



Dear Precious Friend,

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Dwelling In The Tents Of Shem

God shall enlarge Japheth and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem. *Genesis 9:27*

What does it mean to dwell in the tents of Shem? It has to do with our developing a Hebraic "mind-heart set." A Hebrew is one who "crosses over." God calls us like Abraham, the first Hebrew, to leave our country, kindred and house to cross over to dwell in temporal "tents." He does not call us to build our own cities or kingdoms, reaching to the heavens. The only eternal city is the one whose builder and maker is God. We are called to dwell in temporal "tents," revealing that we are seeking His city alone. If in the likeness of our father Abraham, we are looking for the city whose builder and maker is God, we are in essence looking for our Builder God Himself, and for our dwelling place in Him.

Shem is the line of both natural Israel and of Yeshua. Shem means name. Yeshua is the Name of the one true God. Yeshua and Israel are interwoven in time and in eternity and one without the other cannot fully reveal who He is (God's Name/Shem). In being called to dwell in the tents of Shem, the nations enter into the same God, family and covenant. Dwelling in the tents of Shem is both dwelling in Israel and dwelling in the God of Israel through Yeshua. "I in them and You in Me Father that they might be perfected in one." John 17:23. Dwelling in the tents of Shem is about discovering God and one another by heart-experience, living as one, journeying together in Him, rather than by head knowledge (theory). Yeshua Himself tabernacled among us, dwelling in a temporal "tent." He too groaned to return to the glory He had with the Father before the world was. He is our model and example to follow.

In my Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. *John 14:2*

We are not "at home" in these "tents." We are groaning, waiting for our complete redemption, the restoration (tikkun/apokatastasis) of our body, (soul and spirit). We desire not to be unclothed but to be clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. II Cor. 5:4. Dwelling in the tents of Shem is ultimately about emigrating from our self-focused life to immigrate to the God of Israel/Yeshua and His Kingdom. II Corinthians 5:6+8. It is the call to be fully grafted into the line of Shem (tent dwellers) rather than to dwell in the line of Ham/Canaan/Nimrod/Asshur, the builders of Babel and Ninevah. If the Lord doesn't build the house, they labor in vain who build it.

In the millennium, God commands the nations to come to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles/Booths, the only feast to be maintained and celebrated, not just by Israel, but by all the nations that remain who did not attack Jerusalem. Therefore, dwelling in "tents" is the eternal calling of God for both Israel and the nations. Together we celebrate our only true oneness in the God of

Israel through Yeshua, as we dwell together in booths/tents. The message extends into eternity that we are ONE FAMILY in Shem (the Name), citizens of the commonwealth of Israel and that Jerusalem is the eternal city of God.

For this cause, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. *Ephesians 3:14-15*

In His Everlasting Love,

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