

Firstfruits (Yom HaBikkurim)

Leviticus 23:9–14 commands Israel to offer the first portion of their harvest to YAHUAH before eating any of it, acknowledging Him as the source of provision and marking the beginning of the harvest season. Firstfruits is the appointed time that comes during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

It is a day of offering the first of the harvest to YAHUAH.

When It Happens

Leviticus 23:11

“On the day after the Sabbath...”

It occurs:

- During Unleavened Bread
- On the day after the Sabbath
- At the beginning of the barley harvest

It marks the start of counting toward Shavuot (50 days).

What the Torah Commands

Bring the first sheaf of harvest to the priest.

The priest waves it before YAHUAH.

An offering is made alongside it.

No one may eat of the new harvest until this offering is made.

What “Firstfruits” Means

In Hebrew: **Bikkurim** (בִּקּוּרִים)

It means:

- The first portion
- The earliest produce
- The beginning of increase

It represents giving YAHUAH the first not the leftovers.

Spiritual Meaning

Firstfruits teaches:

- Gratitude before consumption
- Acknowledging YAHUAH as provider
- Trusting future harvest
- Offering the beginning back to Him

Before you enjoy the harvest, you honor the Giver.

It Begins the Counting

Leviticus 23:15–16 commands Israel to count seven complete weeks (50 days) from Firstfruits, leading to Shavuot, marking a period of preparation between harvest beginning and covenant celebration. From Firstfruits:

- Count 50 days
- Leading to Shavuot

So Firstfruits starts a spiritual countdown.

Firstfruits is the appointed time where the first of the harvest is offered to YAHUAH in gratitude and trust, marking the beginning of the harvest season and the start of counting toward Shavuot.