

Sukkot ~ The Original Thanksgiving

The Feast of Sukkot, also known as, The Feast of Tabernacles, and was a Holy Holiday appointed by G-d Himself. It was a week long Harvest Festival of thanksgiving and feasting, Leviticus 23:39-41: Howbeit, on the 15th day of the 7th month, when you have gathered in the fruits of your land, you shall keep the Feast of YHWH seven days it is a statute forever Most Americans don't realize that Sukkot is the original predecessor of the American holiday, Thanksgiving. It is well documented that the pilgrims got their inspiration for Thanksgiving from reading about Sukkot in their Bibles. During this Feast of the YHWH, we dwell in make-shift, temporary shelters called, a sukkah (singular, and Sukkot (plural), likewise, during the pilgrim's first winter in Massachusetts, they lived in huts called, wig-wams, which the local Indians helped them build. Historians speculate the pilgrim's celebration was originally in early October, which, coincidentally, is during the time of Sukkot. They however, modified it from the original seven days as God commanded, to three days of thanksgiving. In our modern times, it has dwindled down to one day. Where would we be now if our ancestors hadn't modified, changed and replaced G-d's Appointed Feast Days and kept them exactly as He prescribed, from generation to generation? Something to think about.