

Feast of Shavuot / Pentecost

- Shavuot/Pentecost, also called Feast of Weeks is one the three great pilgrim feasts, Israel, (all of us) are commanded to keep every year by Yehovah (*Deuteronomy 16:16*)
- Agricultural festival that was celebrated at the end of the barley harvest and the beginning of the wheat harvest.
- Both events, Elohim gave His Torah (Law) to His people and sealed both, the original covenant, and the new covenant.
- Both events were represented by a mixed multitude of people who all heard the voice of Elohim in their own language even though they came from different nations.
- Both times Elohim came down and appeared to the people and both times fire and a violent rushing wind were present.
- What happened at Mt Sinai gives us a deeper understanding of what happened at Shavuot in Acts.

How to keep Shavuot according to Scripture

[see relevant scriptures at end.](#)

LEVITICUS – GRAIN OFFERING, WAVE OFFERING WITH TWO LOAVES OF BREAD BAKED WITH LEAVEN AS FIRST FRUITS TO THE LORD, BURNT OFFERING MADE WITH ANIMAL SACRIFICE, DRINK OFFERING, AN OFFERING BY FIRE AND A PEACE OFFERING MADE WITH ANIMAL SACRIFICE, HOLY CONVOCATION AND NO LABORIOUS WORK

NUMBERS – GRAIN OFFERING, BURNT OFFERING, DRINK OFFERING, HOLY CONVOCATION, NO LABORIOUS WORK,

DEUTRONOMY – TRIBUTE OF A FREEWILL OFFERING OF YOUR HAND WHICH YOU SHALL GIVE JUST AS THE LORD GOD BLESSES YOU, REJOICING BEFORE THE LORD YOUR GOD IN THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD YOUR GOD CHOOSES TO ESTABLISH HIS NAME

As we can see in the Torah, Shavuot was kept in a way that we cannot keep in these days as we do not sacrifice animals and there is no physical temple to give our various offerings. It was a celebration and offering of the harvest as well as various animal offerings for sin now forgiven in Yeshua.

It is interesting to note the change in Deuteronomy in how it is described to be kept.

I love the freedom of the 'goodwill offering' and the commandment to 'rejoice!' There was no work being done because everyone was together celebrating the goodness of Yehovah.

ACTS – ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE, VIOLENT RUSHING WIND, TONGUES OF FIRE, VOICES, INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GIFT OF TONGUES, EMPOWERMENT

In the new covenant fulfilment, we see a different type of harvest being celebrated. The harvest of 3,000 souls were added to the Kingdom that day. Spirit filled words come with boldness and authority that change people's lives.

Yeshua, is our Passover lamb and paying the price for our sins gave us the gift of eternal life so we have much to celebrate at this time.

I'm sure there has been many times in a believer's life that we wish Yeshua still walked amongst us and didn't have to go away. But He knew for us to have the power and authority to follow Him and be His disciples, we would need another gift at this time, the Holy Spirit, the Ruach HaKodesh!

The breaking of the law brought death, but the Spirit bought life!

Additional Teaching – 'Special Shavuot Edition from Jerusalem'

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Shavuot (Leviticus 23:15-22)	Pentecost (Acts 2:1-16)
<p>Occurred on Mt Sinai <i>(Exodus 24:12-18)</i></p>	<p>Occurred on Mt Zion, <i>Jerusalem</i> <i>(Isaiah 2:3, Acts 2:5)</i></p>
<p>The giving of <i>gift the Torah</i> to the Israelites and people from other nations who came with them.</p>	<p>The giving of the <i>gift of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit)</i> to all the believers present at the event.</p>
<p>Torah means '<i>Teachings</i>'</p>	<p>The Ruach HaKodesh is called our '<i>Teacher</i>'</p>
<p>The hand of YHVH wrote the commandments on tablets of stone and gave to Moses to give to all the people. <i>(Exodus 31:18)</i></p>	<p>The Holy Spirit wrote His commandments on individual tablets of His peoples' hearts to teach them. <i>(Jeremiah 31:31-34)</i></p>
<p>The fire at Mt Sinai was visible by all but the people were kept at a distance for their own safety. <i>(Exodus 24:2)</i></p>	<p>The Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire and rested on each individual person, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit started talking in other tongues. <i>(Joel 2:28-29)</i></p>
<p>The Marriage of YHVH to the Israelite nation but the refusal of the Spirit <i>(Exodus 20)</i></p>	<p>Yeshua's death and resurrection so Yeshua can remarry the Israelite nation.</p>
<p>3000 people died because they broke the Marriage vows (the Commandments). 10 days after the Torah was given, Moses came down from the mountain to see the Israelites worshipping a golden calf. <i>(Exodus 32:1-29)</i></p>	<p>3000 people were saved 10 days after Yeshua had ascended to heaven and the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) had come down to be with Elohim's people confirming the indwelling of His Spirit. <i>(Acts 2:41)</i></p>

Occurs 50 days after firstfruits in preparation for Yeshua Leviticus 23	Occurs 50 days after firstfruits when Yeshua rose from the dead presented his blood on the mercy seat.
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Scriptures for Shavuot (NASB)

Leviticus 23:15-22

V15 You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths.

V16 You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the Lord.

V17 You shall bring in from your dwelling places two *loaves* of bread for a wave offering, made of two-tenths *of an ephah*; they shall be of a fine flour, baked with leaven as first fruits to the Lord.

V18 Along with the bread you shall present seven one year old male lambs without defect, and a bull of the herd and two rams; they are to be a burnt offering to the Lord, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the Lord.

V19 You shall also offer one male goat for a sin offering and two male lambs one year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

V20 The priest shall then wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering with two lambs before the Lord; they are to be holy to the Lord for the priest.

V21 On this same day you shall make a proclamation as well; you are to have a holy convocation. You shall do no laborious work. It is to be a perpetual statute in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.

V22 'When you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field nor gather the gleaning of your harvest; you are to leave them for the needy and the alien. I am the Lord your God.'

V23 Again the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

V24“Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘In the seventh month on the first of the month you shall have a rest, a reminder by blowing *of trumpets*, a holy convocation.
V25You shall not do any laborious work, but you shall present an offering by fire to the Lord.’”

Numbers 28:26-31

V26 Also on the day of the first fruits, when you present a new grain offering to the Lord in your *Feast of Weeks*, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.

V27 You shall offer a burnt offering for a soothing aroma to the Lord: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs one year old.

V28 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths *of an ephah* for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

V29 a tenth for each of the seven lambs.

V30 *also* one male goat to make atonement for you.

V31 Besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, you shall present *them* with their drink offerings. They shall be without defect.

Deuteronomy 16:9-12

V9 “You shall count seven weeks for yourself; you shall begin to count seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain.

V10 Then you shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give just as the Lord your God blesses you.

V11 and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite who is in your town, and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who are in your midst, in the place where the Lord your God chooses to establish His name.

V12 You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.

Acts 2:1-16

V1 When the day of Shavuot had come, they were all together in one place.

V2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

V3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

V4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

V5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

V6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

V7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

V8 And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born?

V9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

V10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

V11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."

V12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

V13 But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."

V14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

V15 For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day.

V16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: