

How Jesus Fulfills the 7 Feasts of Israel – Pentecost or Feast of Weeks (9 Dec 2012)

Introduction -

1. The Jewish calendar
 - a. 3 spring Feasts, then this one, then 3 fall Feasts. (explain this)
2. This Feast is given multiple names
 - a. Weeks – It's described as a week of weeks from the day after Firstfruits.
 - b. Ingathering – A direct reference to gathering in the Harvest
 - c. Pentecost – NT word that literally means "fifty".
3. Extrapolate one of the three parts:
 - a. Passover it was easy to see the commemoration and the fulfillment, so we could learn more from the celebration.
 - b. Pentecost it is easy to see the celebration and the fulfillment, so we can learn more about the commemoration.

You will understand how Jesus fulfills the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost by examining its three purposes.

The 1st purpose of the Feast of Weeks is to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mt Sinai.

1. Read Exodus 19
 - a. Vs 1 – This is the very day of the Feast to be named later.
 - b. Vs 5-6 – Here at the institution of the Law, God says they are a peculiar treasure, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
 - c. Vs 18 – The Lord descended upon it in fire. (Exodus 24:17)
 - d. Vs 25 – Sanctify, sanctify, sanctify: Be dedicated to, be thinking about, the Lord!
2. Exodus 32:1, 21-29
 - a. 3000 people died this day
 - b. They failed to be sanctified unto the Lord.

The 2nd purpose of the Feast of Weeks is for Israel to celebrate the Wheat Harvest.

1. How does this go together? Because "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."
 - a. Giving of the Harvest is the annual reminder of His perfect provision of the Law.
2. Read Leviticus 23:15-22
 - a. Vs 17 – Two loaves 'with' leaven?

- i. Can't be the two tables of the Law. It's Jews and Gentiles.
 - ii. Jews and the mixed multitude of Gentiles were at Mt Sinai in Exo 19
- b. Vs 19 – Of the 5 OT sacrifices, 4 are used in this Feast but not Trespass.
 - i. Trespass Offering was to atone for personal specific sins.
 - ii. All OT offerings were a form of 1 of these 5 offerings.
- c. Vs 21 – Holy Convocation – All feasts were Sabbath Days.
 - i. The 7 Feasts show God's complete & perfect work, we don't have to work.
- d. Vs 22 – The Harvest – 3 stages – Firstfruits, Harvest, Gleanings (Lev 19:9)

The 3rd purpose of the Feast of Weeks is the giving of God to us in the person of Holy Spirit.

1. Read Joel 2:27-32
 - a. Holy Spirit poured out on ALL men.
 - b. This prophecy isn't just a Jewish thing.
 - c. Remember the two leavened loaves in the offering, not just a Jewish thing.
 - d. You may say, 'the unsaved don't have the H.S'? Read John 14:16-17 & Acts 1:8
2. Read Acts 21-26, 40-41 – Do you get it yet? At Mt Sinai, the Law was given; at Mt Zion the Spirit was given!
 - a. Vs 3 – Fire just like at Mt Sinai.
 - b. Vs 4 – The Talmud records God speaking to Moses in every language.
 - c. Vs 40-41 – 3000 were killed at Mt Sinai but 3000 saved to eternal life at Mt Zion.
3. Gal 3:1-3, 24-28
 - a. The Law was meant to show us the greatness of living freely in the Spirit.
 - i. Deut 16:9-12 – We were in bondage & Read Romans 8:2-4
 - b. Vs 28 – Jew and Gentile are now one in Christ.
 - i. The peculiar people, kingdom of priest and holy nation is now ALL of us who believe in faith and are granted the Spirit.
 - ii. Read Eph 2:13-18 – Jew & Gentile alike approach God thru the same Spirit.
4. The giving of the Spirit IS the harvest. When did you begin having eternal life? When you were given the Spirit at your salvation!

Now you understand how Jesus fulfills the Feast of Pentecost from examining its three purposes; its commemoration, its celebration and its NT substance in the giving of God to us in the person of the Holy Spirit. God is showing us that our ability to live for Him and to grow up into a Harvest that is pleasing to Him is only found in our ability to yield to the Holy Spirit of God within us.

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## **If time allows: Sabbath**

- 1. What time of the week is the Sabbath?**
- 2. Why do we recognize a year, month, day? How about a week?**
- 3. Difference types of weeks**
  - a. There is significance to a week of days.**
    - i. God created in a week of days.**
  - b. There is significance to a week of weeks.**
    - i. The Feast of Pentecost**
  - c. There is significance to a week of months.**
    - i. All Feasts are within the first 7 months...interesting.**
    - ii. Civil and religious Jewish Calendars are 7 months apart.**
  - d. There is significance to a week of years.**
    - i. Every 7 years the Jews were required to allow the land to rest.**
    - ii. Exiled to Babylon for 70 years for not allowing the land to have this rest once every 7 years for 490 years.**
  - e. There is significance to a week of 1000 years.**
    - i. We must work backwards from what we know**
    - ii. We know that there will be a 1000 year millennium Sabbath**
    - iii. Doesn't this give us strong reason to believe that man will have a 6000 year history here on earth?**