

The Set Time Has Fully Come

"⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son,..." (Galatians 4:4a, NIV)

I remember the first time I heard the statement that *every major event in Scripture takes place during His Appointed Feasts (moedim)*. I was in disbelief. Could it be? I had never heard such a thing. I set out to check it out and indeed, it turned out to be completely accurate. This also applies to *Yeshua's* life.

Adonai's actions have always been characterized by *divine precision*. He brought forth His Son in the *fullness of time (set time, NIV)* and caused Him to *tabernacle* among men ("¹⁴*And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us...*" John 1:1-14). The *Biblical Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)* should be a most significant Feast to all believers, since this is the *set time* that the Son of God became flesh. But when the *appointed time (set time, Ps. 102:14 or TLV, 102:13 KJV)* came for God to be manifest (*the epiphany: an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being*) or revealed in the flesh (1 Tim. 3:16a), in a body prepared of the Father, He sent *Yeshua*. *Yah Adonai* sent His Son at the precise time in His First Coming and so will it be in His Second Coming ("³⁶*But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, except the Father alone*" (Matt. 24:36) – notice it did not say *season*. Amen and Amen. *Sukkot* rehearses that *Messiah Yeshua* is *THE Tabernacle of Yah Adonai (Rev. 21:3)*, which is with man and that He will forever be present with us: "³*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God*" (KJV) or "³*I also heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the dwelling of God is among men, and He shall tabernacle among them. They shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them and be their God'*" (Rev. 21:3, TLV). Before that time, godly men have constructed various *tabernacle-like* or *tent-like* structures used to house His Visitation (e.g., the *Tent of Meeting, David's Tent*, etc.) But now we are: "*the people who lived in darkness who have seen a great light and those who dwell in the shadow of death to them has this light shined*" (Is. 9:1).

Isaiah 9:1-6 is considered a Messianic Passage. If so, it must then have hints and clues about *Messiah Yeshua* that are important for us, and indeed it does: "²*You will multiply the nation. You will increase the joy. They will rejoice before You like the joy in the harvest, as they revel when they divide spoil.*" When does *Adonai* increase joy? Answer: at *Sukkot*. Further, one of the names for the *Sukkot* festival is the *Festival of Joy (the joy in the harvest)*. Unto us was born a Savior, *Yeshua the Messiah*: "⁵*For to us a child is born, a son will be given to us, and the government will be upon His shoulder. His Name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God My Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace. ⁶Of the increase of His government and shalom there will be no end—on the throne of David and over His kingdom—to establish it and uphold it through justice and righteousness from now until forevermore. The zeal of Adonai-Tzva'ot will accomplish this*" (Is. 9:5-6).

In Scripture Tabernacles has been a time when His people dwelt in *sukkot* (booths, tabernacles) that face the east. The main entrance deliberately faces the rising full moon of the seventh month so they could *look for the sign of the coming of the Messiah*. What a joy it is to celebrate the season when the *Word of Adonai* began to dwell with mankind during *Sukkot*! How much more significant is this historic time in His calendar than the traditional time in man's calendar. We should be able to sing with the angels *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to men!* Is it a coincidence that it was in the *Sukkot* that the *Word* became flesh and *tabernacled* with men. *Sukkot* rehearses the 1st coming.

The *Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)* in the seventh month (2 Chr. 5:1-3) is when Solomon dedicated *Adonai's* great physical dwelling-place (Temple) which, though designed to house Him, could not ulti-

mately contain Him (*Acts 7:47-49*). This is also the anniversary of the *Shekinah* (the visible manifestation of the *Holy Spirit of Adonai*), and it seems feasible that this is the *set time* that a suitable *dwelling place for all the fullness of the Deity* (*Yeshua*) was brought forth in the likeness of sinful flesh (*Col. 2:9*). Placing the time of the nativity at *Sukkot* agrees with the descriptions of contemporaneous events and circumstances in the Gospels. *Sukkot* is the *time of the ingathering of crops* (another name for *Sukkot* is the *Feast of Ingathering*). This is the time when all the agricultural produce is available and tithed (*Deut. 26:1-3*) and is the most sensible time of the year for the Roman government to impose taxation on an agrarian Israel. Autumn is a time when Mary (*Miriam*) could have undertaken the journey (required by a Roman Edict) from Nazareth to Bethlehem (on a beast of burden). Such a journey in her condition would have been virtually impossible during the Israeli winter or summer weather. For shepherds and sheep to be in the fields at night there had to be available mature grass to feed them and a suitable temperature (no snow!) In Bethlehem, near the Temple Mount in Jerusalem (at *Migdal Eder*).

Are you ready for Yeshua's return during Sukkot? He is "*the same yesterday, today and forever*" (*Hebrews 13:8*) and we know that "*whatever will be, has already been*" (*Eccl. 3:15*). Clearly, you can be sure that *His Return* will be during the *Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)*. *Shabbat Shalom!*