place) – Leviticus 16.
- Offerings: bull – sin offering for high priest, ram – burnt offering, 1st goat – sin offering for the people, 2nd goat – scapegoat.

The High Priest:

- Brings censer and incense into Most Holy Place.
- Sprinkles blood of bull on and before the Mercy Seat – atonement for self.
- Sprinkles blood of goat on and before the Mercy Seat – atonement for the people.
- Sprinkles blood of bull and goat on the altar – atonement for the tabernacle.
- Speaks sins over scapegoat which is released in the wilderness – removal of sins from the people.
- Bull and goat are burnt outside the camp.





Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (Day of Covering)

- Final Day of Ten Days of Awe – time of repentance.
- Jews believe God opens the Book of Life on Rosh Hashanah and closes it on Yom Kippur.
- Yom Kippur is the most solemn day of the year, many people fast.

Jesus' Fulfilment of the Day of Atonement

- Jesus became the sacrificial Lamb of God whose blood was shed as a sin offering for the people.
- He was crucified outside the city of Jerusalem.

For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Hebrews 13:11-12 NKJV

- Jesus was also the scapegoat who bore our sins.





Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (Day of Covering)

Jesus' Fulfilment of the Day of Atonement

- Jesus was also the High Priest, but sacrificed Himself and sprinkled His own blood.

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:11-12 NKJV

- Jesus only needed to offer Himself once.

not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another – He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

Hebrews 9:25-28a NKJV



Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (Day of Covering)

A Priest According to the Order of Melchizedek

- Jesus is called High Priest eleven times in Hebrews.
- Hebrews references Psalm 110:4 six times.

The Lord has sworn and will not relent, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Psalm 110:4 NKJV



- Jesus came from the tribe of Judah, so He could not be a Levitical priest (Hebrews 7:13-14).
...He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek”.

Hebrews 5:9b-10 NKJV

Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (Day of Covering)

Melchizedek

- Melchizedek is mentioned in Genesis, after Abraham has rescued Lot.

And the king of Sodom went out to meet [Abram] at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.”

And he gave him a tithe of all.

Genesis 14:17-20 NKJV

- “Melchizedek” = “king of righteousness”.
- He is the king of Salem (Jerusalem) = “shalom” = peace.
- He is the priest of God Most High (El Elyon).





Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (Day of Covering)

Melchizedek

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

Hebrews 7:1-4 NKJV

- Melchizedek is greater than Abraham, who paid him honour by giving him a tithe.
- He has no genealogy and no beginning or end.
- He is also “made like the Son of God” and “a priest continually”.

Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (Day of Covering)

Parallels between Melchizedek and Jesus

- They are both a king and a priest.
- They are both “king of righteousness” and “king of peace”.
- They are both king of Jerusalem, God’s chosen dwelling place.

Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.

Psalm 2:6 NKJV

- Bread and wine – foreshadowing of communion.
- Both are greater than Abraham.

“Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead?” ... “...before Abraham was, I AM.”

John 8:53, 58 NKJV

- Both have no beginning or end.
- Implication Melchizedek is not only a type of Christ, but might actually have been Christ.
- Jesus as high priest “according to the order of Melchizedek” has an everlasting priesthood and is “the author of eternal salvation” (Hebrews 5:9) as well as the true King of Righteousness.



Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) (Day of Covering)

Further Fulfilment of the Day of Atonement

- When Jesus made atonement for us, His righteousness was imputed to us.

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV

- When Jesus died, the veil of the temple was torn – we can enter the Holy of Holies.

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

Hebrews 10:19-22a NKJV

- Yom Kippur is likely the appointed time when the Jews will turn to Jesus as their Messiah, High Priest and atoning sacrifice.

And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Zechariah 12:10 NKJV

