



# *Shavuot*

THE FEAST OF WEEKS

# What to know about feasts/festivals in general:

- They are **His** feasts
- They were celebrated throughout the OT by the patriarchs. YHWH always intended to make these occasions memorable by emphasizing the fun and festive element of His feasts.
- They were celebrated by Jesus/Yahusha and his disciples in the NT
- At some point after Jesus and his disciples kept these feasts, Christians stopped keeping them. Unfortunately Rome made Christianity somewhat different to what we see in Acts so we are bit by bit finding these lost truths again....

Lev 23:1 – ‘YHWH said to Moses, 2 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘These are my appointed festivals, the appointed festivals of the LORD, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.’

Neh 8: 13-18

17 The whole company that had returned from exile built temporary shelters and lived in them. From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great.

Acts 18: 21

20 When they desired him [Paul] to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; 21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

Also see Acts 20: 16 and 1 Cor 16: 8

# OT

Lev 23:17

**From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the LORD. 18Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without defect, one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to the LORD, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings—a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD. 19Then sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering. 20The priest is to wave the two lambs before the LORD as a wave offering, together with the bread of the firstfruits. They are a sacred offering to the LORD for the priest. 21On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.**



NT

- Acts 2:1 - 4
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# Passover



## Unleavened Bread & 1<sup>st</sup> Fruits

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## Pentecost



## Trumpets



## Day of Atonement



## Tabernacles

*The cycle of 7 feasts...*

The Creators picture to mankind of  
**Salvation** and **Redemption**

*We are focusing on Pentecost here  
so the others just just mentioned  
but not gone into detail at all, so  
ask us if you want more info.*

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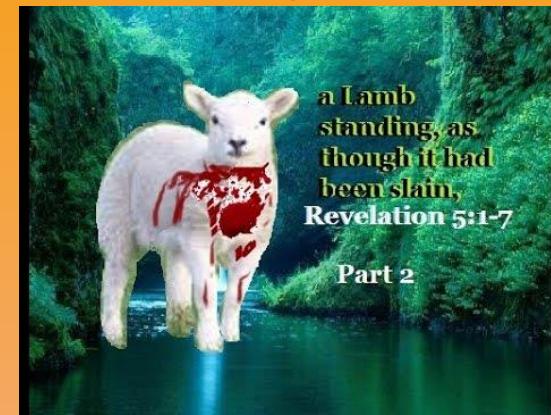
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*The shedding of blood for the  
forgiveness of sins – we celebrate  
and remember what was done in  
Egypt, and more NB through the  
Messiah*

*The 7 feasts...*



*Rev 5: 6-9*



*Exo 12: 3-30*

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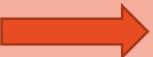
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*The 7 feasts...*

*Pictures our commitment to come out of a sinful life, and live our lives by Elohim's (Gods) perfect law. The Messiah was the 1<sup>st</sup> fruits, when after his resurrection He returned to the Father*

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Lev 23: 9 – 14

Acts 2: 1 - 13

1. *By this point we realize that we cannot die to our old self and rid ourselves of sin without the help of the Holy Spirit – Holy Spirit poured out here to help us keep His law.*
2. *His Spirit empowers us with the love of God, the motivation to obey Him and a sound mind to discern His truth. Us believers have a pledge or down payment on eternal life and can look forward to the first resurrection, which is to eternal life in Gods family.*
3. *Here we are given the mission of preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God in preparation for the next step in Gods plan, the return of Yahusha. This is pictured by the next festival, the Feast of Trumpets.*

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1 Cor 15: 52...

*50I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” 55“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” 56The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Tabernacles

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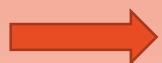
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# *The 7 feasts...*

## End time JUDGEMENT

*Rev 11:18-19 The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small— and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”*

*Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the **ark of his covenant**. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.*

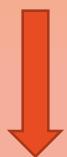
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Fulfilled in New Jerusalem when YHWH dwells with us forever!

*Rev 21: 1Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will tabernacle with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”*

# Spring Feast timeline ( 2015 )

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- Then we need to looking introspectively, and repent of sin in our lives and live according to Gods perfect laws
- We cant do this on our own – hence his willingness to pour out His Spirit to help us

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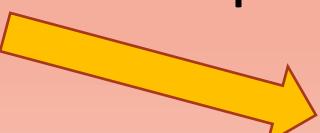
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The calendar highlights the following events:

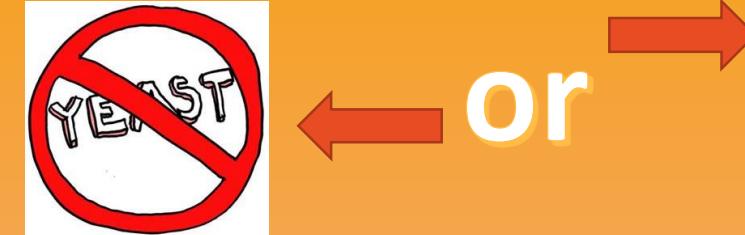
- Passover begins on Sunday, April 10.
- Feast of Unleavened Bread begins on Sunday, April 11.
- Feast of Unleavened Bread ends on Sunday, April 18.
- Feast of Pentecost (circled in orange) is on Sunday, June 24, "To sunrise".



So lets break it down....

In the **old testament** they celebrated the Feast of Pentecost with Animal offerings/sacrifices that were given but the distinct difference was that **loaves of bread containing yeast were offered**. This is the only time throughout the bible that yeast was allowed in an offering.

So what is the significance of yeast/leaven?



*Mt 16:12 Then they understood how that he told them not to beware of the leaven (yeast ) of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.*

*Lk 12:1 Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against **the yeast** of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.*

*1C 5:6-8 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little **yeast** leavens the whole batch of dough? 7Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread **leavened with malice and wickedness**, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

**Scripture interprets scripture so we see from the above that leaven/yeast is seen to represent sin, hypocrisy, false doctrine etc.**



# Pentecost is a celebration of the wheat harvest

*Ex 34:22 22“Celebrate the Festival of Weeks with the firstfruits of the **wheat harvest**...*

*Mt 13:24 . Jesus told them another parable: “The **kingdom of heaven** is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26When the **wheat** sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.*

*Mt 13:37 He answered and said unto them, He that sows the good seed is the Son of man;*

*Mt 13:38 **The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the weeds are the children of the wicked [one];***

John the Baptist said:

*Mt 3: 11“**I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** 12His winnowing fork is in his hand, and **he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**”*



So those scriptures in Matthew set the scene of the interpretation of the  
**field = the world**

**good seed of wheat = children of YHWH**

**weeds/tares = children of the evil one**

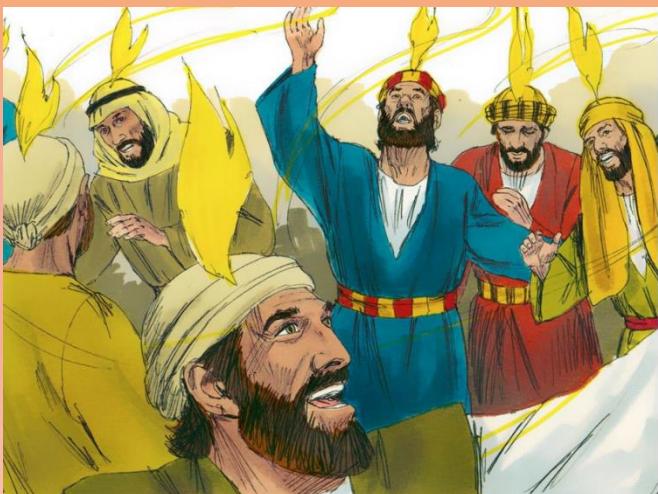
Then Matthew 3 ties it together with John the Baptist tying up the illustration of  
**us being the wheat** to the future event of **baptism of the Holy Spirit** and fire.



# Holy Spirit comes on the Feast of Pentecost

Acts 2:1 When the **day of Pentecost** came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Amazing!



Dying to self

Matt 16:24

Romans 6:1-14

John 12:23 Jesus replied, “*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*<sup>24</sup> *Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.* 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.



Jews believe that the Torah was given to Moses on Mt Sinai near the time of the Feast of Pentecost. Sadly that day Moses came down and saw the people worshipping the Golden Calf and so **3000 people were killed that day**....(Exodus 32:25-27 )

Incredibly on the Feast of Pentecost as Peter spoke to all the people about the Good News it says this:

Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about **three thousand were added to their number that day.**

2 Cor 3:4-18



# Big Picture

Feast of Pentecost is an amazing picture of how after accepting the Messiah as our Passover Lamb who atones for our sins....then spending a week in Feast of Unleavened Bread looking deeply into ourselves and becoming aware and repenting of our sin.... then 50 days later we realise that we are still sinful human beings! But in this feast we see how our Father accepts us as we are, sinful beings with false doctrine, hypocritical actions etc ( represented by the loaves with yeast in them waved before him). We see then that **its only by the Holy Spirit's power that we can overcome the sin in our lives and live according to His Torah**, and that is why it is on this Feast that he poured His Spirit out on the first disciples!

## Lessons in feast of Pentecost

1. We are the wheat..... wheat must fall to ground and die ie we must die to self, before it will bring forth fruit.... Completely not be taken in by things of this world, lay down all our hopes and dreams to Him...
2. At end of time the wheat is gathered into the barn and the chaff is burnt up
3. The field is the kingdom and there is wheat and weeds there....will grow together until the harvest when the tares are first removed and thrown into the fire and burnt, and we are then harvested....therefore there will be true and false believers present in the body of believers until the end
4. Saviour was going to baptize with fire, and at feast of Pentecost the disciples were all together when mighty wind came and tongues of fire rested on each of them and they spoke in tongues....different to being thrown in the fire... again, fire can destroy or it can ( like silver and gold ) refine and purify.
5. The loaves of bread in OT offered are uniquely with yeast/leaven.... Signifying sin/hypocrisy/false doctrine etc....yet again there is the theme of sin existing within the body and how this time the Father accepts that offering....as in, he acknowledges that we still sin but he accepts us as we are. Following the feast cycle we would have accepted the Messiah as our Passover lamb which restores us into covenant with the Father.... We go through the time of introspection in feast of unleavened bread and are made aware of the sin and false doctrine in our lives... And then we come humbly to feast of Pentecost where we present ourselves as a loaf made of wheat and yeast...admitting we need his Holy Spirit to enable us to overcome sin. And in His mercy YHWH accepts us. Incredible.
6. He warns us that **unless we die to self, we will not produce fruit**...Lets produce fruit for him in this year to come!

