

- Pentecost followed on the heels of Passover. Pentecost celebrated first fruits.
- The Feast of Booths follows on the heels of the Yom Kippur, the day of Atonement in Tishri, the 7th month of the Liturgical calendar.

“You shall keep the Feast of Booths seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. Deut. 16:13 (ESV)

“Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Deut. 16:16 (ESV)

The Feast of Booths celebrates “Last Fruits” or Ingathering, before the winter rainy season.

1. Instructions for Keeping the Feast of Booths

¶ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the LORD. On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work. Lev. 23:33-36 (ESV)

“On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest.

And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. _

You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, _ that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.” Lev. 23:39-43 (ESV)

Side note: The Year of Jubilee was to be celebrated (the 7th Seven of Years) on the 7th month at The Feast of Booths.

Overarching branches - God is our _____.

Temporary shelters - God is leading us toward a _____ home.

Feasting is a picture of taking in God’s blessings and letting out rejoicing in his presence together with his people.

2. The Water Ceremony pictures God’s provision of salvation flowing to the Nations

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Is. 12:3-5 (ESV)

3. The Feast of Booths pictures God’s harvest of the nations

Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. _
And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths. _
This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths. Zech. 14:16-19 (ESV)

4. God with Us, Dwelling in tents

1. The first tabernacle

And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. _
And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.” _
And he said, “Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you. Ex. 34:8-11 (ESV)

2. The last tabernacle

¶ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (ESV)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. _
Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” _
Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7:37-39 (ESV)