

Shavuot The Feast of Pentecost

Pentecost - is a Greek word meaning fifty or fiftieth.

Shavuot - means weeks, so it is known as the feast of weeks. It refers to the seven weeks of complete Sabbaths after Passover.

- According to the Jews, it takes place on the 6th of Sivan on the Jewish calendar (50 days after Passover as ruled by the Talmudic sages (Rabbis who compiled the Talmud after the destruction of the temple)). But according to Numbers 23:15-16 it is the "morrow after the seventh Sabbath," which makes it always fall on a Sunday.
- One of the three Holy days the men were required to come to the temple in Jerusalem.
- Came at the time of completion of the barley harvest.
- In the natural, it celebrates the release of provision from God, rain to make the crops grow. Resulting in the earth bringing forth a harvest.
- In the supernatural, it celebrates the release of revelation of Himself to us and the release of His power and authority.

Old Covenant:

Num 28:26-31 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks *be out*, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:...

Lev 23:10-17 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: **11** And he shall wave the sheaf (Omer) before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. **12** And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD. **13** And the meat offering thereof *shall be* two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part* of an hin. **14** And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. **15** *And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering;* seven sabbaths shall be complete: **16** Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath *shall ye number fifty days;* and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. **17** Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; *they are* the firstfruits unto the LORD.

Deu 16:9-12 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as* thou beginnest *to put* the sickle to the corn. **10** And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto the LORD thy God*, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: **11** And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there. **12** And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

Mt Sinai

Exo 19:1-20 - read Third month (Exo 12:2 it shall be the first month of the year to you.)

Jewish tradition says God spoke in 70 languages at Mt Sinai and divided the people into 70 language groups at the tower of Babel in Genesis 11

3000 died in their sins when Moses came off the mountain, **3000 were saved from their sins** at Pentecost.

Heb 12:17-29 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

New Covenant:

Act 2:1 - 13 read

First Fruits

Exo 23:18-19 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning. **19** The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Mat 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, **53** And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Joh 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ. **13** For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Jesus spoke of Pentecost

A celebration of God's provision to empower the people to be witnesses

Joh 14:16-18 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Act 1:4-8 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. **5** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. **6** When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? **7** And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. **8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto **my two witnesses**, (two loaves) and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Former rain - Latter rain

Pentecost signals the end of the former rains.

Joe 2:23-32 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. **24** And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. **25** And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. **26** And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. **27** And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. **28** And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: **29** And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. **30** And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. **31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. **32** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Jer 5:24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

Zec 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.