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Passover Unleavened Bread Firstfruits	Pentecost	Trumpets Day of Atonement Tabernacles
Former Rains		Latter Rains (Joel)
<b>Fulfilled</b>	<b>Fulfilled</b>	<b>NOT Yet Fulfilled</b>

## Some General Thoughts About the Feast of Tabernacles

1. It has several names: Sukkot; Feast of Booths, Feast of Tabernacles; Feast of Ingathering.
2. The word Sukkah means "hut."
3. This feast was celebrated with relief and thanksgiving.
4. This feast is the reason Thanksgiving was originally celebrated in North America. American pilgrims celebrated this feast.

## God's Desire to Dwell With Us

1. God walked with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden.
2. God had the people build a tabernacle so He could dwell among them.
3. Jesus Christ came that He might dwell (tabernacle) with us.  
*"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* - John 1:14
4. The Lord is taking all of us home to live with Him someday.  
*"In my Father's house are many rooms; in it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."* - John 14:2,3

## Why Celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles?

1. It is a reminder of God living among His people and caring for them in the wilderness.
2. It is a reminder that all of our blessings come from the Lord.  
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3. It is a reminder of the blessing of God's Word.  
*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."* - Colossians 3:16
4. It is a reminder of the temporary endurance of material things.  
*"We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope."* - I Chronicles 29:15
5. For Christians, it is a reminder of the Holy Spirit living within us.  
*"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us."* - Romans 5:5

## Jesus' Fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles

1. At Jesus' triumphal entry they thought He was setting up His Kingdom, as they read in Psalm 118:25 each year in the Feast of Tabernacles.  
*"The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'"* - Matthew 21:9
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