

"Shavuot/Pentecost"

Lev.23:15-22

Pentecost = fifty; the fiftieth day after firstfruits

Sheva = 7

Shavuot = Seven 7's

The day after is special (50) days after firstfruits.

Shavuot is held at the end of the wheat harvest.

First 3 Festivals, or feasts of the Lord, or Appointed times of God are **connected to the first coming of the Messiah**. They are **Passover (Yeshua our Lamb)**, **Unleavened Bread (Yeshua without sin)**, and **First Fruits (Yeshua the resurrection and the life)**. And then **Shavuot is connected with the giving of the Torah in Exodus 19 & 20 and the giving of the Holy Spirit (Rauch HaKodesh) in Acts 2**, and then the **last 3 festivals**, I think, are connected with His second coming!

Shavuot is the **counting of the omer** for 50 days! Omer = a sheaf of barley

You start counting from first fruits (the beginning of the barley harvest) which is resurrection Day!

Shavuot is the end of the wheat harvest

Shavuot was a countdown to receive the Word of God. The first Shavuot occurred at Mt. Sinai 50 days after the red sea crossing! The Lord was giving them time to prepare their hearts to receive the Word of God!

The First Shavuot was the receiving of Gods commandments; it was the giving of the Law, or the giving of Gods instructions.

The first Shavuot after Yeshua fulfilled Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits, was the giving of the Holy Spirit (Rauch HaKodesh)!

Notice that Yeshua still prescribed a waiting period, a getting ready of the heart to receive the Holy Spirit (Rauch HaKodesh)! Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:1-4 We see the believers gathered together on Shavuot; waiting to be filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit (Rauch HaKodesh).

The Baptism in the Power of the Holy Spirit (Rauch HaKodesh) was given on Shavuot to the believers (notice, they were waiting for it; their hearts were prepared to receive it) along with a huge manifestation of Gods Glory!

So why the countdown?

God Created a countdown, a time of preparation and anticipation for receiving His Word. It is a time for us to make sure we are ready for His instructions. *Am I serving God with all my heart? Is He number one in my life, or has He been replaced by some kind of idol in my life? Am I treating my neighbor right? Am I gossiping or backbiting? Am I unforgiving? I want God to forgive me, but maybe I'm not forgiving others!* I believe God is saying, "You need to make sure your heart is lined up with His Instructions.

The number 50 is used symbolically to represent liberty, freedom or deliverance. This is seen in the fact that every 50th year is a year of Jubilee. A year of release, where slaves were set free, debts were cancelled, and families were reunited, and liberty was proclaimed by the sound of jubilee trumpets.

I've heard it said, that our redemption is not complete when we are merely set free (like at Passover, or our salvation experience).

Redemption is complete only when you receive the Word of God and fulfill it! Many Christians come out of slavery of "Egypt", but they don't receive God's Word and live by it. As a result, they find themselves wandering in the desert!

Exodus 19:1-1-20 through 21:1

Vs1 = third month = **Sivan is the 3rd month.**

Vs5,6= Gods proposal or Gods wedding vow proposal; I see it as our day of betrothal to the Lord

Vs.8 – We do, or I do. Agreeing to the proposal of God or the Vows of God. This is the point of salvation in a persons life when they agree to turn from their ways and turn to Gods ways.

Vs.9-believe in Moses forever; I think we are seeing Moses as a Type of Yeshua here

Vs.10,11= Picture of Bride making herself ready- Consecrate, wash garments, be ready; **Revelation 19:7-9**

We cannot use Salvation as a license to continue sinning; But making yourself ready doesn't need to be a burden, just a responsibility – What kind of bride says it's a burden to get ready for her wedding? **1John 5:3**

21:1- And these are the ordinances of God... so you can see those first 10 were just the beginning of the instructions of the Father.

Exodus 23:14-17 – 3x's a year bring an offering to the Lord; also found is **Deuteronomy 16:16**

Exodus 24:1-7 – The people confirm their covenant with God and that they agree or consent and will obey.

So we have the giving of the Law or Gods instructions at Mt. Sinai the first Shavuot; and then we have the giving of the Holy Spirit (Rauch Hakodesh) at the first Shavuot after the Resurrection of Yeshua.

Deuteronomy 16:9-12 We are to rejoice before the Lord our God

Vs.16,17- bring an offering to the Lord

Ephesians 1:11-14 The Holy Spirit is a pledge of the things to come; or an earnest, a down payment of the great things that God has in store for us.

I like to think of the Holy Spirit as an engagement ring; just as I also like to think of the giving of the Law as an engagement ring. And I eagerly look forward to the marriage supper of the Lamb and the Saints of God.

I once thought that there was an Interesting parallel 3000 souls die in Exodus 32:26-28 & in Acts 2:41 3,000 souls are saved- actually with a closer look at scripture you will see that the 3,000 who died did so at a later time than Shavuot- they perished 40 days later when Moses came down off the mountain.

Conclusion:

- 1. Count (get your heart ready to receive Gods instructions and do it)**
- 2. Consecrate, Wash Garments, Make yourself ready**
- 3. Holy Convocation or commanded assembly**
- 4. Offer first fruits**
- 5. Give freewill offering**
- 6. Worship & Rejoice**
- 7. No Laborious work on that day**
- 8. Wait upon the Lord to empower you**
- 9. Operate in the Glory of God**

Lets Make sure that our hearts are ready to follow after Gods heart. If there are things in our lives that shouldn't be there lets confess and forsake our sin, and cleanse ourselves from the unholy, profane, and unclean and make ourselves ready to become who God wants us to be so we can do what He wants us to do.

Blessing for Counting the Omer

The Following blessing is said before stating the count of the omer:

Ba-rukh at-tah Adonai
e-lo-hei-nu me-lekh Ha-'o-lam
a-sher kid-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo-tav
'al ve-tsi-va-nu se-fi-rat ha-o-mer

Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the universe. Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us about the counting of the Omer.