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Feasts of the Lord: Overview

In addition to the weekly 7th day Sabbath, annually there are 3 Holy Feasts and 4 Holy Days:

-<u>Passover</u>: a meal that ushers in

-Feast of Unleavened Bread: lasting 7 days

-First Fruits: on Sunday after Passover during Unleavened Bread

-Feast of Weeks: 50 days after First Fruits

-<u>Day of Trumpets</u>: 1st day of 7th month

-<u>Day of Atonement</u>: 10th day of 7th month

-<u>Feast of Tabernacles</u>: 7 days + 8th day (15th-22nd days of the 7th month.

Feast of Weeks: First Mention

And he (LORD) said, Behold, <u>I make a covenant</u>: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the Lord: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

<u>Observe thou that which I command thee this day</u>: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

<u>Take heed to thyself</u>, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, <u>lest it be for a snare</u> in the midst of thee:

But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:

For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;

Exodus 34:10-15 continued

The Feast of Unleavened Bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

<u>And thou shalt observe the Feast of Weeks</u>, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.

Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel."

Exodus 34:18, 21-23

Weeks: H7620 šābûa; pronounced shaw-boo'-ah: literally sevened.

NOTE: YHVH connects His Covenant with observing His Holy Days of worship & NOT mixing worship practices:

The Feast of Weeks in Context

NOTE: It follows and is connected to the first Spring Feast Days:

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's Passover.

And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

Leviticus 23:1-2; 5-6 continued

And <u>ye shall count</u> unto you from the morrow after the sabbath (First Fruits), from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; <u>seven sabbaths</u> shall be complete:

Even <u>unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days</u>; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.

Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the first fruits unto the Lord.

And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

Leviticus 23:15-17; 21

(Related Scriptures: Numbers 28:26; Deuteronomy 16:9-12)

Feast of Weeks/Shavuot & The Covenant

NOTE: the timing of God's Covenant with the children at Mount Sinai (Exodus) is in the same time frame as the Feast of Weeks in Leviticus.

<u>In the third month</u>, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

And <u>ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests</u>, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do.

And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, <u>I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear</u> when I speak with thee and believe thee forever. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord.

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were <u>thunders</u> and <u>lightnings</u>, and a <u>thick cloud</u> upon the mount, and <u>the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud</u>; so that all <u>the people</u> that was in the camp <u>trembled</u>.

Exodus 19:1; 3-6; 8-9; 16

NOTE: Exodus 20:2-17 the LORD gives the 10 Commandments.

They asked for a mediator between them and YHVH.

And <u>all the people saw the thunderings</u>, and the <u>lightnings</u>, and the <u>noise of the trumpet</u>, and the <u>mountain smoking</u>: and when the people saw it, <u>they removed</u>, and stood afar off.

And they said unto Moses, *Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with* <u>us</u>, lest we die.

And Moses said unto the people, <u>Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may</u> <u>be before your faces, that ye sin not</u>. <u>And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near</u> unto the thick darkness where God was.

Exodus 20:1; 18-21

Feast of Weeks: Confirming God's Covenant

NOTE: Exodus 20-23 YHVH gives Moses the terms of the Covenant with Judgements

And <u>Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice</u>, and said, <u>All the words which the Lord hath said will we</u> <u>do</u>. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

And he took the <u>Book of the Covenant</u> and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient.

And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.

And the Lord said unto Moses, <u>Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee</u> <u>tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach</u> <u>them</u>.

Exodus 24:3-4; 7-8; 12

Feast of Weeks after the Exodus

And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the Lord,

Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the Lord on the altar of the Lord, which he had built before the porch,

Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in <u>the feast of weeks</u>, and in the feast of tabernacles.

And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.

2 Chronicles 8:1; 12-14

Prophetic Promise for Pentecost

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

Isaiah 11:1-2

And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

8 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Joel 2:27-29

Nevertheless, <u>I tell you the truth</u>; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if <u>I go not away, the</u> <u>Comforter will not come unto you</u>; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

John 16:7

"And behold, <u>I send the promise of my Father upon you</u>: but <u>tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem</u>, <u>until ye be endued with power from on high</u>.

And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

Luke 24:49-51

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,"

Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he <u>through the Holy Ghost had given</u> <u>commandments</u> unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

And, being assembled together with them, <u>commanded them that they should not depart from</u> Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Acts 1:1-5; 8-9

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a <u>sound from heaven</u> as of a <u>rushing mighty wind</u>, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them <u>cloven tongues like as of fire</u>, and it sat upon each of them.

And <u>they were all filled with the Holy Ghost</u>, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when <u>this was noised abroad</u>, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Acts 2:1-6; 12; 14 continued

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, <u>I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh</u>: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

And <u>on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour</u> out in those days of <u>my Spirit</u>; and they shall prophesy:

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 2:16-18; 21

Manifest Presence of God: Shavuot, Pentecost & Revelation

NOTE: Mount Sinai and Pentecost both experienced the presence of God with: thunderings, lightnings, the noise of the trumpet, and smoke.

His heavenly throne presents a similar manifest presence:

And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Revelation 4:5

Summary

-Feast of Weeks is seven weeks after First Fruits

-Feast of Weeks is a new meat wheat harvest offering

-Feast of Weeks is when God made a blood covenant with His treasured possession for a Kingdom of priests, an holy nation

-Pentecost/Feast of Weeks-after the renewed blood covenant in Christ, the Holy Ghost is given to each child of God to empower His people to be His witnesses-a kingdom of priests, an holy nation to all nations

Remember

Test every Spirit to see if it be of God

What is our focus?

Who do we worship?

How do we worship God?