

PENTECOST/SHAVUOT/WEEKS

The feast of Pentecost (Shavuot), represents Yah's power given to all those who believe and want to receive it. This Feast is also referred to as the "Feast of Weeks", "Feast Of Sevens", "Feast of Harvest", "The Feast of the giving of the Torah", "Feast of Proclamation", or even "The Day of the First Fruits", "Day of Proclamation". (Exod. 23:16, 34:22, Num. 28:26).



The three Feast seasons of Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles represent three major encounters Yah has with His covenant keepers. The first season known as Passover was established by El Shaddai for the purpose of teaching us how to find peace (shalom) in Yah. We find peace with Yah when we appropriate Yeshua as the Passover Lamb who died for our sins. We find the shalom of Yah through Yeshua as our Unleavened Bread and First Fruits representative. This work of Yeshua on our behalf is realized personally when we set ourselves apart from the ways of the world and give ourselves completely to

Yeshua as our Master and King. The result is that we not only have peace with Yah, but we also enjoy the peace of Yah.

Taken in order of the feasts, it is the fourth step the Believer must take towards the rest in El Shaddai.

There is a 50 day period between the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Pentecost. Likewise, it was exactly fifty days from Yeshua as the First Fruit of the new mankind (barley harvest), to the day when He sent His Holy Spirit upon His disciples.

The morning after all the lambs were sacrificed was the high day (high sabbath) of Unleavened Bread. That year it was the 15th of Nissan. After sundown of the first WEEKLY Sabbath following the first day of Unleavened Bread, the High Priest would walk down to the Mount Of Olives and publicly harvest 10 omer (gallons) of barley. That day was a variable, it was different every year but it was established as the day after the weekly shabbat. That first day of the week was the first day of the Feast of First Fruits which always fell during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The next morning, he would offer up the barley wave sheaf offering in the Temple representing Yeshua as the First Fruit of the barley harvest. This was the FIRST DAY of the counting of the omer. This was always a Sunday. Exactly seven sabbaths later, on another Sunday, the Feast Of Shavuot (Pentecost) would begin as a high holy day. Pentecost is always on the first day of the week.

AN INCORRECT JEWISH TRADITION

Most Orthodox Jews count 50 days from the 16th of Nissan, not as the scriptures actually state. They just count fifty days rather than fifty days after the weekly shabbat.

Their Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) can end up on any given day of the week. This is a perfect example of what Yeshua meant when He told His disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees. This sect had added many things to the Feasts and messed them up. This has caused much confusion and has even lead many away from the Word in regards to the correct times and dates of the Feasts. In fact, it has even caused confusion with new Messianic believers because many of them follow the Jewish traditions after leaving Babylon, assuming that because the Jewish people have been doing these things for so long, they do them precisely. This is not the truth according to torah.

Have you ever wondered why it is 50 days?

The Israelites travelled 47 days from the Red Sea to Mount Sinai, then they had to purify themselves for 3 days, hence, 50 days. Moses went up the mountain and spent forty days with Yah learning His torah and other statutes and instructions. Then Moses received the Ten commandments as a summary of the torah, for the people. The torah went from oral to written so all could understand.

When we say that Yah gave the torah to Moses at the time of Shavuot, we are not meaning this in a literal sense, we are saying so in a thematic sense. Shavuot is called the day of proclamation. The torah (proclamation) was given in the timeframe of Shavuot, not on the exact date. It is the closest biblical holiday to the time the torah was given. This understanding (interpretation) of the thematic connection, is called the remez level.

In **Lev 23** it lists the seven annual Holy Days. Each of these Holy days was considered a “**Sabbath**”, “**high Sabbath**”, no-matter what day of the week it occurred on. All “**High Days**”, or **annual Sabbaths** (except Pentecost) fell on particular calendar dates rather than set days of the week. **John 19:31** *‘The Jews therefore, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies should not remain on the stake on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high {day}), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and {that} they might be taken away.’* This tells us that the body of Yeshua was removed from the stake **on a preparation day, one day before the ANNUAL SABBATH or HIGH DAY.**

SIGNIFICANCE OF FIFTY

The following are some interesting things to noted in regards to the number 50.

- The number 50 means: revelation, power, freedom (attached to the jubilee).
- Number of chapters in Genesis.
- Width of Noah’s ark in cubits.
- The earth is 50 times larger than the moon.
- The number 50 is used 77 times in the bible.
- Nun is the Hebrew letter representing 50.

Now let’s go into some deep water in regard to fifty.

Before we get into the Feast of Shavuot, let’s have a quick look at some thematic connections to the number 50 in our bible. The story in Genesis. 37-50 is all about Joseph. It is a messianic prophesy. By connecting the dots of various scriptures, we can see in the life of Joseph, the life of Yeshua. We will find all kinds of similarities in Joseph’s life with that of Yeshua when we look closely. Joseph was for all intents and purposes a picture (shadow) of Yeshua who was to come many years later.

The first blatantly obvious thematic connection jumps right off the page. The main

character of this prophetic mystery is named Yoseph (Joseph). Yeshua's fathers name was Joseph, coincidence? Yoseph's name means: add, increase, many heads, or added to me. Joshua's (Yoshuah's) fathers name was "Nun". Nun is the 14th letter of the Hebrew alphabet. What happened to Yeshua on the 14th day of Nissan?

Yeshua Ben Nun means "Son of Life". Nun represents fifty in Hebrew. Nun means: seed, life, **fish**, in Paleo picture-graph Hebrew. **In Aramaic nun means fish.** In Hebrew nun also means kingdom and heir to the throne. Continuity, perpetuity, and eternity. Fifty represents the Jubilee year, Shavuot. Is this all coincidence?



Remember the story of Elijah when the King kept sending military groups of fifty men to get him to turn himself in?

2Kgs. 1:9-14 *Then the king sent to him a captain of **fifty with his fifty**. And he went up to him, and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he said to him, "O man of God, the*

king says, 'Come down.'" 10 *Elijah replied to the captain of **fifty**, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your **fifty**." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his **fifty**.* 11 *So he again sent to him another captain of **fifty with his fifty**. And he said to him, "O man of God, thus says the king, 'Come down quickly.'"* 12 *Elijah replied to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your **fifty**." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his **fifty**.* 13 *So he again sent the captain of a **third fifty with his fifty**. When the **third captain of fifty** went up, he came and bowed down on his knees before Elijah, and begged him and said to him, "O man of God, please let my life and the lives of these **fifty** servants of yours be precious in your sight.* 14 *"Behold fire came down from heaven and consumed the first two captains of **fifty with their fifties**; but now let my life be precious in your sight."* When we look at the three times the military group of fifty men went to see Elijah with their captains we have 3 times (50+1) 51=153.

Does that number ring any bells?

John 21:11-14 *Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a **hundred and fifty-three**; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Yeshua *said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Yeshua *came and *took the bread and *gave it to them, and the fish likewise. 14 This is now the **third** time that Yeshua was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead."* There you go, Yah is once again trying to show us something, connecting the fish in the net with the military men of the King, Elijah, and Joshua, a type of Yeshua. Notice also that they were sent three times, just as Yeshua manifested Himself to the disciples three times. I can never get enough of these connections. It always amazes me. Living Word is an understatement.

The following is a gematric thematic connection worth taking note of. The Passover; "HaPesach" in Hebrew, is made up of chet (8), samekh (80), peh (60), heh (5) =153. Could the Feast of Passover somehow be connected with the amount of fish

that the disciples caught in John 21:11-14, and the soldiers in Elijah's situation, 2Kgs. 1:9-14? It just never ends.

Now let's see what the Torah says about the Feast of Weeks. **Lev. 23:15-22** *'You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath (weekly sabbath), from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths. 'You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to Yah. '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 Yah. (18) '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 Yah, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to Yah. 'You shall also offer one male goat for a sin offering and two male lambs one year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings. 'The priest shall then wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering with two lambs before Yah; they are to be holy to Yah for the priest. (21) '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.** '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 Yahveh your Elohim.'*" (see also Deut. 16:9) The day "after the sabbath" in verse 15 is referring to the WEEKLY SABBATH.

After unleavened bread we count down 50 days of omer (the barley used as a wave offering), to Pentecost. **Acts 2:1** *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place..* (KJV) Here we see that the day of Pentecost had fully come...meaning the "counting of the Omer" was completed.

The Feast of Pentecost most people relate to the coming of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts. It does of course relate to that, but first it relates to Mt. Sinai and the formal writing of the Ten Commandments. The Nation of Israel was formed in Yah's eyes at the foot of Mt. Sinai when all the people agreed to accept Yah's law (teaching..instructions), and to follow it.

NOTE: The Nation of Israel was officially born on the eve of Shabbat (14th), May 14, 1948. Pentecost was Sunday, May 16 that year. It was the 49-50th day of the counting of the omer that year. Prior to this, the Jewish people had been scattered throughout the diaspora. Prior to receiving the law at Mt. Sinai the people were also a lost people with no place to call home. After Pentecost they had a rebirth and the Nation of Israel was born. Is this coincidence?

3,000 LOST, 3,000 FOUND

About 3,000 people died on the day the Law was given out at Mount Sinai when they rejected it. About 3,000 people were saved that day at Pentecost as per Acts 2:41.

Exod. 32:28 *So the sons of Levi did as Moses instructed, and about three thousand men of the people fell that day.*" We can see that while Moses only spent



40 days up on Mt. Sinai talking with Yah, the people had already erected a golden calf to worship. This made both Yah and Moses upset and we know that as a result 3,000 people were killed. Here we see how the law brings death to those who refuse to obey. In the following verse we see 3,000 accept Yah as their Father. It all balanced out. 3,000 in, 3,000 out. **Acts 2:41** *So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.*” It always amazes me how Yah works things out.

When the Israelites were at the foot of Mt. Sinai they had no idea when Yah was coming to talk to them. They were told to dress up, wash, and prepare for His coming. They did not know exactly when Yah would come. They didn't know when Yah would send His trumpets to announce the gathering together to receive the Torah from Moses. They were afraid to hear from Yah because of the sound of the trumpets. They may have also even seen the sound waves from the voice of Yah when they were at the foot of the mountain. That in itself would be enough to get anyone's attention. They told Moses to accept whatever Yah says and they would agree. Exod. 20:19. They accepted the everlasting covenant.

In the Talmud there is an interesting teaching by Moshe Weissman that I would like to share as follows: When the people stood at the foot of Mt. Sinai and accepted the teachings of Yah there was both fire and wind. Each commandment that was spoken from Yah's mouth travelled around the camp like a tongue of fire, to each individual person asking them: *“do you accept this commandment with all the Jewish law pertaining to it?”* Every person answered individually. Finally, when all Ten Commands had been accepted, **the tongue of fire wrote on the stone tablets.**

Many times when Yah manifests, we experience fire and wind, just like at Mt. Sinai and at Pentecost. Wind is His word, and fire is His truth. His Word is truth.

At the time of the Feast of Trumpets in particular, we are to be dressed, washed and ready as a spotless bride for His coming. The parable of the ten virgins appropriately tells us of the brides being prepared for their groom. In this way the Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost) and Trumpets are associated.

Among many things, this feast represents Yah's power available to His people. The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), always comes on the first day of the week, at the time of the wheat harvest. The main activity on this feast was the presentation of a wave offering to Yah; two loaves of bread baked with leaven representing the Two Houses Of Israel. The wave offering expresses our dependence on Yahveh for the harvest and our daily bread. This is a Thanksgiving offering. The two loaves of bread are held up and waved as a offering to Elohim, one representing the Jew and the other the Gentile, symbolizing togetherness in Messiah in Heaven (Eph. 2:6). Wheat ripens about seven weeks after barley, hence the barley represented the first crop, the Jews (first fruits), and wheat (which came seven weeks later), represents the gentiles (goyim).

The Jewish people were familiar with what it said in the old scrolls and they were expecting that during some Pentecost Feast the tongues of fire would supernaturally come down on the people and burn the Torah into their heart just like the tongues of fire at the original Pentecost. Their heart of stone would become a heart of flesh.

Ezek. 11:19 *“And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,”*

Ezek. 36:26 *“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”*

Joel 2:28-30 *“It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. “Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. “I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire and columns of smoke.”*

Acts 2:16-21 *“but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: ‘AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says, ‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy. (19) ‘AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH*



BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. *‘THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME. ‘AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.’*

Jer. 31:31-33 *“Behold, days are coming,” declares Elohim, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares Elohim. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares Elohim, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their Yah, and they shall be My people.”*

As per the Book of the Acts of the Hebrew Apostles, in Acts chapter two, 120 men were assembled in the Temple to receive the power of the holy spirit as it came in the form of fire. What the Jews considered a formal prayer assembly required a quorum of at least 10 men. For this reason they needed ten men from each of the

twelve tribes to be in attendance. (Exod. 23:16, 34:22)

Yeshua fulfilled the Feast of Pentecost as He was glorified and exalted to the throne of Yah, from which He sent the Ruach Hakodesh upon His disciples on the Day of Pentecost. Yeshua spoke of Himself as the fulfillment of this feast with these words. **John 12:23-24** *“And Yeshua answered them, saying, **“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”**”* Here Yeshua was referring to Himself as the “human” grain of wheat who would die for the sins of the world. Yeshua, the “bread of life”, was born in “the bread basket” (Bet Lehem) of Israel.

Yahveh wants us to know Yeshua, not only as the crucified Lamb of Yah who died for our sins, but also as the living glorified Yah who Baptizes us in the Holy Spirit, one of the ultimate goals of all serious Believers. The purpose of the Baptism of the Ruach Hakodesh is to give us power and authority, so that we might be bold witnesses of the power of Yeshua. **Acts 1:8-9** *“but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”*

The spirit of Yah did not come on just any day, but on the day of the beginning of the harvest season. This is a “type”, as it also represents the harvest of the “church” age. You might say this was the beginning of the church age.

Because man is reluctant to hand over the leadership of the Church to the Holy Spirit, the restoration of the Feast of Pentecost was not received by leaders of the mainline churches, such as Martin Luther and John Wesley. These men, though having done many good things for organized religion as a whole, wanted the church itself to have control, rather than the Holy Spirit. It was man’s rules and regulations that were to take precedence over Yah’s people, rather than Yah’s direction that the people were originally intended to follow. Some of the resulting power of the Feast of Weeks Yah made available and directed into the Churches, otherwise known as “the charismatic renewal”. Likewise, the false holy spirit led many movements of the charismatic churches who never tested the spirits. The most famous example of that was the proclaimed Azusa Street revival (1904-1906) at the beginning of the twentieth century. This supposed revival was nothing more than the mixing of spirits. Far too many people to this very day, think that all things supernatural are of Yah. This of course is a lie from the pit of hell. This mixing of spirits is still clearly seen today in most of the Pentecostal type proclaimed Christian churches scattered around the globe.

ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

1Pet. 2:9-10 *But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.”* 1200 years after Yah gave them His torah (His Spirit) that they soon rejected, He once again brought His Spirit back for them to embrace at Shavuot.

The people had denied their calling as priests (that’s how the Levites got

chosen), in the past, so He gave them the opportunity at Shavuot to once again become priests of the Most High. At Mt. Sinai He sent His Spirit to them so they could be His priests, but they turned back to their pagan worship. Originally He chose one of the twelve tribes, the Levites to be His priesthood, but the people rejected them and did not listen to them. By rejecting them, they were rejecting His Ruach. At Pentecost He gave them one more opportunity to accept His Spirit and many did. That is why we are now called a Kingdom of Priests, a Royal Priesthood

LET'S LOOK AT MORE TYPES

In Exodus chapter 19 we hear about Yah officially giving the law (Torah) to the people. **Exod. 19:19** *When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and Yah answered him with thunder.”* **Exod. 20:18** *All the people perceived the thunder (saw the thunderings KJV) and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw [it], they trembled and stood at a distance.”* In these two verses we see that at Mt. Sinai the people heard the sound of the shofar, SAW (the sound waves, frequencies), the words of Yah come forth in the form of fire. We also know that Yah's words, in the form of fire, burned the Ten Commandments into the stone tablets. We must remember that here Yah was not speaking to the Israelites only when His words came in the form of fire. He was speaking to the entire world as we know it. You can bet everything you own that if the shofars were sounding, the whole mountain shaking, and Yah's words came forth in the form of fire, that it would have been known by all of the nations of that time. The people were so afraid of all the noise and fire that they told Moses to deal with Yah alone. That should give you a good idea of just how loud and how supernatural this event really was.

Some famous Rabbis (Rabbi R. Johanan in particular) even claim Yah spoke the Torah in seventy languages from Mt. Sinai so that all the world not only heard it, but could clearly understand it in their native tongue. There is some scriptural truth to this as we see in Deut. 32:8 that Moses divided the people according to their inheritance. **Deut. 32:8** *“When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, **When He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the sons of Israel.”*** We can also see this idea line up with **Exod. 1:1-5** *Now these are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came each one with his household: Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. **All the persons who came from the loins of Jacob were seventy in number, but Joseph was [already] in Egypt.”*** As you can see, this understanding of Rabbi Johanan is not far fetched. If Yah's words were seen to split up into various tongues of fire it certainly reminds us of another event in time as recorded in the Book of Acts. **Acts 2:1-3** *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.”*** The tongues of fire here, in Hebrew, represent the letter shin. This is the sign the priests used with their hands while speaking the Aaronic blessing. In the process of speaking in tongues what did they do? **Acts 2:11** *Cretans and Arabs — we hear them in our own tongues speaking of **the mighty deeds of God.*** When you have the fire of Yah inside of you, you will declare the wonderful

works of Elohim. **Acts 2:6** *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.*” This is one beautiful shadow of things to come, given at Mt. Sinai, coming forth at the Feast of Pentecost in the Temple. When you consider what John wrote in the Book of Revelation, this all makes a lot of sense. **Rev. 1:7** **BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amein.**” **Matt. 24:30-31** **“And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. “**

The Feast of Weeks, is also a miniature (shadow), of the count to Jubilee. It is the celebration of the firstfruits of the wheat harvest. The Jubilee cycle is about the return of the land back to the family of the original owners. The Book of Ruth is set in the context of harvesting barley through to the end of the barley harvest, which concludes with Shavuot and the commencement of the wheat harvest.

The themes of the restoration of the land, via a kinsman redeemer, (Boaz), to the original family owners (Naomi), is brought out in the Book of Ruth. Thus, the cycles of the Feast of Weeks and the Jubilee are joined together in the book of Ruth.

Ruth 1:22 *“So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her,*



*which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem **IN THE BEGINNING OF THE BARLEY HARVEST.**”*

Ruth 2:21 *And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep close by my young men, **UNTIL THEY HAVE ENDED ALL MY HARVEST.**”*

Ruth 2:23 *“So she kept close by the maidens of Boaz **TO GLEAN UNTO THE END OF BARLEY HARVEST AND OF WHEAT HARVEST;** and dwelt with her mother in law.”.*

Ruth 3:2 *“And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? **Behold, he winnoweth BARLEY to night in the threshing floor.**”*

THE MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT OF SHAVUOT/PENTECOST

Passover represents the first major encounter with Yah by His covenant people. Pentecost (Weeks) represents the second encounter. Yah wants us to know His Son

Yeshua, not only as the crucified Lamb who died for our sins, but also as the living glorified Rabbi who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit that took place in the Temple on the day of Shavuot was symbolic of the very day the Jews were offering the two wave loaves to Yah symbolizing their dependence on Him. Remember that the loaves were baked with leaven (a common symbol of sin). One of these leavened loaves represented the Jewish people, who although they were sinners, would receive the power of Yah in their lives as they acknowledged Yeshua as Master (the fine flour). This happened on the exact day the Jews had been celebrating (rehearsing) the Feast of Weeks for almost 1,500 years prior.

But what about the other loaf? The other loaf represented the Gentiles who would also receive this blessing from Yah even though, they too, were sinners. The two wave loaves represented the Jews and the Gentiles.

John 12:23-24 *And Yeshua answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**"* Here we see Yeshua talking about Himself as the human grain of wheat who would die for the sins of the world. In the bible, fine flour represents perfect righteousness. Yeshua was perfectly righteous. There was no coarse matter (sin) in Him. Yet, (symbolically), as the wheat was crushed, sifted and baked in order to become bread, so Yeshua was crushed, sifted, and baked in the ovens of hell for our sins. But because Yeshua had never sinned, Death and Hell could not hold Him (Rev. 1:18). In view of this, He was resurrected as the First Fruits from the dead.

The purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to give us power so that we might be bold witnesses for the Rabbi Yeshua (Acts 1:8). It was the second major encounter with Yah, not the resurrection, that transformed Peter from being a coward hiding behind closed doors to the man who stood before great crowds and boldly proclaimed that Yeshua was the Messiah.

If we read in **Lev. 9:24** *Then **fire came out from before Yahveh and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw [it], they shouted and fell on their faces.*** The same fire that consumed the sacrifices for the Levites in the Temple, came down upon the people as tongues of fire at this Feast of Proclamation. The Temple was soon to be destroyed and Yah was accepting their individual living sacrifices offered up to Him, as prayers of incense. The incense represents the prayers of the saints (Rev. 5:8), hence, just as the incense was to burn continually in the Temple, we as Believers are instructed to pray without ceasing. Each Believer is a living stone of the true temple of Yah, not made with hands (Acts 17:24). We are all to be living sacrifices. As Yah sent fire from Heaven to consume the sacrifice on the altar in the Temple, He also sent fire from Heaven on His new altar; the Believers in Yeshua. These people were being touched and identified with fire as the living stones of Yah's new Temple (Rom. 12:1).

We see a similar thing that took place at the original Pentecost of Mt. Sinai where Moses and the Israelites all gathered together to hear Yahveh speak. **Exod. 19:18-19** *"And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet Yahveh, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai [was] all in smoke because **Yahveh descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole***

mountain quaked violently. When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and Yahveh answered Him with thunder.” We see the original Feast of Weeks at Mt. Sinai had an almost identical occurrence take place, similar to the experience of the 3,000 at the Feast of Shavuot in later days.

What events happened on this day that were shadow pictures of the coming Ruach Hakodesh on the day of Pentecost?

Exodus. 19 is a picture of Dad’s glory and power descending upon His chosen people. Let us compare this text to Acts 2:

Exod. 19:1 3rd month after Israel came out of Egypt.

19:2 It was the whole community.

19:18 Elohim descended on it in fire.

19:19 Trumpet grew louder and louder.

19:19 It is believed that Elohim spoke the Torah to the seventy nations of the world because the word "voice" is in the plural.

Acts 2:1 6th day of the 3rd month.

2:1 They were all together.

2:2 Sound of a mighty rushing wind.

2:3 Spirit descended in tongues of fire.

2:11 Nations heard Yahveh’s voice.

Are you beginning to see the pictures? Both accounts occurred in the third month. Elohim meets with His people on both occasions. Yah’s Divine Presence is represented as fire both times and both events have the manifestation of a mighty wind. Mt. Sinai is located in erez, (the biblical land Israel), now called Saudi Arabia. There the Torah of Elohim was also given to all the nations of the world.

If this is true, then what is the equivalent of this event in Acts 2?

Acts 2:5-11 records that Jews and proselytes, who lived outside the land of Israel, heard the disciples speaking of the wonders of Yah. The Word of Elohim was being declared to the world on both of these days in history.

Part of the temple services on Shavuot included a procession of people carrying their first fruits up to the temple. This procession was lead by a flute player and an ox. The ox had a wreath of olive branches around its neck and its horns were coated in gold.

What is this a picture of?

First, the temple represents the Kingdom of Elohim and the flute player and the ox are the ones who lead us there. The flute player was also called the "Pierced One." The ox is also a symbol of the Servant Messiah. The olive branches represent peace and the gold represents kingship, or royalty. Messiah is our Servant King. The gifts these worshippers would have brought up to the Temple included: 1) Wheat 2) Barley 3) Grapes 4) Figs 5) Olives 6) Pomegranates, and 7) Dates.

What can this teach about the Messiah?

When the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost the Spirit gave gifts to men (Eph. 4:10). The seven gifts brought to the temple represent the seven gifts that the Holy Spirit brought to the believers on Shavuot. Rom. 12:6-8 lists those seven spiritual gifts as: 1) Prophesying 2) Serving 3) Teaching 4) Encouraging 5) Giving 6) Leadership 7) Showing mercy. Everything surrounding the Temple services during Shavuot will teach us more about Messiah and His plan for His People Of The Way.

