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The Last Day of SUKKOT

We're updating this Sukkot teaching once more to show new prophetic insights we believe could apply to this special feast. Just as the spring holy days were significant to Yeshua's first coming, we believe the fall Holy days can be equally significant to His return.

We'd like to present in this teaching how the end times could possibly begin just before or on the last day of a Sukkot. As seen in our teaching, ["Before the Harvest,"](#) we can see how the time of judgement begins at the season of reaping. Isaiah 18:5 shows it to be the time of the grape harvest.

Isaiah 18: 5

For, before(in the face of) the harvest, when the blossom is gone and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the shoots with pruning knives, and cut down and take away the spreading branches.

This specifies the fall. The fall is also when we see the second wheat harvest. So it seems judgement begins at the time these two harvests are reaped. This is confirmed in Revelation 14.

As given in Genesis at creation, we see the same in Revelation. In Genesis 1 we see the overview of creation. Then we're immediately taken backwards and given details to the creation of man. We see the same throughout the book of Revelation.

In Revelation 14:1 through 13 we see the 144,000 who are taken standing with Yeshua. Then we see the destruction of Babylon followed by the rule of the Antichrist. Like Genesis, we're then immediately taken back and given the same story with different details from prophecy.



Verses 14 through 20 shows **TWO** harvests taking place. Verses 14 through 16 shows Yeshua harvesting the second wheat harvest. The Church of Philadelphia and the 144,000.



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Rev. 14:14 I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one **“like a son of man”** with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. 15 Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” 16 So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, **and the earth was harvested.**
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Immediately after that we see verses 17 through 20 show the judgement starting through the grape harvest. A time of judgement.



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Rev. 14:17 Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. 18 Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and **gather the clusters of grapes** from the earth’s vine, because its grapes are ripe.” 19 The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. 20 **They were trampled in the winepress outside the city,** and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.
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This time of judgement will most likely include that which comes from the hands of Babylon. Thus we read:

Rev. 17:6

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I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.
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Though many believe these two harvests point to resurrections, I believe they point more to the separation of the wise and foolish virgins. The wise taken into the store house and the foolish gathered for a time of refinement.

So two harvests are referenced in Rev. 14. Sukkot is the literal feast of Ingathering that includes these two harvests. So we can easily see how Sukkot is a time for us to be watching. But why the last day of Sukkot and not the first?



Let's start by considering Habakkuk. In chapter 1 we read where Habakkuk is waiting for judgment 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); it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay".

This verse tells us the future event is destined to be on a Mo'ed, an appointed time. Though there are 7 holy days (Mo'ed) on the Hebrew calendar, 3 of them are also called a Feast (chag). The Holy days that are declared as "Feasts" (chag) are:

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



This verse in Habakkuk tells us He is talking about one of the seven Holy days. However, these verses tell us the future event will "linger." This could very easily mean it will linger to the end of a feast. "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? Possibly. Please consider:

Haggai 2:1

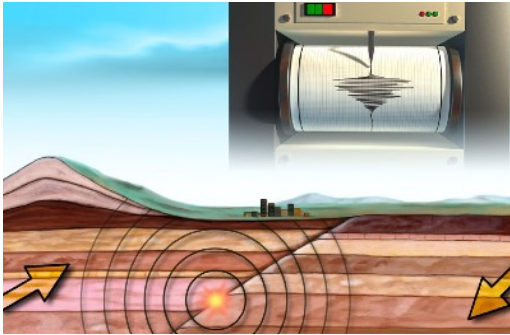
On the twenty-first day of the seventh month (*That's the 7th day of Sukkot*), the word of YHWH came through the prophet Haggai.

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 where everything will shake in "a little while." Could that "little while" be a warning of what is coming on the 8th day of a future Sukkot? That which has been traditionally called "The Last Great Day?"



It's interesting to note how 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 Holy day of YHWH. This is something that can't be ignored.

There are multiple reasons in the scriptures as to why shofars or trumpets were blown. From calling the men for war to announcing a time to move the camp. They're even blown for just calling the people together.

The last time a trumpet call goes out for the year via the Holy Days is the last day of Sukkot. Consider the following verses regarding the two silver trumpets. Though I'm giving multiple verses for context, please take special note of the highlighted verses.

Numbers 10:1-10



1 YHWH said to Moses: 2 **"Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out.** 3 When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble before you at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 4 If only one is sounded, the leaders — the heads of the clans of Israel — are to assemble before you. 5 When a trumpet blast is sounded, the tribes camping on the east are to set out. 6 At the sounding of a second blast, the camps on the south are to set out. The blast will be the signal for setting out. 7 **To gather the assembly, blow the trumpets, but not with the same signal.** 8 "The sons of Aaron, the priests, are to blow the trumpets. **This is to be a lasting ordinance for you and the generations to come.** 9 When you go into battle in your own land against an enemy who is oppressing you, sound a blast on the trumpets. Then you will be remembered by YHWH your God and rescued from your enemies. 10 **Also at your times of rejoicing — your appointed feasts and New Moon festivals — you are to sound the trumpets over your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, and they will be a memorial for you before your God. I am YHWH your God.**

They were to gather the people when both are blown. The 8th day of Sukkot is one of those days for this to happen.

Leviticus 23:33-36

YHWH said to Moses, 34 “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month YHWH’s Feast of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days. 35 The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work. 36 For seven days present offerings made to YHWH by fire, **and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly** and present an offering made to YHWH by fire. It is the closing assembly; do no regular work.

So the last day of Sukkot is definitely a time that could fit for YHWH calling His people out. In fact, this is exactly what we see Yeshua doing 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 find it interesting the verse specifically says He stood up and made this statement on the eight day of Sukkot. Could this be something hidden in plain sight? A picture, if you will, of the time He calls His bride to Him just before the judgment starts on the last and greatest day of Sukkot?

So, will it happen on a future last day of Sukkot? Well, that remains to be seen. However, there seems to be yet another prophet that could be implying this very thing as well. Please consider these verses in Joel chapter 2

Joel 2:15,16

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. 16 Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.

Now that you’ve read it, please allow me to offer some possibilities that we may be overlooking within it.





Day of Trumpets Blowing the Shofar

Joel 2:15,16

Blow the trumpet (Day of Trumpets?) in Zion, **declare a holy fast** (Day of Atonement?), **call a sacred assembly**. (First day of Sukkot?) 16 Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. (the seven days of Sukkot?) **Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber**. (The last day of Sukkot?)

Notice how it says, “Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.” Does that sound familiar? Let’s go to the words of Yeshua in Matthew 25.

Matt. 25:6

“At midnight the cry rang out: **Here’s the bridegroom!** Come out to meet him!”

So could the last day of Sukkot be when the bridegroom leaves his room and the bride goes out to meet Him?

In light of what I see in other verses, this is something to consider. Time will only tell. As noted in our teaching, [“The Day of Atonement in Prophecy.”](#) we know the command to choose the Passover lamb is on the tenth day of the first month. Could the tenth day of the seventh month, the Day of Atonement, be when the Lamb chooses His bride? And then we are to wait for His return at the end?

Yeshua is declared as the Alpha and Omega. The first and last. Consider this.

Passover is what brings in The seven day Feast of Unleavened Bread. The Passover meal is to start at the end of the 14th day of the month and usher us into the Feast of Unleavened Bread. So before the seven-day feast of Unleavened Bread begins, we see the Passover Lamb is the centerpiece just before. Likewise, for Sukkot, the 8th-day celebration is what closes out the seven day Feast. It points us to what? The first and the last. Everything points to Him at the beginning of the feast year, and everything points to Him at the conclusion of it as well.

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Am I stretching something here? Maybe. But the more I look at it, it sure seems to make sense.



Along with the prophets Habakkuk and Haggai, we also see two other prophets that point to judgment taking place sometime 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 packed and ready to go,” we know it’s the time of Sukkot.

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. 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(**Chag**) days(**Singular in Hebrew**) 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 not only consider the possibility of the end times starting during a Sukkot, but verse five from Hosea specifically says a “yom” of a “Chag.” Thus, it’s discussing a specific day of a Feast. Verse six seems to imply this feast could truly be Sukkot with its mention of the overrun tents. This now makes four prophets indicating this possibility. To me, that’s something we just can’t throw out.

As Habakkuk implied it lingers to the last day of the feast, please consider what we see in Revelation Chapter 10.



Rev. 10:1-6

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. 2 He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, 3 and he gave a loud shout like the **roar of a lion**. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. 4 And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down." 5 Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. 6 And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "**There will be no more delay!**"

Here we see Yeshua, the Lion of Judah, holding the now opened scroll that had the seven seals on it. Though the scroll was opened, nothing had happened yet as it says there would be no more delay in verse 6. Showing that even though the seals were broken, the events of the seals had **NOT** yet taken place.

Before we're told there's no more delay, we see the seven thunders speak. With what we know thus far, one can't help but wonder if these seven thunders represent the seven days of Sukkot. Then on the eighth day we see the delay come to an end. Tying what was said in Habbakuk regarding the events linger before they start. Thus, the delay of everything starting comes to an end on the 8th day of Sukkot.

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.

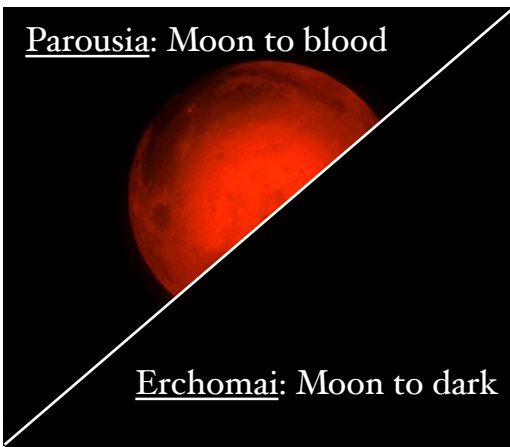
Yeshua said "just as it was in the days of Noah" it will be the same at His coming.

First, we must note 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.” Two different Greek words that have been translated with the same English word.

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. Then after that year, He goes to fight in the Battle of Armageddon.

Something to keep in mind while looking into this is the parousia shows the moon turning to blood. However, on the day of His erchomai, the moon does not give it’s light at all. This shows two separate events.



- 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. Therefore, this event in Rev. 6 is different from that battle. We believe it is the event that begins the birth pains to the tribulation. Please see our teaching, “[Birth Pains](#)” for more on that.)

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

The point here is, 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 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 judgments ever happened? Can they really go through the trumpets, the bowls, and the time when the 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 seems clear they will not be unaware of what is going on around the world. However, this event mentioned in Matthew 24:37-41 is paralleled to the days of Noah and the flood. It was an event that caught everyone by surprise. The only ones not surprised was Noah and his family.

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

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 is parallel to a Sukkah. A temporary dwelling. Noah's "tent," if you will. Noah was in the ark on the 1st day, and YHWH said it would be seven days from then that the rains would come. Could this 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. It's similar to the element we pointed out with the seven thunders speaking and then the judgement was no longer delayed.



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

Another interesting thing we see in the story of Noah is what YHWH did on the last day right before the judgment 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. Thus, another picture of things being DELAYED before actually taking place.

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 judgment.

This goes in parallel with what we see regarding the five wise virgins who were sealed in.

Matt. 25:10

“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. **And the door was shut.**”

Please notice how Yeshua uses the same language with the story of Noah. The door was shut. Now, please consider the words of Yeshua.



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.”

Though we are instructed to pray to escape the coming judgment so we can stand before Yeshua, not everyone will be ready for this event. Some will have to go through a time of refinement during the tribulation.

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 five foolish virgins who were not ready for the Bridegroom? Could this be the time they truly get refined? It's very possible this time of judgment begins at the end of Sukkot just as the prophets seem to point to.

It's very likely the last day of Sukkot will be the time the 144,000 and the Church of Philadelphia are sealed just as Noah was sealed right before the flood.

After examining the scriptures, we believe it's very plausible the Parousia(presence) of Yeshua could begin on a future last day of Sukkot. Thus, ushering in the great earthquake of Isaiah 24 and Revelation 6 which triggers the time of the end.

For the longest of times, I wondered about the timing of Isaiah 24. The majority of the whole chapter talks about what appears to be a global earthquake. Yet, in the middle of the chapter, we see Isaiah hit the pause button on explaining the devastation. He does so to explain something else he sees. Consider what he sees in verses 14 to 16.



Isaiah 24:14-16

14 They raise their voices, they shout for joy; from the west they acclaim YHWH's majesty. 15 Therefore in the east give glory to the YHWH; exalt the name of the YHWH, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea. 16 From the ends of the earth we hear singing: "Glory to the Righteous One." But I said, "I waste away, I waste away! Woe to me! The treacherous betray! With treachery the treacherous betray!"

He sees people giving praise to YHWH. Verse 16 implies these people are all over the world. People giving praise all over the world is a good thing. Right? The problem is, according to Isaiah, these people are treacherous. Basically, traitors. Hypocrites. They claim the walk, but they don't live it. Could this be a Proverbs 15:8 situation? Many say the wicked are the people of the world. However, the exact same word for wicked in Proverbs 15:8 is applied to Korah the Levite and all his followers in Numbers 16:26.

Proverbs 15: 8 YHWH detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.

We can't forget that the huge majority, if not all, of scripture is truly addressing YHWH's people. Those who know the truth. This makes it seem as if Isaiah is most likely addressing YHWH's people. A people who are guilty, yet live as though they are not. Not much different from the attitude of His people just before He judged them in times past.

That all being said, what day could YHWH's people be together in rejoicing and giving Him praise as described in Isaiah 24? You guessed it. An appointed time. On one of His Holy days. Could it be Sukkot? It does seem to match the verses we covered in Jeremiah 4 and Hosea 9 regarding the destruction.

Could this be the last day of Sukkot? It's definitely something for us to keep in prayer as we long for our Saviors glorious appearing. Plus, we can't forget how we are commanded to rejoice at the feast of Sukkot. So, we can easily see how Isaiah 24 could be pointing to the time of a future Sukkot.

Lev. 23:41

Celebrate this as a festival to YHWH for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month.





So will this be how things play out on some future last day of Sukkot? I don't know. However, I have to confess, it *does* seem to make sense. That being said, we are still very open to other time frames for things to begin.

For those who struggle with us being able to know the day when our Savior returns, we have an article that discusses the commonly misused verses for that understanding. That article is titled "[Knowing the Day.](#)" (click blue text for link)



May we always be praying for His understanding and insight on this topic with a humble heart. May pride be far from us as we pursue His ways and long for that day.

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

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