

Notes: September 25 2021

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tov
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
7. Praise and Worship Songs
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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Life, Joy and Torah

Summer has concluded and we are in the midst of the fall Moadim. Yom T'ruah and Yom Kippur behind us we are in the midst of Sukkot for this Shabbat is fifth day of a seven days

23:34 "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of Sukkot for seven days to Adonai.

Lev 23:35 On the first day there is to be a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work.

Lev 23:36 For seven days you are to bring an offering made by fire to Adonai; on the eighth day you are to have a holy convocation and bring an offering made by fire to Adonai ; it is a day of public assembly; do not do any kind of ordinary work.

An Eighth day known as Shemini Atzeret literally translated eighth day assembly yet provides very little contextual understanding as to what is to be done, other than what is conveyed.

And a ninth day which we will celebrate next Shabbat, another day of joy and rejoicing Simchat Torah for which I will talk more about.

Sukkot is a pilgrimage feast where we are to celebrate it in the land...

Deu 16:16 "Three times a year all your men are to appear in the presence of Adonai your God in the place which he will choose—at the festival of matzah, at the festival of Shavu'ot and at the festival of Sukkot. They are not to show up before Adonai empty-handed,

Deu 16:17 but every man is to give what he can, in accordance with the blessing Adonai your God has given you.

For I believe this will be fully restored when Yeshua resides on His throne in the land for we read in Ezekiel of three primary appointed times still remaining after His return.

Eze 45:17 The prince's obligation will be to present the burnt offerings, grain offerings and drink offerings at the feasts, on Rosh-Hodesh, and on Shabbat—at all the designated times of the house of Isra'el. He is to prepare the sin offerings, grain offerings, burnt offerings and peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Isra'el.'

Eze 45:21 " 'On the fourteenth day of the first month you are to have the Pesach, a feast seven days long; matzah will be eaten.

Eze 45:25 " 'On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, during the feast [*of Sukkot*] he is to do the same thing for those seven days in regard to the sin offerings, burnt offerings, grain offerings and olive oil.'

For we read of the Prophet Zechariah and what is to transpire in the days when Adonai, that is Yeshua resides in Jerusalem...

Zec 14:16 Finally, everyone remaining from all the nations that came to attack Yerushalayim will go up every year to worship the king, Adonai-Tzva'ot, and to keep the festival of Sukkot.

Zec 14:17 If any of the families of the earth does not go up to Yerushalayim to worship the king, Adonai-Tzva'ot, no rain will fall on them.

Zec 14:18 If the family of Egypt doesn't go up, if they refuse to come, they will have no [*annual*] overflow [*from the Nile*]; moreover, there will be the plague with which Adonai will strike the nations that don't go up to keep the festival of Sukkot.

Zec 14:19 This will be Egypt's punishment and the punishment of all the nations that don't go up to keep the festival of Sukkot.

For this is not a punishment against those who were on the wrong end of an outcome, but this is to be a time of celebration, in honoring our King. Though Yeshua may be rejected by some, does not and will not change the reality of who He is. For Sukkot is a time of Joy where rejoicing is to be prominent within the people...

Deu 16:13 "You are to keep the festival of Sukkot for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing-floor and winepress.

Deu 16:14 Rejoice at your festival—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, the L'vi'im, and the foreigners, orphans and widows living among you.

Deu 16:15 Seven days you are to keep the festival for Adonai your God in the place Adonai your God will choose, because Adonai your God will bless you in all your crops and in all your work, so you are to be full of joy!

The primary word used for joy or to rejoice is Sameach. Hence the term Hag Sameach meaning Joyful Festival is used as a greeting.

שמח

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saw-may'-akh

From **H8055**; *blithe* or *gleeful*: - (be) glad, joyful, (making) merry ([-hearted]), rejoice (-ing).

Translated as rejoice, joy or joyful in many passages it found seven times in Deuteronomy alone. A time of preparation with great anticipation for the nation is being prepared to enter the land promised by Adonai, yet for a generation who did not fully trust in Him did not come into that promise. Yet a generation who grew up in the wilderness is being prepared for the fulfillment of a promise made long ago, long before Moshe, dating all the way back to Avram when Adonai called him to leave the land and go to a land Adonai would show him. For Adonai would tell him that this land would not be inhabited by his descendants until some 400+ years had passed.

Gen 15:13 Adonai said to Avram, "Know this for certain: your descendants will be foreigners in a land that is not theirs. They will be slaves and held in oppression there four hundred years.

Gen 15:14 But I will also judge that nation, the one that makes them slaves. Afterwards, they will leave with many possessions.

Gen 15:15 As for you, you will join your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age.

Gen 15:16 Only in the fourth generation will your descendants come back here, because only then will the Emori be ripe for punishment."

When we look at the aspect of joy or being joyful, it is not an emotion but an attitude with rejoicing being the action of that attitude. For when we look at the proximity of this attitude you will see that there is no room for anything else as it pertains to the nation getting ready to take possession of the land and what is required of them when they do take possession...

Deu 12:1 Here are the laws and rulings you are to observe and obey in the land Adonai, the God of your ancestors, has given you to possess as long as you live on earth.

Deu 12:2 You must destroy all the places where the nations you are dispossessing served their gods, whether on high mountains, on hills, or under some leafy tree.

Deu 12:3 Break down their altars, smash their standing-stones to pieces, burn up their sacred poles completely and cut down the carved images of their gods. Exterminate their name from that place.

Deu 12:4 "But you are not to treat Adonai your God this way.

Deu 12:5 Rather, you are to come to the place where Adonai your God will put his name. He will choose it from all your tribes; and you will seek out that place, which is where he will live, and go there.

Deu 12:6 You will bring there your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tenths [*that you set aside for Adonai*], the offerings that you give, the offerings you have vowed, your voluntary offerings, and the firstborn of your cattle and sheep.

Deu 12:7 There you will eat in the presence of Adonai your God; and you will rejoice over everything you set out to do, you and your households, in which Adonai your God has blessed you.

Deu 12:8 You will not do things the way we do them here today, where everyone does whatever in his own opinion seems right;

Deu 12:9 because you haven't yet arrived at the rest and inheritance which Adonai your God is giving you.

Deu 12:10 But when you cross the Yarden and live in the land Adonai your God is having you inherit, and he gives you rest from all your surrounding enemies, so that you are living in safety;

Deu 12:11 then you will bring all that I am ordering you to the place Adonai your God chooses to have his name live—your burnt offerings, sacrifices, tenths, the offering from your hand, and all your best possessions that you dedicate to Adonai;

Deu 12:12 and you will rejoice in the presence of Adonai your God—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves and the Levi staying with you, inasmuch as he has no share or inheritance with you.

You will rejoice in the presence of Adonai. A presence made known by a physical structure He inhabits amongst His people. The visible presence of Adonai is not something that goes unnoticed.

Today, though we may not see a physical presence, and by that I mean what you can actually see with your own eyes does not mean that His presence is absent. For believers we have His presence residing with us and in us. Thus if we are to rejoice in the presence of Adonai, why as believers are we not always joyful with the presence of Adonai residing within?

Consider the time when Shlomo dedicated the Temple in Jerusalem upon its completion...

2Ch 7:1 When Shlomo had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Adonai filled the house,

2Ch 7:2 so that the cohanim could not enter the house of Adonai; because the glory of Adonai filled Adonai's house.

2Ch 7:3 All the people of Isra'el saw when the fire came down, and the glory of Adonai was on the house; they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the flooring; prostrating themselves, they gave thanks to Adonai, "for he is good, for his grace continues forever."

The Glory, the Sh'kenah was visibly seen for it is identified to look like...

Exo 24:17 To the people of Isra'el the glory of Adonai looked like a raging fire on the top of the mountain.

So the presence is visibly seen, yet we have that same presence residing inside of us as the fulfillment of a promise made by Yeshua to all whom have placed their trust and thus their lives have been transformed by Him.

Joh 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commands;

Joh 14:16 and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

Joh 14:17 The world cannot receive him, because it neither sees nor knows him. You know him, because he is staying with you and will be united with you.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you orphans—I am coming to you.

Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!"

If you have come to this realization of Yeshua, then you have the presence, the essence, the power of Adonai residing in you.

Deu 12:12 and you will rejoice in the presence of Adonai your God...

Don't lose sight or even faith as it pertains to Yeshua's return for we will once again go up to Jerusalem at the appointed times and rejoice in His presence...

Deu 12:18 No, you are to eat these in the presence of Adonai your God in the place Adonai your God will choose—you and your sons, daughters, male and female slaves, and the Levi who is your guest; and you are to rejoice before Adonai your God in everything you undertake to do.

Not only are we to rejoice in His presence, but we are to rejoice in His provision.

Deu 14:22 "Every year you must take one tenth of everything your seed produces in the field,
Deu 14:23 and eat it in the presence of Adonai your God. In the place where he chooses to have his name live you will eat the tenth of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your cattle and sheep, so that you will learn to fear Adonai your God always.

Deu 14:24 But if the distance is too great for you, so that you are unable to transport it, because the place where Adonai chooses to put his name is too far away from you; then, when Adonai your God prospers you,

Deu 14:25 you are to convert it into money, take the money with you, go to the place which Adonai your God will choose,

Deu 14:26 and exchange the money for anything you want—cattle, sheep, wine, other intoxicating liquor, or anything you please—and you are to eat there in the presence of Adonai your God, and enjoy yourselves, you and your household.

Deu 26:9 Now he has brought us to this place and given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Deu 26:10 Therefore, as you see, I have now brought the firstfruits of the land which you, Adonai, have given me.' You are then to put the basket down before Adonai your God, prostrate yourself before Adonai your God,

Deu 26:11 and take joy in all the good that Adonai your God has given you, your household, the Levi and the foreigner living with you.

Sukkot affords us the ability to do both. We are to rejoice in His presence and as a pilgrimage feast where the nation would bring the tithe from their fall crops on Sukkot, and eat in the presence of Adonai as we honor Him through His provision. One might say a statement is being made. We are recognizing the provisions He has sustained us with by eating them in His presence. "Look Lord all that you have provided for us"

We have yet to see this in its fullness, though we are being prepared for a time when we will eat in His presence.

Remember, P & P does not mean Prim and Proper, but Presence and Provision when we are living in the Power of Adonai through His Ruach Ha Kodesh.

So there is no excuse, especially in the midst of Sukkot. Let us rejoice today especially, but let us be joyful always for...

Neh 8:1 When the seventh month arrived, after the people of Isra'el had resettled in their towns, all the people gathered with one accord in the open space in front of the Water Gate and asked 'Ezra the Torah-teacher to bring the scroll of the Torah of Moshe, which Adonai had commanded Isra'el.

Neh 8:8 They read clearly from the scroll, in the Torah of God, translated it, and enabled them to understand the sense of what was being read.

Neh 8:9 Nechemyah the Tirshata, 'Ezra the cohen and Torah-teacher and the L'vi'im who taught the people said to all the people, "Today is consecrated to Adonai your God; don't be mournful, don't weep." For all the people had been weeping when they heard the words of the Torah.

Neh 8:10 Then he said to them, "Go, eat rich food, drink sweet drinks, and send portions to those who can't provide for themselves; for today is consecrated to our Lord. Don't be sad, because the joy of Adonai is your strength."

There is no excuse. If you have embraced Yeshua and trusted in the Lord with all of you. The presence of Adonai resides in you. In that He has promised provision, then the attitude of Joy must be present. For I have shared with you these two aspects where joy resides. Presence and Provision.