

Pentecost or Feast of Weeks or Shavuot

Do you remember what Passover was all about to the Jews in bondage in Egypt? right; to get them out of Egypt, and to bring them in to a new place in God. And of course we as Christians know that Jesus was crucified on Passover for the sins of the world to bring us out of the bondage of sin and bring us in a new place in God. Now as much as I would like to it is not time for me to go into a teaching on the Passover, we will latter on.

So as I said The Feast of Passover was to to get the Jews out of Egypt. Then the next feast is The Feast of Unleavened Bread, do you know what that is all about? well in a word *sanctification*, now there's a word you just don't hear to much about anymore, in other words The Feast of Unleavened Bread was to get Egypt out of them, and I will stop there on that for now.

Then the next feast is The Feast of First Fruits, on the the priest would come out 3 days after Passover and take a shaft of wheat and wave it before the Lord, as the first fruits offering, and if it was accepted then it was a guarantee that the rest of the crop was going to be alright, just picture that as the priest was waving his offering before the Lord as a guarantee, Jesus was being waved as the first fruits from among the dead as our guarantee that the crop of God was going to be alright. Glory to God, again I would like to camp here for a minute but must move on. scripture reference Acts 26:23, I Cor. 15:20 Exod. 23:16, 34:22 Deut. 18:4

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Before His resurrection, Jesus told His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit. And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence (Acts 1:4). And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:1-4).

The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) commemorates this day on which the Holy Spirit was given to the believers (Acts 2). On that day three thousand souls were saved. From Luke's account in Acts 2 you see the marvelous timing of God. Thousands of Jews had journeyed to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Weeks. It was then that the 120 waiting in the upper room were filled with the Holy Ghost. Then all that were in the upper room were began to speak as the Holy Ghost gave them the tongue of languages they had not learned. Peter then stood and began to preach that powerful sermon in which he said, "

Act 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Act 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Act 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Act 2:19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

Act 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Act 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Act 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Act 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Act 2:25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

Act 2:26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

Act 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Act 2:28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Act 2:29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

Act 2:30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

Act 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Act 2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Act 2:34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Act 2:35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

The Two Loaves of Bread

Exo 23:16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

- The Feast of Passover to celebrate getting out of Egypt
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread to get Egypt out of them.
- The Feast of First Fruits Jesus our first fruit, a guarantee the the rest of the crop would be good.
- The Feast of Pentecost the two loaves that represent us.

Pentecost happens 50 days after the Passover, the priest would come out with two loaves of bread but unlike the unleavened bread this bread has leaven in it. These two loaves represent to groups both Jew and Gentile in one body cut out of the same loaf, Jesus, and

in the upper room there were 120 wave offerings filled with God himself engulfed in the glory of God that looked like tongues, great flames of fire.

Now there are three kinds of leaven that Jesus warned us about and I will only mention them here briefly.

Mat 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Mat 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Now what does leaven do? it puffs up and makes what ever it is in look bigger but not having as much substance. Some are in Churches that teach that order to be holy and righteous you must dress this way and don't do this, and don't do that, and if you don't look and act just like me and the way we think then your just not a Christian, that my brother and sister is the leaven of the Pharisees which is:

- Legalism: or witchcraft in the Church, why witchcraft, because witchcraft does three things it, Manipulates in order to Intimidate so that it can Dominate.

Then you have the leaven of the Sadducees, there are Churches that teach that the days of the power of God are over that there are no longer, any miracles or healings or any of the 9 gifts of the Spirit of God, that Paul said we as the Church we should desire, **1Co 14:1** Follow after charity, and spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy. So what is this leaven called:

- The Leaven of the Sadducees; the sin of, Denial of the Supernatural.

Mar 8:15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

What is the leaven of Herod? well have you ever been in a service where all you heard about was what is going on in Washington DC, or what the Supreme Court is doing these days and how there are certain things and we must fight and protest, and all the current issues of the day and how it sounds great and informative, but when you leave all you have is a bunch of political puff or Leaven.

- So the he Leaven of Herod is Politics.

Now don't get me wrong the Bible is a political book and we should vote and pray for our leaders, but there is a way that is anointed of God to do so.

But Praise be to God that we are the crop that Jesus said would be a good one, so walk in the anointing of the one who is our Passover, our Unleavened Bread our First Fruit our all and all.

Shalom Mishpochah

First Pentecost	Pentecost After Christ
The Commandments Given	The Holy Spirit Given
Fifty days from the crossing of the Red Sea	Fifty days from the resurrection of Christ
Law of Yahweh written in Stone	Law of Yahweh written on our hearts
Three thousand slain	Three thousand receive salvation
Symbol	Represents
Grain of wheat	Messiah (John 12:23-24)
Two Loaves with leaven (Lev. 23:15-17)	Jewish and Gentile believers in Messiah
As the wheat is beaten and refined as fine flour (Lev. 23:17)	Messiah beaten, sifted, and crushed (Isa. 28:28, 52:14; 53:1-6)
Harvest Salvation	Rain Outpouring of the Holy Spirit