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THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES  
SUKKOT – PART 2

Today is the full day of Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles (15<sup>th</sup> of Tishri). It is a high holy sabbath (day of rest) which ends at sundown (or 6:00 P.M.) today.

Special meetings occur which feature rejoicing, feasting, and celebrating God's presence among His people. God had dwelt among them in the 40 wilderness years in the Holy of Holies of the portable tabernacle. He continued His presence there as the tabernacle rested in Shiloh for over 400 years.

When Solomon became King, he built a temple in Jerusalem to replace the tabernacle. The ark of the covenant was placed in the Holy of Holies in the new temple. God's presence would now abide in Jerusalem. God had now "tabernacled" (dwelt) with them in His (future) eternal city of Jerusalem.

Sukkot is a time of rejoicing and feasting in celebration of God's presence. Christians and Messianic Jews can rejoice because Messiah (Jesus Christ) has already "tabernacled" within us as believers. I Corinthians 3:16 (NKJV) says, ***"Do you not know that you are the temple (tabernacle) of God and that the (Holy) Spirit of God dwells (resides) in you?"*** It is by the Holy Spirit sent by Jesus from the Father that Messiah (Jesus) dwells (lives) within you. You have Christ "tabernacled" in your being.

There was a prophetic fulfillment of Tishri 15, the Feast (or Day) of Tabernacles when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. He "tabernacled" among us from the manger to the cross. It is very likely that Jesus may actually have been born at this special time, although we do not know that for certain. The Jews of Jesus' time failed to recognize this prophetic event.

Yet there is still a prophetic fulfillment of "tabernacles" when Messiah will return to earth to set up His reign and will rule, "tabernacling" with us, in Jerusalem for a thousand years. We call it the "millennial reign" of Christ.

There are some who feel that the "rapture" will also occur at the Feast of Tabernacles. That cannot be known for certain, but it would surely seem to fit the high holy time of Tabernacles, Tishri 15.

We who are born again (saved) have the blessing of being His "temple" or "tabernacle" every moment of every day.