

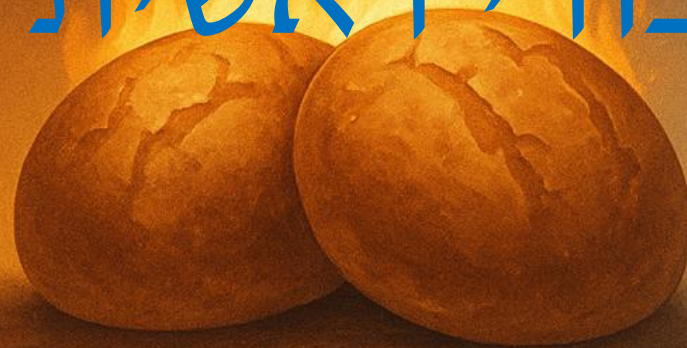
FIRST FRUITS → SHAVU'OT → YOM TERUAH

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First Fruits
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Mat 28:6 He
is not here;
for He is
risen, just as
He said.
Come, see
the place
where He
was lying.



Firstfruits timing

Lev 23:11 He is to wave the sheaf before Adonai, so that you will be accepted; the cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat.

- Pharisees say that is the day after unleavened bread. Which would fix a date for Shavu'ot: 3rd month on the 5th day
- Sadducees say that Shabbat is the sabbath, not ULB 1. Which would leave the date for Shavu'ot fluid or lose.
- God leaves Shavu'ot fluid, not fixed **Lev 23:15-22**
- 30 AD Yeshua died on Passover (Thursday) and Resurrected on Firstfruits (Sunday). (3-day model **Mat 12:40, 1Cor 15:4**)
- This year he would have died on Sabbath, rose on a Tuesday.
- The Thursday/Sunday model only happens once every 7-9 years

The Commandments

Lev 23:9-17 Adonai said to Moshe, "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the cohen. He is to wave the sheaf before Adonai, so that you will be accepted; the cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat. On the day that you wave the sheaf, you are to offer a male lamb without defect, in its first year, as a burnt offering for Adonai. Its grain offering is to be one gallon of fine flour mixed with olive oil, an offering made by fire to Adonai as a fragrant aroma; its drink offering is to be of wine, one quart. You are not to eat bread, dried grain or fresh grain until the day you bring the offering for your God; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live. " 'From the day after the day of rest — that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving — you are to count seven full weeks, until the day after the seventh week; you are to count fifty days (Num 28:26-31); and then you are to present a new grain offering to Adonai. You must bring bread from your homes for waving — two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven — as firstfruits for Adonai.

The Commandments: Grain Offering

Lev 2:13-16 You are to season every grain offering of yours with salt — do not omit from your grain offering the salt of the covenant with your God, but offer salt with all your offerings. " 'If you bring a grain offering of firstfruits to Adonai, you are to bring as the grain offering from your firstfruits kernels of grain from fresh ears, dry-roasted with fire. Put olive oil on it, and lay frankincense on it; it is a grain offering. The cohen is to cause the reminder portion of it, its grits and olive oil, with all its frankincense, to go up in smoke; it is an offering made by fire for Adonai.

The Commandments: Sowing → Reaping

Exo 23:16 Next, the festival of harvest, the firstfruits of your efforts sowing in the field; and last, the festival of ingathering, at the end of the year, when you gather in from the fields the results of your efforts.

Exo 23:19 "You are to bring the best firstfruits of your land into the house of Adonai your God. "You are not to boil a young animal in its mother's milk.

The Commandments

Deut 26:2-11 you are to take the firstfruits of all the crops the ground yields, which you will harvest from your land that Adonai your God is giving you, put them in a basket and go to the place where Adonai your God will choose to have his name live. You will approach the cohen holding office at the time and say to him, 'Today I declare to Adonai your God that I have come to the land Adonai swore to our ancestors that he would give us.' The cohen will take the basket from your hand and put it down in front of the altar of Adonai your

God. "Then, in the presence of Adonai your God, you are to say, 'My ancestor was a nomad from Aram. He went down into Egypt few in number and stayed. There he became a great, strong, populous nation. But the Egyptians treated us badly; they oppressed us and imposed harsh slavery on us. So we cried out to Adonai, the God of our ancestors. Adonai heard us and saw our misery, toil and oppression; and Adonai brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and a stretched-out arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. Now he has brought us to this place and given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Therefore, as you see, I have now brought the firstfruits of the land which you, Adonai, have given me.' You are then to put the basket down before Adonai your God, prostrate yourself before Adonai your God, and take joy in all the good that Adonai your God has given you, your household, the Levi and the foreigner living with you.

Yeshua, Resurrected on Firstfruits!

1Cor 15:20-26 But the fact is that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died. For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man. For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive. But each in his own order: the Messiah is the firstfruits; then those who belong to the Messiah, at the time of his coming; then the culmination, when he hands over the Kingdom to Elohim the Father, after having put an end to every rulership, yes, to every authority and power. For he has to rule until he puts all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be done away with will be death,

Waving the Sheaf:

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- Yeshua, the sheaf of firstfruits from the dead:

1 Cor 15:20 But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

- Presented to the Father and accepted (Ascension):

John 20:17 "Stop holding onto me," Yeshua said to her, "because I haven't yet gone back to the Father. But go to my brothers, and tell them that I am going back to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

- Ascension, read: Acts 1:9-11

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- How are we acceptable? Through Messiah!

1Cor 15:23 But each in its own order: Messiah the firstfruits; then, at His coming, those who belong to Messiah;

- Messiah presented himself, now we are acceptable:

Mat 27:52-53 Also the graves were opened, and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life; and after Yeshua rose, they came out of the graves and went into the holy city, where many people saw them.

A Fragrant Aroma:

Lev 23:13 Its grain offering is to be one gallon of fine flour mixed with olive oil, an offering made by fire to Adonai as a fragrant aroma; its drink offering is to be of wine, one quart.

- Pleasing to God, reconciliation:

Eph 5:2 and walk in love, just as Messiah also loved us and gave Himself up for us as an offering and sacrifice to God for a fragrant aroma.

2Cor 5:19 That is, in Messiah God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them; and He has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us.

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been made righteous by trusting, we have shalom with God through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

Grain Offering & The Two Loaves:

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- Present a new grain offering: Acts 1:4-8 “Stay in Jerusalem”
- Two loaves for waving: Showbread Leviticus 24:5-9
- Two Shoulder stones, 6 tribes each Exodus 28:9-12
- Two sticks Ezekiel 37:15-28
- God accepted this new grain offering with fire! Acts 2:1-13
- Both Jews and Gentiles (Two sticks/Loaves) Romans 11:26

Rebuilding the “Temple”

- Yeshua’s resurrection triggered the rebuilding of the “Temple” (John 2:19-21), set out to include all those whom he called (John 10:16).
- Firstfruits of the Spirit: Romans 8:23-24
- Firstfruits of Deliverance: 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- Firstfruits of Creation: James 1:18
- Firstfruits from Humanity, the 144k: Revelation 14:1-7
- One loaf! (Jew + Gentile) Holy through Yeshua: Romans 11:16-32

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- Firstfruits → Resurrection
- Shavu'ot → Spirit
- Yom Teruah → “The rest of us at His coming”



Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Yeshua from the dead is living in you, then the One who raised the Messiah Yeshua from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Firstfruits Offering Prepared

Lev 2:15 Put olive oil on it, and lay frankincense on it; it is a grain offering.

- Yeshua's body was prepared:

John 19:39-40 Nicodemus, who had first visited Yeshua at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Yeshua and wrapped it in linen with the spices, as is the Jewish burial custom.

The Firstfruits Grain Offering

Grain Offering (Lev 2:15) | Yeshua's Fulfillment

- Fine flour (crushed, pure) | His sinless, afflicted body ([Isa 53:5](#), [2 Cor 5:21](#))
- Oil (Ruach/Spirit) | Anointed by the Spirit ([Luke 4:18](#))
- Frankincense (aroma/prayer) | Offered up with prayer and obedience ([Heb 5:7](#))
- Offered by fire (burned) | Suffered in the fire of affliction and death ([Phil 2:8-11](#))
- A sweet aroma to Adonai | “A fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” ([Eph 5:2](#))
- Grain offering was voluntary | Yeshua volunteered himself ([John 10:18](#))

Two Gatherings: Firstfruits & Sukkot

Exo 23:16 Next, the festival of harvest, the firstfruits of your efforts sowing in the field; and last, the festival of ingathering, at the end of the year, when you gather in from the fields the results of your efforts.

- Matthew 13:39–43 The final ingathering, wheat and tares
- Matthew 13:47–50 The final ingathering, good fish bad fish

Just as those who died in covenant (book of life) rose after Yeshua rose, so will those who died in covenant with the Lord upon His return! 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

I used to roam, now I have a home!

Deut 28 “Then, in the presence of Adonai your God, you are to say, 'My ancestor was a nomad from Aram' & “Now he has brought us to this place and given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.”

- Ingathering Promise **Jeremiah 16:14-15**
- Spiritual parallel: Yeshua brings us into our inheritance **John 14:2-3**
- **Hebrews 11:13–16**: We are sojourners looking for a better country, a permanent home

An Unbreakable Covenant of Salt

- Leviticus 2:13: “With all your offerings you shall offer salt.”

2Chron 13:5 Don't you know that Adonai, the God of Isra'el, gave rulership over Isra'el to David forever, to him and his descendants, by a covenant of salt [which is unbreakable]?

- Salt represents preservation, loyalty, and enduring promise. This makes it a profound symbol of the eternal nature of the covenant with David. Connecting this to First Fruits emphasizes that the wave offering (Yeshua) is a preserved and permanent covenantal promise, not just for Israel, but for the fullness of the harvest to come (all nations).

An Unbreakable Covenant of Salt

Jer 33:16-17 When those days come, Y'hudah will be saved, Yerushalayim will live in safety, and the name given to her will be Adonai Tzidkenu [Adonai our Righteousness]." For this is what Adonai says: "There will never be cut off from David a man to occupy the throne of the house of Isra'el.

- However, David's son's sinned against the Torah and God (Jer 36:30), thus dividing the kingdom into two, and the throne being left empty for years, thus only YESHUA , the son of David, could be the fulfillment of this Covenant with David...

Perpetuating the Davidic Covenant

Isa 9:6-7 (9:5-6) For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; dominion will rest on his shoulders, and he will be given the name Pele-Yo`etz El Gibbor Avi-`Ad Sar-Shalom [Wonder of a Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace], in order to extend the dominion and perpetuate the peace of the throne and kingdom of David, to secure it and sustain it through justice and righteousness henceforth and forever. The zeal of Adonai-Tzva'ot will accomplish this.

- Thus Yeshua, the sinless lamb, was resurrected on first fruits in order that he may reign from the Temple in Jerusalem, and preside over all Israel!

One King, Davids son:

Ezekiel 37:22-28 I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Isra'el; and one king will be king for all of them. They will no longer be two nations, and they will never again be divided into two kingdoms. " 'They will never again defile themselves with their idols, their detestable things, or any of their transgressions; but I will save them from all the places where they have been living and sinning; and I will cleanse them, so that they will be my people, and I will be their God. My servant David will be king over them, and all of them will have one shepherd; they will live by my rulings and keep and observe my regulations. They will live in the land I gave to Ya`akov my servant, where your ancestors lived; they will live there — they, their children, and their grandchildren, forever; and David my servant will be their leader forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant. I will give to them, increase their numbers, and set my sanctuary (Temple) among them forever. My home will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. The nations will know that I am Adonai, who sets Isra'el apart as holy, when my sanctuary (Temple) is with them forever.'
“ (Rev 20:2-6)

David's son, Yeshua

Act 2:22-32 "Men of Isra'el! Listen to this! Yeshua from Natzeret was a man demonstrated to you to have been from God by the powerful works, miracles and signs that God performed through him in your presence. You yourselves know this.

This man was arrested in accordance with God's predetermined plan and foreknowledge; and, through the agency of persons not bound by the Torah, you nailed him up on a stake and killed him! "But God has raised him up and freed him from the suffering of death; it was impossible that death could keep its hold on him. For David says this about him: 'I saw Adonai always before me, for he is at my right hand, so that I will not be shaken. For this reason, my heart was glad; and my tongue rejoiced; and now my body too will live on in the certain hope that you will not abandon me to Sh'ol or let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will fill me with joy by your presence.' "Brothers, I know I can say to you frankly that the patriarch David died and was buried — his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that one of his descendants would sit on his throne, he was speaking in advance about the resurrection of the Messiah, that it was he who was not abandoned in Sh'ol and whose flesh did not see decay. God raised up this Yeshua! And we are all witnesses of it!

Be the firstfruits

Acts 10:35 but that whoever fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him, no matter what people he belongs to.

- Increase the wave offering sheaf:

Rom 15:16 to be a servant of the Messiah Yeshua for the Gentiles, with the priestly duty of presenting the Good News of God, so that the Gentiles may be an acceptable offering, made holy by the Ruach HaKodesh.

- Living a holy life:

1Pet 2:5 you yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be cohanim set apart for God to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to him through Yeshua the Messiah.

Firstfruits can be immature

God calls to maturity

Gal 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, self control. Nothing in the Torah stands against such things. Moreover, those who belong to the Messiah Yeshua have put their old nature to death on the stake, along with its passions and desires. Since it is through the Spirit that we have Life, let it also be through the Spirit that we order our lives day by day.

Eph 4:11-14 Furthermore, he gave some people as emissaries, some as prophets, some as proclaimers of the Good News, and some as shepherds and teachers. Their task is to equip God's people for the work of service that builds the body of the Messiah, until we all arrive at the unity implied by trusting and knowing the Son of God, at full manhood, at the standard of maturity set by the Messiah's perfection. We will then no longer be infants tossed about by the waves and blown along by every wind of teaching, at the mercy of people clever in devising ways to deceive.— 25



Shabbat Shalom

HAPPY
FEAST
OF
FIRSTFRUITS!

