

Shavuot (שבועות) "Pentecost"

Torah ~ *Leviticus 23:15-22; Deuteronomy 16:9-12* | Prophets ~ *Ruth 1:1-4:22* | New Covenant ~ *Acts 1:1-2:47***Redemption Completed**

Leviticus 23 gives us an overview of the Feasts of the "Lord", which are for "all" of God's people. The Hebrew word used for feast is "Moed", which means "appointed times." The Feasts are God's blueprint through which He revealed His overall plan of redemption through the work of His Son, Yeshua.

- *Passover* (Pesach) is on Nisan 14th / March or April ~ *Leviticus 23:4-5*

Exodus 12 ~ The Israelites were freed by the Passover Lamb. *Mark 15:33-41* ~ Yeshua became our Passover lamb.

- *Unleavened Bread* (Chag Hamotzi) is on Nisan 15th through 22nd / March or April ~ *Leviticus 23:6-8*

Exodus 12 ~ The Israelites eat unleavened bread. *Mark 15:42-47* ~ Our unleavened Saviour was placed in the tomb.

- *Firstfruits* (Yom Habikkurim) is on Nisan 16th / March or April ~ *Leviticus 23:9-14*

Exodus 14 ~ The crossing of the Red Sea. *Mark 16:1-11* ~ Yeshua rose from the grave.

Leviticus 23:15-16 & *Deuteronomy 16:9* says that we are to count 7 weeks or 49 days starting with the Feast of Firstfruits. This counting is called "Counting of the Omer." By having us count these 49 days, the Lord was showing us that the redemption that He started on Passover would not be complete until 50 days later on Shavuot.

Pentecost ~ Leviticus 23:15-22

Shavuot (Pentecost in Greek) is the 6th of Sivan on the Hebrew calendar and in May or June on the Gregorian calendar. Shavuot is the last of the spring feasts and is a Sabbath day like all the other Biblical feast days. It marks the end of the barley harvest and the beginning of the wheat harvest. The two loaves of leavened wheat bread on Shavuot represents Jews and Gentiles that are now all "one" in Messiah Yeshua (*Ephesians 2:14-16*).

The Giving of the Law

Before Shavuot was declared a harvest festival in *Leviticus 23*, something else had already happened on this day. God gave Israel the Law (Torah) at Mt. Sinai in *Exodus 19-20* on Sivan 6th, fifty days after crossing the Red Sea on Nisan 16th. Although this is not plainly stated in the Bible, scholars have carefully calculated events in the Bible to reach this conclusion. God gave "all" of His people a way to understand His ways and walk in them by giving us the Law.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

It is often said that the Holy Spirit was "given" on Shavuot. But Yeshua had already given them the Holy Spirit in *John 20:22* where it says "He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit' NKJV. Before Shavuot, while Yeshua was with the disciples in *Acts 1:4-5*, He told them to wait for the baptism "in" the Holy Spirit.

In *Acts 2:1-4* the disciples received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues while at the Temple celebrating the Feast of Shavuot. The Holy Spirit then wrote on the hearts of the disciples the same Law that was given on the first Shavuot, fulfilling *Jeremiah 31:31-33* & *Ezekiel 36:26-27*.

Romans 3:31 "Do we then make the law void through faith? God forbid! Instead, we establish the law." MEV

Luke 4:18-19; Acts 1:8, 10:38; 1 John 2:20 says that it is through the Baptism in the Holy Spirit that we receive the anointing or power from God that gives us the capability to walk in the ways of His Law. *Galatians 5:16* refers to the Baptism when it says "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." NKJV

The Disciples were filled a second time in *Acts 4:31* "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

The gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 says that there are nine gifts given by the Holy Spirit, not just the gift of tongues.

In Closing

Do you want to have understanding concerning the Bible and have the power to live according to what it says? *Acts 2:39* says that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is for everyone and *Luke 11:10-13* says that all we have to do is ask for it.