

## **BUT HE WHO SLEEPS DURING HARVEST...**

He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully. Proverbs 10:5

### **Do You Know Where You Are Going?**

To fully understand the current and future meanings of Sukkot, we must look to the past and find out what Sukkot was all about in the first place. As Shlomo Ha'Melech said, "That which is has been already and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by." You have to know where you came from to know where you're going!

Sukkot was instituted by G-D in Leviticus 23. It was instituted as a forever feast of the L-RD with a command to rejoice before Him. However the reasoning behind the feast was so that "your generations would remember that I the Lord brought you out of Egypt and caused your fathers to dwell in sukkot." So firstly, we are to remember that the L-RD brought us out of Egypt and that we dwelt before him in Sukkot. It is such a feast of great joy because the L-RD delivered us out of both physical Egypt AND spiritual Egypt. So as believers in Messiah Yeshua, we should have double joy, as in the joy of a wedding!

### **Hinei! Ha'Chatan, Hu Yavoh! Baruch Habah B'Shem Adonai!**

Many people refer to Sukkot as the wedding feast, but why? There are many reasons, but let's focus on the wedding traditions at the time of Yeshua and His words in regards to this time of Sukkot. In Matthew 25 Yeshua gives the parable of the 10 virgins. Five of the virgins brought oil, and five of the virgins brought none, along with their lamps. Then they fell asleep, and in the midnight hour, there was a shout, "Hinei! Ha'Chatan, Hu Yavoh! Baruch Habah B'Shem Adonai!" "Behold! The Bridegroom, He is coming! Blessed be He who comes in the name of Adonai!" At that moment the virgins snap awake and the five who brought no oil realize their mistake and begin to plead with the other five to share. The five who brought their oil know that they only have enough to last until the bridegroom gets there. The other five then run out to purchase oil, but it is too late. Where are you going to buy oil at midnight? Is there a supplier open at that time? There were no 24/7 oil stations at that point, so they were out of luck. The allusion is that the five who brought oil carried something of precious importance. A life filled with the oil of praise and worship. You see this is not just something you run out and buy last minute, it is a 24/7 lifestyle before the L-RD, even in sleep/rest. Which of the virgins will you be? Don't get left behind!

Speaking of being left behind, let's go back to Matthew 24, and Rabbi's message from last night. You see Matthew 24 precedes Matthew 25 and the parable of the 10 virgins. So, what is the context of the virgins? Well, Yeshua's return and the signs of the times. If you know the signs of the times you can be a prepared virgin before the L-RD. Matthew 24:40-41 say that "two men will be in a field and one will be taken, the other one left behind. Two women will be grinding flour at the mill, one will be taken and the other left behind." Ok, the rapture happens...So what? So there is TREMENDOUS significance in the "rapture". At the time of Yeshua, when the groom showed up, he was announced and then he would take, or rapture, if you will, his bride.

Then for seven consecutive days the bride and groom would become intimate with one another and spend those first seven days alone as everyone else around them would party for seven days. Then, on the eighth day, the groom would bring forth his bride out of their place of dwelling, remove her veil, and present her to the world as his own. So will it be during the great feast of rejoicing, the Sukkot festival when Yeshua returns. He will be announced with the shofar, and on the first day of Sukkot we will be raptured to Him to spend seven days of intimacy with Him in His bedchamber. Then, on the eighth day, Shemini Atzeret, if you will, Yeshua will lead us His bride out of His bedchamber and present us to His Father and the host of heaven as His eternal Bride. At that moment the world will see the elect of G-D taking their eternal place before the throne, and at that precise moment, on the high holy day of Shemini Atzeret, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Yeshua is L-RD!!!

### **Yeshua, The Prince Of Peace, Is Our Sukkot Offering**

According to Ezekiel 45, the prince/king who was ruling at the time was supposed to provide the Sukkot offerings for himself as well as for the nation. Yeshua having been the perfect Lamb of G-D, the Prince of Peace, AND the Kohen HaGadol was the sacrifice, provides the sacrifice and continually offers before His Father the sacrifice on our behalf. In turn we are to do our part in regards to offering Him the sacrifice He requires...

### **Harachaman Hu Yakim Lanu Et Sukkat David Hanofelet**

After every meal during Sukkot, since before the time of Yeshua, the following prayer is supposed to be recited: "May the All Merciful One raise up for us the fallen tabernacle of David." Sukkot is the time where praise and worship is on the L-RD's mind in a major way. Our people have been praying for hundreds of years during Sukkot that the L-RD would restore David's Tent! That prescribed 24/7 worship before the Almighty One. That must also be restored before He returns, and we believe that we are part of that. Why shouldn't it start with us? It MUST start with us! Worship on earth must be the same as it is in heaven, 24/7, pure, unadulterated, heartfelt WORSHIP! David paid out of his own pocket over \$100 billion to cover the cost of living for those who ministered before the L-RD, and now the L-RD wants to raise that fallen tent of David and He will pay out of His storehouses the cost of living for those who are willing to be used in this way. Are you willing?

### **Are You Asleep At This Time Of Harvest?**

Awake you sleepers from your lethargy and rise you who slumber! Will you not tarry with me even one hour? This is THE FEAST! We know the season, but no man knows the hour. Let us be alert, awake, excited, prepared and expectant at this time where we will be taken as His bride once and for all. Don't be the shameful son or daughter before the L-RD. Let us prepare ahead of time as the five virgins with oil and the son who reaps in summer so that when the harvest of men comes, our lamps are full and we may be worthy to enter into the Wedding Feast of the Lamb!

TGBTG!