

# TABERNACLES

## Day 7 - The Eternal Tabernacle

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### Introduction (to be read aloud by the patriarch)

Tabernacles does not end with a booth of branches. It points to eternity. The temporary shelters we sit in today are rehearsals of the permanent dwelling God has promised His people. Israel's wilderness tents, Solomon's temple, and even our present sukkahs all anticipate the final reality: *"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men"* (Revelation 21:3).

On the seventh day of the feast, Israel looked back on God's faithfulness and forward to His promises. For us, this day turns our eyes to the ultimate ingathering, when every tribe, tongue, and nation will be gathered before the throne. There will be no more wilderness, no more wandering, no more temporary dwelling. God Himself will cover His people forever.

This feast is rehearsal, prophecy, and promise. What began in tents will end in glory. What began in shadows will end in the fullness of Christ's presence. As you close this week, remind your household that the Feast of Tabernacles is not over, it will be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God, when His people dwell with Him forever.

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### Scripture Reading (KJV)

#### Isaiah 25:6-9

6. *And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.*
7. *And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.*
8. *He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.*
9. *And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.*

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**Ezekiel 37:26–28**

26. *Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.*
27. *My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*
28. *And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.*

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**Zechariah 14:16**

16. *And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.*

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**John 14:2–3**

2. *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*
3. *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

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**2 Corinthians 5:1–4**

1. *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*
2. *For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:*
3. *If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.*

4. *For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.*
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#### **Revelation 7:9–10, 15–17**

9. *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;*
  10. *And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.*
  11. *Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.*
  12. *They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.*
  13. *For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*
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#### **Revelation 21:1–4**

1. *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*
  2. *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*
  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.*
  4. *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*
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## Reflection

The Feast of Tabernacles does not end in history. It ends in eternity. Every booth is a shadow of the final dwelling. Every fire in the night points to the everlasting light of God's glory. Every song sung in a sukkah echoes the song of the redeemed in the New Jerusalem.

One day, no patriarch will have to gather his household into a booth, because the Father Himself will gather all His children into His house. One day, there will be no more tears, no more groaning, no more wilderness. The dwelling of God will be with men forever.

Our temporary shelters preach permanence. Our earthly feast proclaims the eternal feast. Tabernacles points us forward to the day when the Lamb leads us to living fountains of waters, and God Himself wipes away every tear.

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## Family Application / Activities

- Read Revelation 21:1–4 aloud in the sukkah and declare together that this is your family's eternal hope.
  - Share with your children what you most look forward to about dwelling with God forever.
  - As a family, sing a hymn about heaven (e.g., "When We All Get to Heaven" or "Jerusalem, My Happy Home").
  - Close the feast with thanksgiving, rejoicing that your temporary booth points to an eternal dwelling.
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## Discussion / Family Questions

### **For Young Children (Ages 5–8):**

1. Who will wipe away every tear one day?
2. What kind of home is God preparing for us?
3. Will we ever be hungry or thirsty again in heaven?

### **For Older Children / Teens (Ages 9–15):**

1. Why does the Bible call heaven the “tabernacle of God with men”?
2. How does the picture of the great multitude in Revelation encourage us today?
3. What do you think it means that death will be swallowed up in victory?

**For Adults:**

1. How does the temporary nature of the sukkah point us to eternal hope?
2. In what ways does the Feast of Tabernacles prepare us for Revelation’s vision of the New Jerusalem?
3. How does meditating on eternity change how you lead your household now?

**1**

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,  
Sing His mercy and His grace;  
In the mansions bright and blessed  
He'll prepare for us a place.

**Refrain:**

When we all get to heaven,  
what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
we'll sing and shout the victory!

**2**

While we walk the pilgrim pathway  
Clouds will overspread the sky;  
But when trav'ling days are over  
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

**Refrain:**

**3**

Let us then be true and faithful,  
Trusting, serving ev'ry day;  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory  
Will the toils of life repay.

**Refrain:**

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Onward to the prize before us!  
Soon His beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open—  
We shall tread the streets of gold.

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### **Closing Prayer**

Father of Eternity,

We thank You that Tabernacles points beyond our booths to Your eternal dwelling. We rejoice that one day You will wipe away every tear, remove every sorrow, and swallow up death in victory. Keep our household faithful until that day, longing not for earthly permanence but for Your eternal presence. May our joy this week be a small rehearsal of the joy to come when we see Your face. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lamb who leads us to living waters. Amen.