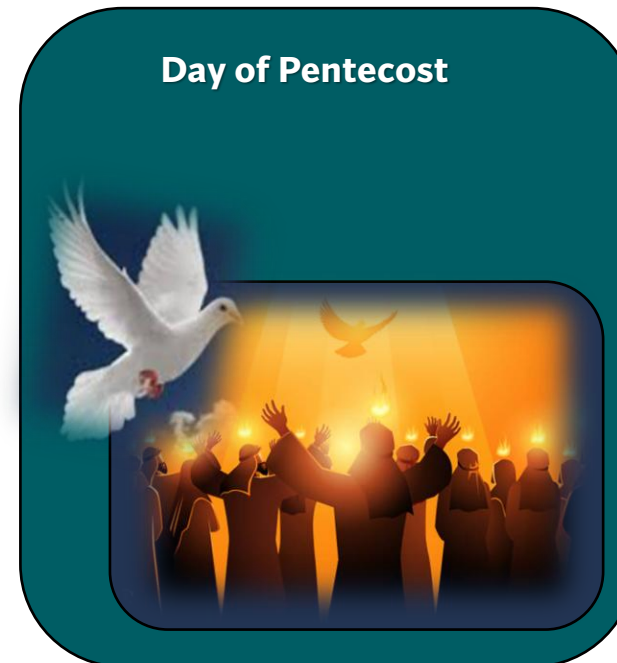


The Regathering Feast of Israel



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The Regathering Feast of Israel Back to YAH

Like most of the holy days for Israel, the **Feast of Pentecost**, also known as the **Feast of Weeks**, was celebrated around the harvests of Israel's crops. Firstly, this feast is connected to the *Feast of First Fruits* or the *Wave Offering* following the *Passover*. In fact, it was to be celebrated exactly 50 days after *Resurrection Sunday* or the *Feast of First Fruits*. Secondly, it is connected to the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Let's examine both.

It is in **Lev 23:15-16** that YAH gives Israel instructions on exactly when the feast should be celebrated – *“¹⁵And 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; ¹⁶Even unto **the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days**; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.”* So, the *Feast of Pentecost* or *Weeks* was to occur exactly **7 weeks (49 days)** and **1 day = 50 days** after the *First Fruits/Wave Offering* or *Resurrection Sunday*. Hence the name Pentecost

(G4005 – pen-tay-kos-tay’) means “**the fiftieth day**”. In the Old Testament it was called the *Feast of Weeks*, describing the 7 weeks + 1 day from the *Feast of First Fruits*, in grateful recognition of the completed and blessed harvest.

The Nineteenth Chapter of **Exodus** tells us also that this feast was inaugurated at Mt. Sinai – *“**In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.** ²For they had departed from Rephidm, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So, Israel camped there before the mountain.”*

Three months after Israel left Egypt would have been in the month of **Sivan**. Then YAH tells Moses to come up on the mountain. But he didn't stay because YAH sent him back down to tell the people again, **not to touch or come on the mountain**. He later told him to “sanctify” the people to meet with him near the mountain. So, Moses had them to wash themselves and their clothes for three days



At Pentecost
“The LORD descended in smoke and fire”

and not have relations with their wives. Then YAH called Moses to come back on the mountain, and the people saw him ascend into the smoke on the mountain. It was . . .

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during that time (40 days & nights) that YAH gave Moses the **Ten Commandments** and the **Laws**, which was during the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost. This brought Israel into a covenant relationship with YAH.

So, the first *Feast of Pentecost* or *Weeks* was fifty days after the *Feast of First Fruits*, which **was a covenant identity moment** where a scattered people were **called back to one law and one identity**.

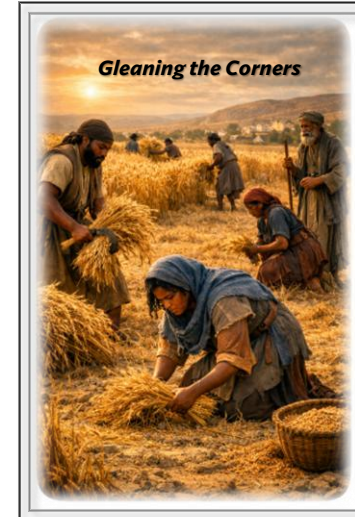
Here are other important parts of the law concerning the *Feast of Weeks* as given in **Lev 23:21-22** – “*And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be **an holy convocation** unto you: **ye shall do no servile work** therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. ²²And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make a clean riddance of the corners of the field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: **thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and***

*to **the stranger**: I am the LORD your Elohim.”*

The poor we understand, but the stranger is not talking about just any foreigner or stranger. The Hebrew word used here is “gar” which is the word used to describe Abraham when he first sojourned in Canaan – he was the “Hebrew stranger”.

In scripture, anytime the word “gar” is used, it is one of the words that refers to an “Israelite stranger or foreigner”. Leviticus is saying the Hebrew Israelite who is away from home, in another part of Israeli territory, he is allowed to find a field and glean grain from it, as well as the poor Israelites of that territory. It was not stealing.

The owner of the field was required to leave the corners of the field unharvested and not go back to gather anything that was missed in the harvesting.



The Poor & the Stranger

Israel was to take care of each other – the poor and displaced that were among them, as YAH took care of them all. So, the rest of the guidance regarding the Feast of Pentecost were #1) **Have a holy gathering** on that day to hear the reading of the law and give thanks for the blessed harvest, and #2) **Do no servile labor** (work for others). There are no further restrictions on the day.

However, *Leviticus 23:15-22*, gives instructions for *Leaven Bread* and *Burnt Offerings* that were to be presented to YAH by the priests. We are not offering burnt sacrifices today, but as Paul pleaded, “**present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to YAH**, which is your reasonable service.” (*Rom 12:1*). Now let’s transition to the NT.

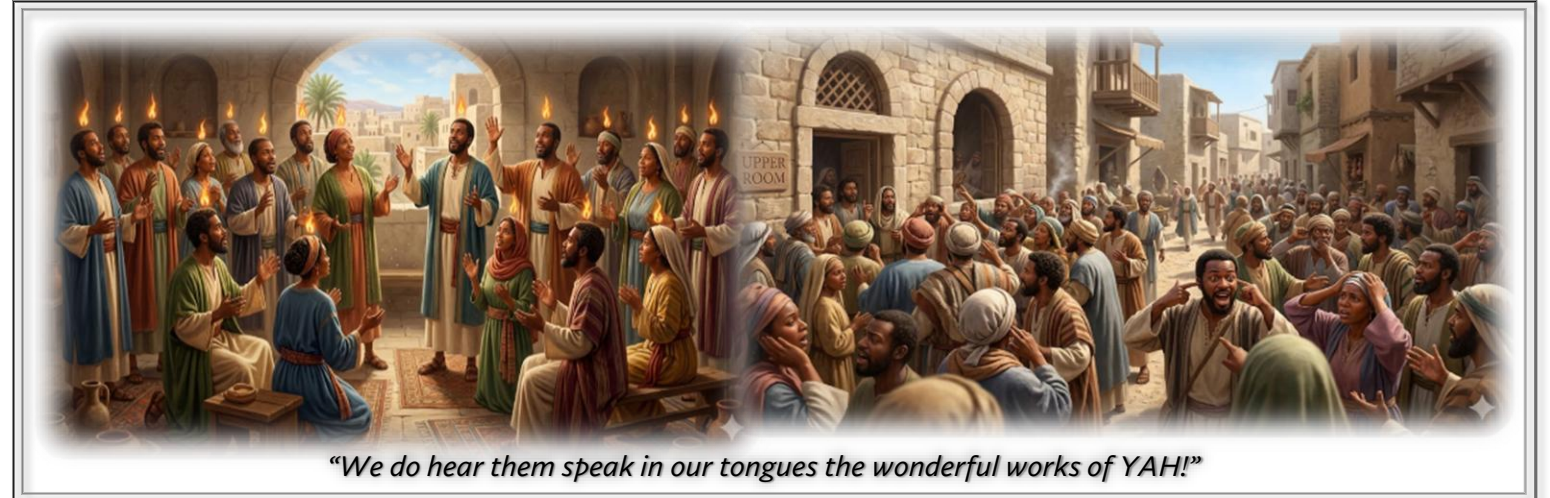
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This feast was the last of the four feasts that *Christ* fulfilled while he was on earth. (*The last three are yet to be fulfilled we pray in our days and at his second coming.*) It was in the *First Chapter of Acts* that *Christ* gave his disciples his last command, which was: “. . . *They should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. ⁵For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*”

They immediately asked if the *LORD* was at that time ready to restore the kingdom to Israel? They knew he came for the restoration of the house of Israel, as the Romans had taken control of their kingdom following the Greeks’ control; and now he speaks of them receiving the promise of the Father. They assumed the kingdom’s return.

This was *Yahushua’s* answer – ⁷*And he said unto them, it is not for you to know the times*



“We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of YAH!”

or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. ⁸But 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 Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

The disciples felt and thought they were ready to have their kingdom back, but *Christ* knew, the kingdom people were not ready for kingdom living, nor for their kingdom. *Yahushua* is telling them to **do first things first**. Wait for

the coming “regathering feast” day and they will be equipped with the power needed to help reach their fellow Brethren scattered throughout the world, not just around Jerusalem, but even to the four corners of the world at that time. He leaves them after forty days post his resurrection.

They waited as he instructed and ten days later.... “*when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing might wind, and it . . .*

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filled all the house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and sat on each of them. ⁴And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues (languages), as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵And there were dwelling in Jerusalem, **Jews**, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ⁶Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? ⁸And **how hear we every man in our own tongue**, wherein we were born? ⁹**Parthians** [Today = Iran, Iraq, Armenia, and Azerbaijan territories], and **Medes** [Iran], and **Elamites** [Iran – Elam was the oldest known civilization of the ancient East], and the dwellers in **Mesopotamia** [Iraq – Mesopotamia is a Greek word meaning “land



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between rivers”, the Tigris and Euphrates rivers], and in **Judaea** [Israel and the Palestinian West Bank], and **Cappadocia** [Central Turkey], in **Pontus** [During the Persian Empire it was Cappadocia by the Sea, but became Pontus under the Romans], and **Asia**, ¹⁰**Phrygia** [Turkey], and **Pamphylia** [Turkey], in **Egypt**, and in the parts of **Libya** about **Cyrene** [Libya], and **strangers** [this

stranger (epidēmeō) means – to be present among one’s people, or in one’s native land] of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹**Cretes** [Greek Island] and **Arabians**, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of YAH.”

Exactly when the **50-day** countdown to Pentecost was completed, YAH sent the Holy Spirit upon all those who were gathered in Jerusalem as Yahushua had told his disciples to do.

And all these devout Jews, from more than **16 nations** around the world at that time, just happened to be in Jerusalem on that day.

Why? Because they were there to keep the law of the Feast of Weeks as they had done all their lives. They were “devout Jews”. This feast was one of the three feasts that all able-bodied Israelite men were to come to the city to observe. So, they heard all those Galilean Jews speaking in all of their different languages. And what were they all saying? **They were speaking about all the...**

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wonderful works of YAH – they were preaching the gospel in languages they themselves did not speak. **All these regathered Jews** were hearing the good news about *Christ* and the works of *YAH* for the first time.

Later Peter preached, telling them to *“repent and be baptized in the name of Yahushua Ha’Mashiach for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our Elohim shall call”*.

And all that believed that day and were baptized were about **three thousand souls** – a great harvest in one day. The apostles were now equipped to preach the gospel to the Jews scattered in all the countries where they had been scattered, **telling them that salvation was promise to the Jews and all their children as long as YAH calls them.** With this gift, *YAH* solved the problem of a

language barrier in reaching his chosen people with the good news to lead them back to the Elohim of their fathers **Abraham, Isaac** and **Jacob**.

We today like the apostles are of the “first fruit” of those receiving the Holy Ghost to assist us in our witness and walk with *YAH*.

Summary Points

- 1) We know that the Feast of Pentecost happened while Moses was receiving the Law on Mt. Sinia because the Bible states how long after leaving Egypt that it occurs – 3 months.
- 2) The Christian Church does not tie the receiving of the Law with Pentecost.
- 3) Most of Israel, after the elders had died in Egypt, had left *YAH* and started worshipping idol gods.
- 4) At the first Pentecost, they were gathered to *YAH* and received His Law and entered a covenant relationship with Him.
- 5) In the NT, the scattered Israelites were gathered from over 16 countries to celebrate the feast
- 6) They offered bread and burnt sacrifices – we offer our bodies as living sacrifices to YAH.
- 7) For the crop harvest, they were told not to



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Summary cont'd

- 7) harvest the corners of the fields and don't go back to glean anything that was left.
- 8) The gleaning and corners were left for the poor and Israelites traveling and away from their homeland.
- 9) As on Mt. Sinai fire was seen on the mount, so in the NT tongues of fire was seen above each of the saints
- 10) At Sinai, the Laws were given on stone, in the NT the Holy Ghost was given to bring all things (*Laws*), back to our memories as we need it. (The Law has not been written in our hearts yet but will one day.
- 11) The Saints were given power to testify of *Yahushua*
- 12) *Moses was the guide and leader for Israel in the wilderness – the HS is our guide to lead us into truth, to comfort us, and help us in our weaknesses.*
- 13) Pentecost was the last feast day fulfilled by Christ while he was on earth. The last 3 are yet to be fulfilled

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