

**Feasting in the Presence of YHWH
Instructions for Israel's Three Annual
Pilgrimage Festivals
(Deuteronomy 16:1-17)**

**Veritas Class
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1. 2 Chronicles 8:13

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A. Introduction

1. Other Festival of Booths Texts

Exodus 23:16b

Leviticus 23:33-44

Numbers 29:12-39

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2. Biblical Names for this Festival

a. Festival of Ingathering Harvest (*hag hā'āsîp*) Exod 23:16; 34:22b

b. Festival of Booths (*hag hassukkôt*) Lev 23:34; Deut 16:16

B. Exposition

1. The Timing of the Festival

a. "at the going out of the year" (Exod 23:34)

b. 15th day of the 7th month (Tishri, Num 29:12; Lev 23:34)

c. When the harvest has been gathered in.

d. Five days after the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*)

2. The Essence of the Festival (vv. 13-15)

a. It is a Pilgrimage Festival (13)

b. It is a Harvest Festival (13)

c. It is a Festival of Joyful Celebration (14-15)

d. It is a Thanksgiving Festival (15)

e. It is a Family Festival (14)

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C. The Historical and Theological Significance of the Festival of Booths

1. 2 Chronicles 8:13

2. Ezra 3:4

3. Nehemiah 8

4. Zechariah 14:16-19

5. John 7:2

Should Christians keep the Israelite Festival of Booths?

Part IV: Concluding Summary (v. 16)