

TABERNACLE AMONG US

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noun, verb, led, -ling. -noun

1. any place or house of worship, esp. one designed for a large congregation.
2. (*often initial capital letter*) the portable sanctuary in use by the Israelites from the time of their wandering in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt to the building of the Temple in Jerusalem by Solomon. Ex. 25–27.
3. *Ecclesiastical*. an ornamental receptacle for the reserved Eucharist, now generally found on the altar.
4. a canopied niche or recess, as for an image or icon.
5. a temporary dwelling or shelter, as a tent or hut.
6. a dwelling place.
7. the human body as the temporary abode of the soul.

(<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/tabernacle>)

First mentioned in the Bible when The LORD (YHVH) instructed Moses to build this for a home for him (YHVH) to dwell amongst his people in Exodus 25:

9 According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the **tabernacle**, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

Later in Exodus 33 we see where The LORD comes to the tabernacle to be with Moses:

- 7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and **pitched it without the camp**, afar off from the camp, and **called it the Tabernacle of the congregation**. And it came to pass, that **every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation**, which was without the camp.
- 8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and **stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.**
- 9 And it came to pass, as **Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.**
- 10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door.
- 11 **And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.**

Since the Exodus from Egypt, the Children of Israel pitched tents and made camp in the wilderness. The LORD (YHVH) declared that the Israelites set aside days for feasts (not as a buffet of food like many of us would celebrate on a holiday.) These

feasts were appointments on God's calendar, much like his day-timer. These were Holy Convocations for celebrating and giving honor to the LORD, God.

Leviticus 23:

37 These are the **feasts of the LORD**, which ye shall proclaim to be **holy convocations**, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

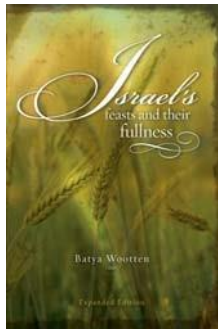
42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are **Israelites born shall dwell in booths:**

43 **That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.**

Booths5521. kukkah, sook-kaw'; fem. of H5520; a hut or lair:--booth, cottage, covert, pavilion, **tabernacle**, **tent**.

This is called the **Feast of Tabernacles**. The final and most important feast of the year, and it begins 5 days after the Yom Kippur (Yom-Day, Kippur- Atonement of sin, the first was on the day of the making of the golden calf). This Feast begins on the fifteenth day of Tishri (Israel's seventh month and is around our September to October.) The Feast of Tabernacle is for giving thanks to the LORD for what he has done for the Israelites. It is believed that our very first Thanksgiving feast by the Pilgrims was in honor of this Feast of Tabernacles.

If you wish to learn more about these Feasts of the Lord, I recommend a book by Batya Wootten of the Messianic Israel Alliance.



[Israel's Feasts and Their Fullness: Expanded Edition](#)

To learn more about Messianic Israel then and now, I recommend her book which was a life changing experience for me.



[Redeemed Israel: Reunited and Restored](#)

TEMPLE

Pronunciation [**tem**-puhl]—**noun**

1. an edifice or place dedicated to the service or worship of a deity or deities.
2. (*usually initial capital letter*) any of the three successive houses of worship in Jerusalem in use by the Jews in Biblical times, the first built by Solomon, the second by Zerubbabel, and the third by Herod.
3. a synagogue, usually a Reform or Conservative one.
4. an edifice erected as a place of public worship; a church, esp. a large or imposing one.
5. any place or object in which God dwells, as the body of a Christian. I Cor. 6:19.

In **Psalm 11**: David gives us a description of The LORD on his Throne of Judgment in his holy temple in heaven.

4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

In **Psalm 18**: David, when he cries out to the LORD (YHVH), still sees him in his holy temple.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Whereas the tabernacle is a temporary dwelling place as in a tent or (Hebrew) succa, sukkot (plural), a Temple is more permanent. In heaven it is totally permanent and on earth it is as permanent as long as bricks and mortar can last.

In 1 Kings 6 God talks to King Solomon, the son of David. To build a more permanent tabernacle, a for the LORD, YHVH to dwell amongst people.

12 And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

13 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

14 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

15 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

16 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

17 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.

18 **And the house, that is, the temple** before it, was forty cubits long.

19 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen.

20 **And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.**

The Lord comes to the Temple in his temple/tabernacle.

Matt 1:

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us.**

Mal 3:

1 Behold, I will **send my messenger**, and he **shall prepare the way before me**: and **the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple**, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Isa 40:

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Matt 3:

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the Lord**, make his paths straight.

Matt 12:

5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

6 But I say unto you, That **in this place is one greater than the temple**.

Matt 21:

12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

[As usually done during the time of Passover, Jesus/Yeshua is removing the unleavened from his Father's house. (My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.—Isaiah 56:7)]

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in **the temple**; and he healed them.

15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children **crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David**; they were sore displeased,

Matt 24:

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him **the buildings of the temple**.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, **There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down**.

[This was actually the rebuilt Temple by King Herod, the Great. The Second Temple was destroyed by Roman Empire troops under General Titus in 70 CE. The troops set fires to the temple. The stones were lined with gold and the gold seeped into the mortar, and the stone were literally pulled apart and thrown down to retrieve the gold.] <http://www.templemount.org/TMTRS.html>

BACK TO GOD WITH US!

Acts 15:

12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

- 13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:
14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.
15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,
16 **After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:**
17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.
18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

2 Cor 5:

- 1 For we know that if our **earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved**, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
4 For we that **are in this tabernacle do groan**, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Hebrew 9:

- 2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the sanctuary.
3 And after the **second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;**
4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;
5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.
6 Now when these things were thus ordained, **the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.**
7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: 8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, **that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:** 9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;
10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.
11 **But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;**

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Matt 27: [When Jesus gave up the ghost – died on the cross]

51 And, behold, the **veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom;** and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

John 2:

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

19 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**

20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

21 **But he spake of the temple of his body.**

2 Peter 1:

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as **I am in this tabernacle,** to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

14 Knowing that shortly **I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me.**