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The Day of Pentecost/Shavuot/Weeks

Shavua is week in Hebrew, and Shavuot means weeks in Greek or Pentecost. In this case 7 weeks or seven Sabbaths, on the eve of the last day would be the beginning to the 50th day, from the second day of **Passover "Pesach".** The second day of the **Feast of Unleavened bread** was the **Feast of First Fruits**, on the Jewish calendar called "Omer". The day our **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus) rose from the grave, it was the day of the **Resurrection**.

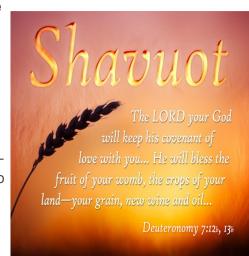
Shavuot marks the end of the Spring Feasts, for which our Messiah Yeshua **fulfilled**. It is the climax of the Israelites' story of redemption (starting at the beginning of the biblical year with Passover). It was at this time that Yehovah (the God of Israel) betrothed His people (the children of Israel), at Mount Sinai. Wedding vows were given when the people (Israelites) spoke as **one**, saying, "All that Yehovah has spoken, **we will do"** (Exodus 19:8). And the marriage contract, or ketubah, was written down in the form of the **Torah**.

This festival therefore celebrates **true**, **biblical worship**. Why? Because it was on this day that God gave both the Truth of His Word (Torah) and His Holy Spirit, thus enabling His people to worship in both Spirit and Truth: "**Yehovah is spirit**, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

It is also worth noting that the number fifty is the number for the Holy Spirit. So Yeshua said, He would send the promise from the father The Holy Spirit, and He did it on the 50th day after His Resurrection. (Acts 1:8) "But you will receive power

when the Ruach HaKodesh (**Holy Spirit**) has come on you. You will be **witnesses to me** in Yerushalayim (Jerusalem), in all Yehudah (Judaea) and Shomron (Samaria), and to the uttermost parts of the eretz (earth)."

Now when the day of Shavuot had come, they were all with **one accord** in one area of the Temple Mount. Suddenly there came from the sky a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the **house of prayer** where they were **sitting** on the steps of Solomon's Porch. There appeared to them a **pillar of fire**, splitting apart and were distributed to them, and it sat on each one of them. They were **all filled** with the Ruach Ha-Kodesh, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak out boldly. (Acts 2:1-5)



First fruits Wheat Harvest



Ruach HaKodesh or Holy Spirit

It is the second of the three Pilgrim festivals and it happens in Israel on the 6th of Sivan, (Hebrew Roots/Jewish Calendar) this year on May 24th and everywhere but Israel for two days 24th and 25th. It has other names in Hebrew such as Hag Ha-Katzir meaning Harvest Festival. It was when the ingathering of barley crop ended and the season of wheat harvest began. But Yom Ha-Bikkurim (Day of First Fruits or Shavuot in the Jewish World, and Pentecost in the Christian World)

Just thought you'd appreciate a little run down on this Biblical event in the Hebrew Roots and Jewish world and should be part of the Christian world as well. In fact, there is much to learn about your Hebrew (Jewish) roots.

Their not the Feast of the Jews, they are the biblical Feasts of Yehovah of Tzva'ot (The Lord of Host). It is for all the children of the promise, with faith in Elohim (GOD) and Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ).

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Fall Feast of the LORD (YHVH)

Dates to be determined based on New moon sighting in Israel, starting on the first day of the seventh biblical month.

09/? Yom Teruah (blowing of shofar)

09/? Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

09/? Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles or Booths)

May Yehovah bless you and keep you May Yehovah make his face shine on you and show you his favor May Yehovah lift up his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:22-26)

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