

# He Dwelt Among Us

## John 1:14b

**Intro:** This text tells us that the incarnated word "dwelt among us". The Greek word for dwelt is **skenoo** and in this context literally means tabernacled, dwelt in a tent, or to pitch one's tent. This is a distinct reference to the Tabernacle where God met with Israel in the wilderness. The Jews celebrate a feast that commemorates the time when their forefathers dwelt in wilderness tents. It is the Feast of Tabernacles.

### Particulars of the feast:

Tishri/ October .....	1-2 .....	Trumpets: Rosh Hashanah Beginning of the Civil Year
	10.....	Day of Atonement Israel's sins forgiven for the year
<i>Bullock</i> = sin offering,		<i>Scape Goat</i> = One goat sin offering, one goat sent into the wilderness.
	15-21 .....	Feast of Tabernacles

The feast commemorates the Israelites wilderness wanderings, and was a thanksgiving for the yearly harvest. During this time the people would build a temporary booth or hut of tree branches they lived in this booth for 7 days.

On each of the seven days, the people came to the temple and brought some fruit as an offering and a few palm and willow branches. The branches were used to form a roof over the altar.

Then the priest took a golden pitcher and led the people in a processional down to the pool of Siloam where he filled the pitcher with water. During this march the people played the flute and sang the Hallel, which was Psalms 113-118.

As the pitcher of water passed through the Water Gate\*, the people repeated in unison: "With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3).

*It was on this last day of the Feast as the priests carried the water pitcher in processional that Jesus stood and cried "if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink (John 7:37).*

When the pitcher reached the altar, the water was poured out over the altar as an offering to God. While this was being done, the people waved palm branches and recited the words "Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity" (Psalm 118:25).

The Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated and fulfilled in the end time when our Lord returns. The Feast will apparently symbolize our joy, liberty, and victory through the wilderness experience of life and the glorious provision of God: the glorious provision of living eternally and worshipping and serving God throughout the universe (Zech. 14:16).

Also God met with men in a wilderness Tabernacle. This tabernacle is a great type of Jesus and His first advent.

We will draw a comparison of ten ways the wilderness tabernacle compares to the Word Tabernacle.

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## 1) THE SIGHT OF THE TABERNACLE

### A) The Adversity of the Sight

A place that was harsh, rocky difficult, barren, hostile, wherein were fiery serpents, scorpions, and drought. (Deut 8:15)

### B) The Affection of the Sight (God still met with His people here)

### C) The Admonition of the Sight

If Christ was willing to come to such a place we should be willing to serve in this place.

## 2) THE SPLENDOR OF THE TABERNACLE

### A) The Character of the Splendor (Internal Splendor)

### B) The Concealment of the Splendor (Ex. 26:14, Is. 53:2) (External Splendor)

## 3) THE SUPERNATURALNESS OF THE TABERNACLE

The Place where God abode with Man was at the mercy seat. Ex. 25:22 I will meet with thee, I will commune with thee above the mercy seat.

### 4) THE SEEKING AT THE TABERNACLE (I will meet with thee Ex. 25:22. To seek God, go to the Tabernacle)

### 5) THE SPEAKING AT THE TABERNACLE (I will commune with thee Ex. 25:22 The hear from God go.)

### 6) THE STATUTES IN THE TABERNACLE (The 10 Commandments were in the ark Psalms 40:7-8)

### 7) THE SACRIFICES OF TH TABERNACLE (The scene where the wilderness sacrifices were made)

### 8) THE SERVICE FOR THE TABERNACLE (The Levi priests in the Tab. We are a Royal Priesthood 1Pet 2:9)

### 9) THE SUSTENANCE FOR THE TABERNACLE (The priests found sus. in the Tab, so we are sustained in Him)

### 10) THE SETTING OF THE TABERNACLE (God gave specific instructions for the setting of the Tabernacle)

#### A) Our Devotion to Christ (In the midst of the camp Num. 2:17. He should be in our heart of devotion)

#### B) The Directions from Christ

The Israelites set up their camp according to the location of the Tabernacle in the camp Num. 1:50, 2:17. We should adjust our life according to Him.

Salvation  
Service

Just as the cornerstone determined the placement of all other stones in a building so we should use Him as the guide for our lives from the beginning to the end.