

Tabernacled With God In Babylon

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Tabernacle - Merriam Websters

noun

1 house of worship specifically : a large building or tent used for evangelistic services

2 receptacle for the consecrated elements of the Eucharist especially : an ornamental locked box used for reserving the Communion hosts

3 often capitalized : A - tent sanctuary used by the Israelites during the Exodus

B - archaic : dwelling place

C - archaic : temporary shelter : tent

verb – tabernacled; tabernacling

Intransitive verb (characterized by not having or containing a direct object)

:to take up temporary residence

Especially: to inhabit a physical body

Noah Webster's 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language

Tabernacle

noun

1. A tent. *Numbers 24, Matthew 17*
2. A temporary habitation *Milton*
3. Among the Jews, a movable building so contrived as to be taken to pieces with ease and reconstructed, for convenience of being carried during the wanderings of the Israelites in the wilderness. ... *Cruden*, It is also applied to the temple. *Psalms 15*
4. A place of worship; a sacred place. *Addison*
5. Our natural body. *2 Corinthians 5, 2 Peter 1*
6. God's gracious presence, or tokens of it. *Revelation 21*
7. An ornamented chest placed on Roman catholic altars as a receptacle of the ciborium and pyxis.

Verb, intransitive

To dwell; to reside for a time; to be housed; as we say Christ tabernacled in the flesh.

Feast of Tabernacles - Leviticus 23:33-38

33 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 34 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'On the fifteenth of this seventh month is the Feast of Booths for seven days to the LORD. 35' On the first day is a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work of any kind. 36' For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the LORD; it is an assembly. You shall do no laborious work. 37' These are the appointed times of the LORD which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, to present offerings by fire to the LORD--burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each day's matter on its own day-- 38 besides those of the sabbaths of the LORD, and besides your gifts and besides all your votive and freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.

Feast of Tabernacles - Leviticus 23:33-38

15th Day 7th Month – FOT (booths)

For 7 days

Holy Convocation 1st & 8th (assembly)

No Laborious Work 1st & 8th

עֲבֹדָה – abodah OT:5656 – labor, service,
bondage

7 days present offering by fire

each day's matter on its own day--
additional offerings besides the day's
normal gifts & Offerings

Proclaim the Appointed Times

קָרָא – qara OT:7121 – proclaim, invite,
address specific recipient for a specific
response, to cry out urgently (not hidden)

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Leviticus 23:39-44 Live in Booths – I am the Lord Your God

39'On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days, with a rest on the first day and a rest on the eighth day. 40'Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. 41'You shall thus celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. 42'You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in booths, 43 so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.'" 44 So Moses declared to the sons of Israel the appointed times of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 16:13-15 – Everyone Celebrate – Altogether Joyful

13 " You shall celebrate the Feast of Booths seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine vat; 14 and you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who are in your towns. 15 "Seven days you shall celebrate a feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.

Deuteronomy 16:16-22 – Each Give as Able – Pursue Justice

16 " Three times in a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses, at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths, and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. 17 "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you. 18 "You shall appoint for yourself judges and officers in all your towns which the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. 19 " You shall not distort justice; you shall not be partial, and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous. 20 "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue, that you may live and possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you. 21 " You shall not plant for yourself an Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of the LORD your God, which you shall make for yourself. 22 " You shall not set up for yourself a sacred pillar which the LORD your God hates.

Zechariah 14:8-11, 16 – Feast of Booths Future Observance

8 And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter. 9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one. 10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. 11 People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

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16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

What about Now in this Place and Time?

How do we tabernacle with God, not only during this Festival Observance, but everyday while we are sojourning in this world?

Leviticus 23:42'You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in booths, 43 so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.'"

Numbers 35:34'You shall not defile the land in which you live, in the midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD am dwelling in the midst of the sons of Israel.'"

What about Now in this Place and Time?

Numbers 5:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Command the sons of Israel that they send away from the camp every leper and everyone having a discharge and everyone who is unclean because of a dead person. 3 "You shall send away both male and female; you shall send them outside the camp so that they will not defile their camp where I dwell in their midst."

Leviticus 26:11' Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you. 12' I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people. 13' I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you would not be their slaves, and I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

What about Now in this Place and Time?

Leviticus 25:23 'The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are but aliens and sojourners with Me.

Ephesians 2: 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens , but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

What about Now in this Place and Time?

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens , scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

What about Now in this Place and Time?

1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. 11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

What about Now in this Place and Time?

Deuteronomy 10:17 " For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe. 18 "He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing. 19 " So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. 20 "You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name. 21 "He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen. 22 " Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Babylon - Fausset's Bible Dictionary

BABEL; BABYLON

Babel (Hebrew) means Babylon; so that "the tower" should be designated "the tower of Babel." Capital of the country Shinar (Genesis), Chaldea (later Scriptures). The name as given by Nimrod (Gen 10:10), the founder, means (Bab-il), "the gate of the god Il," or simply "of God." Afterward the name was attached to it in another sense (Providence having ordered it so that a name should be given originally, susceptible of another sense, signifying the subsequent divine judgment), Gen 11:9; Babel from baalal, "to confound; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth," in order to counteract their attempt by a central city and tower to defeat God's purpose of the several tribes of mankind being "scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth," and to constrain them, as no longer "understanding one another's speech," to disperse.

Babylon - The New Unger's Bible Dictionary

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The Figurative Meaning. In the prophetical writings, when the actual city is not meant, the illustration is to the "confusion" into which the whole social order of the world has fallen under Gentile world domination (Luke 21:24; Rev 6:16). The divine order is given in Isa 11, that is, Israel in her own land the center of divine government of the world and the medium of the divine blessing, with Gentile nations blessed when associated with Israel. Anything else is politically mere "babel." In the NT Babylon prefigures apostate Christendom, that is, ecclesiastical Babylon, the great harlot (Rev 17:5-18). It also prefigures political Babylon (17:15-18), which destroys ecclesiastical Babylon. The power of political Babylon is destroyed by the glorious second advent of Christ (Rev 16:19; 18:2-21).

Genesis 10:6-14 The beginnings of Babylon

6 The sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan. 7 The sons of Cush were Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. 8 Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." 10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah, 12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city. 13 Mizraim became the father of Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim 14 and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

Revelation 17:3-6 Babylon the Great – There in the End

17:1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality." 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, 5 and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." 6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.

Jeremiah 21:1-10 - Jeremiah's Message for Zedekiah

1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah, saying, 2 "Please inquire of the LORD on our behalf, for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is warring against us; perhaps the LORD will deal with us according to all His wonderful acts, so that the enemy will withdraw from us."

Jeremiah 21:1-10 - Jeremiah's Message for Zedekiah

3 Then Jeremiah said to them, "You shall say to Zedekiah as follows: 4 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel, "Behold, I am about to turn back the weapons of war which are in your hands, with which you are warring against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who are besieging you outside the wall; and I will gather them into the center of this city. 5 "I Myself will war against you with an outstretched hand and a mighty arm, even in anger and wrath and great indignation. 6 "I will also strike down the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they will die of a great pestilence. 7 "Then afterwards," declares the LORD, " I will give over Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people, even those who survive in this city from the pestilence, the sword and the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their foes and into the hand of those who seek their lives; and he will strike them down with the edge of the sword. He will not spare them nor have pity nor compassion."

Jeremiah 21:1-10 - Jeremiah's Message for the People

8 "You shall also say to this people, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. 9 "He who dwells in this city will die by the sword and by famine and by pestilence; but he who goes out and falls away to the Chaldeans who are besieging you will live, and he will have his own life as booty. 10 "For I have set My face against this city for harm and not for good," declares the LORD. "It will be given into the hand of the king of Babylon and he will burn it with fire."

Daniel 1:1-2 In Babylon

1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 2 The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.



Depicted on top of the stele of his famous law code, Hammurabi stands before a seated Marduk. [Hammurabi](#), [CC BY 3.0](#), via [Wikimedia Commons](#)

Daniel 1:3-7 In Babylon

3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles, 4 youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. 5 The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service. 6 Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. 7 Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach and to Azariah Abed-nego.



Daniel 1:8-14 – Daniel's Resolve

8 But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials, 10 and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would make me forfeit my head to the king." 11 But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, 12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink. 13 "Then let our appearance be observed in your presence and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see." 14 So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days. ... 21 And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king.

Daniel 2:1-11 Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

1 Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him. 2 Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. 3 The king said to them, "I had a dream and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream." ... 9b therefore tell me the dream, that I may know that you can declare to me its interpretation." 10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean. 11 "Moreover, the thing which the king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh."



Daniel 2:12-20a Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

12 Because of this the king became indignant and very furious and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. 13 So the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to kill them.

14 Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king's bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon; 15 he said to Arioch, the king's commander, "For what reason is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter. 16 So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.

17 Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter, 18 so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

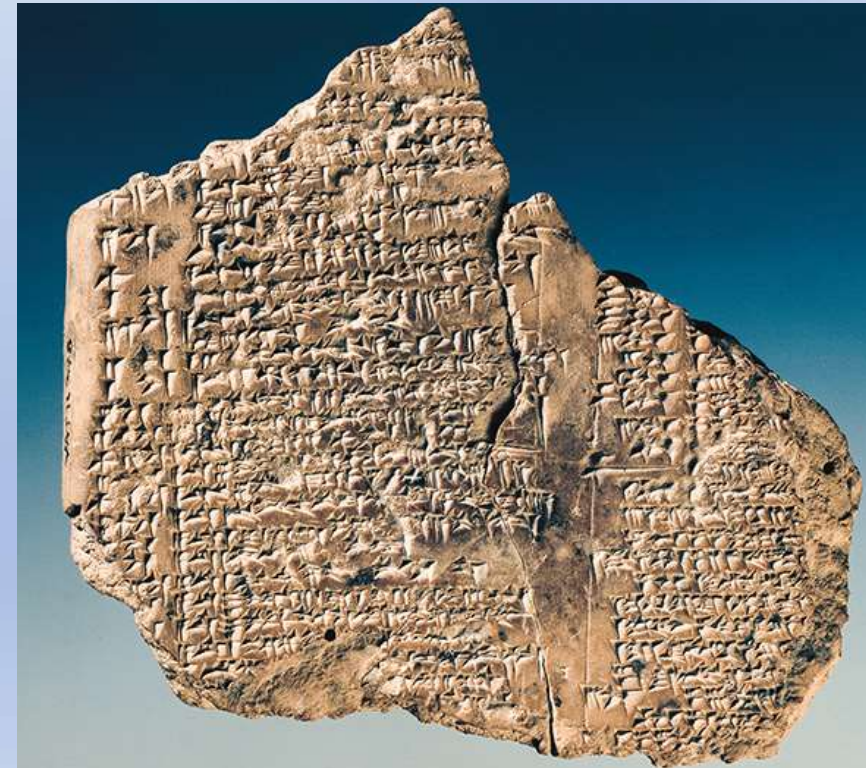
19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven; 20 Daniel said,

Daniel 3:9-18 – The Fiery Furnace

10 "You, O king, have made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe and all kinds of music, is to fall down and worship the golden image. 11 "But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire. 12 "There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, namely Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up." 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego; then these men were brought before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? 15 "Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery and bagpipe and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, very well. But if you do not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?"

Daniel 3:9-18 – The Fiery Furnace

16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter. 17 " If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 " But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."



Daniel 6:3-7 – Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, gone, Darius now in charge

3 Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom. 4 Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him. 5 Then these men said, "We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God."

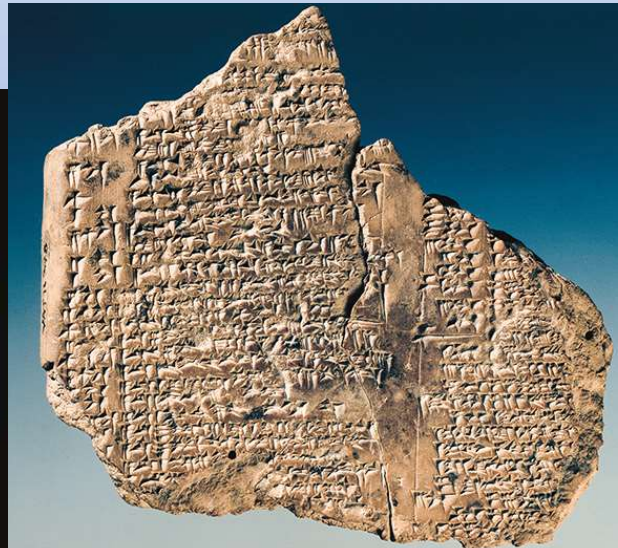
6 Then these commissioners and satraps came by agreement to the king and spoke to him as follows: "King Darius, live forever! 7 "All the commissioners of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the high officials and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall be cast into the lions' den.

Daniel 6:10 – Daniel made up his mind

10 Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.



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Daniel 6:11 – Even the relationship with the King couldn't stop Evil

11 Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God. 12 Then they approached and spoke before the king about the king's injunction, "Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, is to be cast into the lions' den?" The king replied, "The statement is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked." 13 Then they answered and spoke before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which you signed, but keeps making his petition three times a day."

14 Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel; and even until sunset he kept exerting himself to rescue him. 15 Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Recognize, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

Prepare ahead of time – How/What are your lines in the sand, that you will not cross

Daniel and friends in Babylon

How silly/irrational of a task will you not do for God?

Noah – build ark on dry land

Moses - raising a staff over the sea

Joshua – marching around the city of Jericho

Gideon – enter a major battle, but getting rid of soldiers before entering

Ezekiel – Lie on your left side for 390 days & then your right for 40



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Epiphany of Dionysus mosaic, from the Villa of Dionysus (2nd century AD) in Dion, Greece. Now in the Archeological Museum of Dion.



Performers are seen on a catwalk erected along the Passerelle Debilly bridge in Paris during the opening ceremony.
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Sukkot 2024 - Israel Institute of Biblical Studies

As the autumn air settles in Israel, we'll celebrate Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles. It's a time when we remember God's protection during the Israelites' desert wanderings.

In Biblical Hebrew, the word for the temporary dwellings is "סֹכָה" (sukkah), from the root "סכך" (s-k-k), meaning "to cover" or "to shelter." This linguistic gem unveils the essence of Sukkot - a celebration of divine protection that goes far beyond physical shelter.

The Hebrew Bible uses profound language to describe the concept of divine shelter, particularly in Leviticus 23:42: "בַּסֹּכֹת תֵּשְׁבוּ שִׁבַּת יָמִים" (ba-sukot teshvu shivat yamim). While often translated simply as "You shall dwell in booths seven days," the original Hebrew offers deeper insights:

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1. The word "תִּשְׁבוּ" (teshvu) comes from the root "יָשַׁב" (y-sh-v). This doesn't just mean "to dwell," but implies settling, inhabiting, and even thriving. It's the same root used to describe Shabbat, the Hebrew word for sabbath.
2. The use of the preposition "בַּ" (ba-sukot) meaning "in" rather than "עַל" (al) for "on" suggests complete immersion in the sukkah experience, not just physical presence.
3. "שִׁבְעַת" (shivat) meaning "seven" shares its root with "שֶׁבַע" (sheva), which can mean "fullness" or "completeness," just like the week is full or complete after seven days.

You see, Sukkot is not a mere historical commemoration, it is a call for total spiritual engagement with the all-encompassing nature of God's protection.

Are you ready to experience the fullness of God's shelter? Are you prepared to immerse yourself in His protection?

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