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Shavu'ot
From Sheaf
to Loaf!

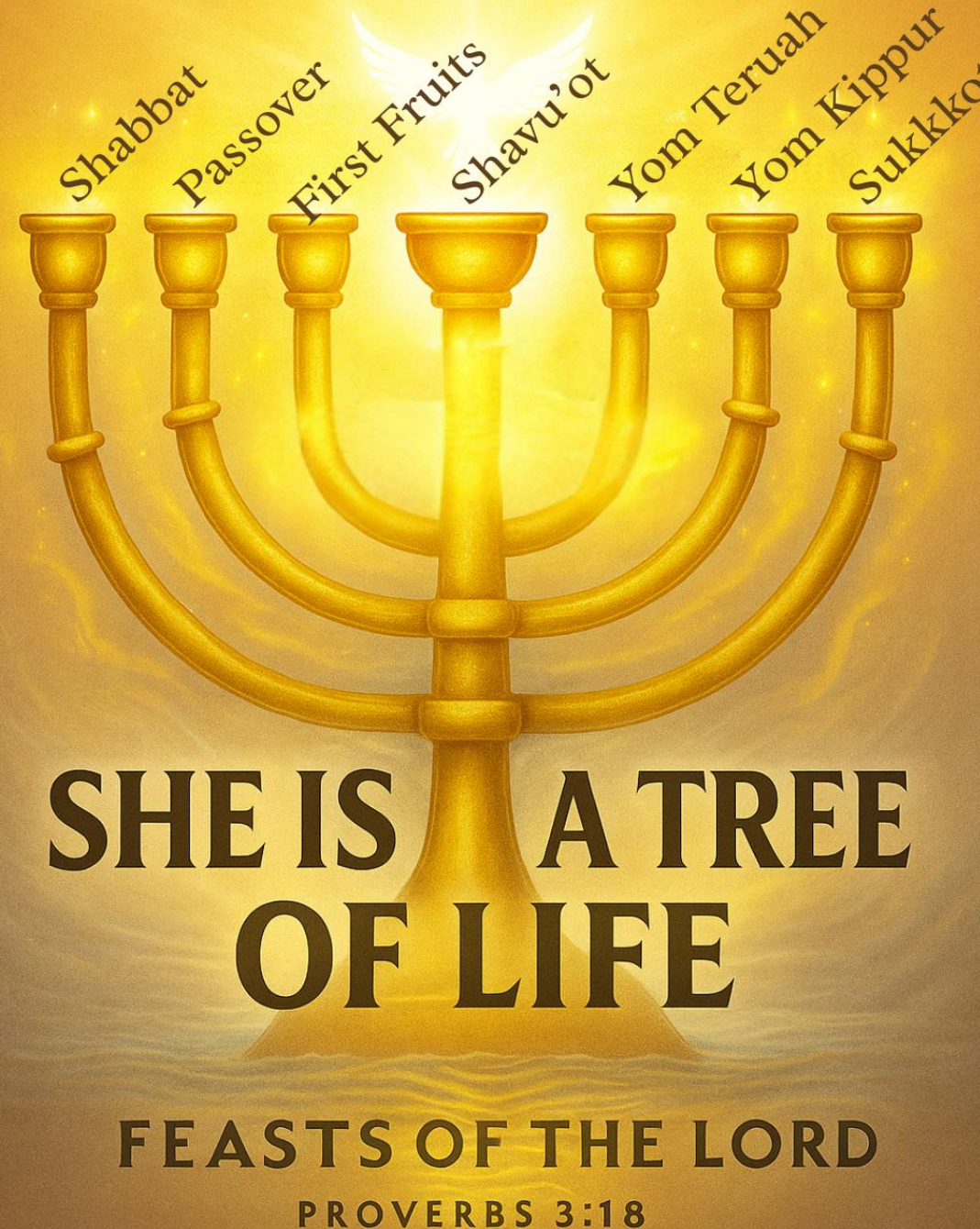


Shavu'ot 4 of 7 Feasts

- Middle Feast, “shamesh” (servant) candle on the Menorah. It “ignites” the other Feasts...



John 16:13-14 But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; but whatever He hears, He will tell you. And He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you.



Restoration:

- Giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai: Exo 19–20; Exo 24:12; Deut 4:10–13; Deut 5:1–22 *"And He declared to you His covenant... the Ten Words"* (Deut 4:13)
- Giving of the Ruach HaKodesh: Acts 2:1–4; Joel 2:28–29; John 14:26
 - "I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh"* (Joel 2:28)
 - "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..."* (Acts 2:4)
- Restoration of Covenant: Exo 24:7–8; Jer 31, Luke 22:20; 2 Cor 3:6
 - "I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts..."* (Jer 31:33)
 - "He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant..."* (2 Cor 3:6)
- Restoration from Confusion: Exo 20:1; Acts 2:6–11; Genesis 11:6–9 (Tower of Babel contrast) *"Each one heard them speaking in his own language..."* (Acts 2:6)
- Restoration of unity: Acts 2:5–11; Ephesians 2:14–18; *1 Corinthians 12:12–14*
 - "He Himself is our peace... making the two one"* (Eph 2:14)
- Restoration of Gods power within us: Acts 1:8; Acts 2:41; Matthew 9:37–38
- Restoration of Life (Resurrection): Romans 8:10–11

Barley Sheaf, to Wheat, to Bread →

Lev 23:11 He (The Cohen) 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.



Lev 23:15-17 " '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; 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.

Sheaf to Loaf: Barley

- Barley is humble and often associated with sustenance for animals and the poor.
- **John 6:9** Yeshua multiplied the “barley loaves” for the crowd of 5,000.
- The waved sheaf signifies the resurrection—(**1 Corinthians 15:20**), where Yeshua is called the "First Fruits" from the dead.
- It's unleavened—pure, singular, simple.
- It's how Yeshua began a work in us!
- Yet not brought to maturity, early, first...

BARLEY vs. WHEAT



**Hordeum vulgare*

RESURRECTION

- **EARLY CROP**
- **FIRST FRUITS**



**Triticum spp.*

MATURITY

- **LATE CROP**
- **SPIRIT-FILLED**

Sheaf to Loaf: Wheat

- On the 50th day after the First Fruits (**Lev 23:15–17**).
- Two loaves of wheat bread, baked with leaven, are waved before the LORD.
- Celebrates the wheat harvest and the giving of the Torah and later, the giving of the Spirit.
- Wheat is a more refined grain than barley, often linked with maturity.
- The two loaves symbolize Israel (The bread of presence) **Lev 24:5-6** A refined body
- The leavened nature represents human imperfection yet still accepted when presented as a wave offering—sanctified despite leaven.

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Sheaf to Loaf: Bread

- The single sheaf → leads to → two loaves.
- The barley (early and humble) → transitions into → wheat (later and more complete).
- Agriculturally: Barley is the first crop harvested, wheat the last—they bookend the grain harvest season.
- The resurrected First Fruit (Messiah) → leads to → a Spirit-filled people (**Acts 2**, Shavu'ot).
- The Wheat → becomes → loaves, transformed and accepted.
- The sheaf and the loaves are two forms of one redemptive journey. They represent the same harvest cycle—barley to wheat, death to life, singular to multiplied, purity to maturity - all under the sanctifying hand of God.



Mankind without the Power of the Spirit

1. Deceitful and Desperately Sick Heart: **Jeremiah 17:9** *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”*

- This verse diagnoses the root problem of the human condition—a heart bent away from truth, incapable of righteousness without divine intervention.

2. Adam and Eve: Choosing Death over Life **Genesis 2:17; 3:6**

“...for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Gen 2:17)

“She took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband...” (Gen 3:6)

- Though given life and fellowship, Adam and Eve chose independence from God—ushering in death, shame, fear, and spiritual separation.

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3. The Flesh at War with God Romans 8:6–8 *“The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God... It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.”*

- Paul shows the total inability of the flesh (i.e., human nature apart from the Spirit) to please or obey God.

4. Peter: Fear and Denial Without the Spirit Luke 22:55–62 *“Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”* (Luke 22:60)

- Peter, though zealous, denies Yeshua three times—a symbol of the weakness and fearfulness of the unempowered heart.

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5. Hophni and Phinehas: Corrupt Priests 1 Samuel 2:12, 17, 22–25

“Now the sons of Eli were worthless men; they did not know the LORD.”

(1 Sam 2:12)

- They abused the priesthood, committing sexual sin and stealing from the offerings. A striking example of religious position without inner transformation.

6. Israel at Sinai: Afraid of God’s Voice Exodus 20:18–19 *“You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”*

- Rather than drawing near, the people chose distance from intimacy with God—highlighting the fear and separation of unrenewed hearts.

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7. Cain: Worship Without Submission *Genesis 4:5–7 “If you do well, will you not be accepted?... But if you do not do well, sin lies at the door.”*

- Cain offers worship, but rejects correction—his heart filled with jealousy, pride, and ultimately murder.

8. The Tower of Babel: Self-Exaltation *Genesis 11:4 “Come, let us build ourselves a city... let us make a name for ourselves...”*

- A united humanity—in rebellion—attempts to ascend without God, illustrating the arrogance of the unregenerate heart.

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9. Saul: Fearful and Disobedient 1 Samuel 13:11–14 *“I saw the people scattering... so I forced myself and offered the burnt offering.”*

- (King) Saul’s lack of Spirit-led patience and obedience led to his downfall. His kingdom was rejected because of a heart that could not wait on God. *“Be still and know that I am God”* Psalm 46:10a

10. The Pharisees: Religious Yet Hardened Matthew 23:27–28 *“You are like whitewashed tombs... outwardly appear righteous... but within are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”*

- Yeshua confronts their external religion masking spiritually dead hearts—a stark contrast to the heart of flesh promised by the Spirit.

Mankind without the Power of the Spirit

- Hearts were stone (**Ezekiel 36:26**)
- Men were blind to God's ways (**1 Corinthians 2:14**)
- Even well-meaning well-taught disciples failed in crucial moments
- Powerless to fulfill God's covenant internally (**Rom 8:6 Gal 5:16-17**)

John 14:17 The world cannot receive him (The Ruach HaKodesh), because it neither sees nor knows him. You know him, because he is staying with you and will be united with you.

1Cor 2:14-16 Now the natural man does not receive the things from the Spirit of God — to him they are nonsense! Moreover, he is unable to grasp them, because they are evaluated through the Spirit. But the person who has the Spirit can evaluate everything, while no one is in a position to evaluate him. For who has known the mind of Adonai? Who will counsel him? But we have the mind of the
Messiah!

How do we transform? Sheaf to Loaf?

- It starts with Confession:

Romans 10:8-13 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming: For if you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart it is believed for righteousness, and with the mouth it is confessed for salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever trusts in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all—richly generous to all who call on Him. For “Everyone who calls upon the name of Adonai shall be saved.”

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- It starts with Confession, then gets confirmed:

Rom 8:14-17 For all who are led by the Ruach Elohim, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall again into fear; rather, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Ruach Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. And if children, also heirs—heirs of God and joint-heirs with Messiah—if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

Mat 10:32-33 “Therefore whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

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John 3:5-7 Yeshua answered, “Amen, amen I tell you, unless one is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be surprised that I said to you, ‘You all must be born from above.’

1John 5:6-8 Messiah Yeshua is the One who came by water and blood—not by water only, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the One who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify—the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and these three are one.

- When we are compelled by our spirit to confess publicly that Yeshua is Lord, and believe in your heart he was raised from the dead, the Holy Spirit confirms, we are forgiven (water) and redeemed (blood) the three testify

How do we transform? Sheaf to Loaf?

- When we confess, we take the blood and water (The Spirit agrees) and through the blood we enter into Covenant and Salvation!
- Yeshua's Blood is the Covenant: **Mat 26:28, Heb 9:15-18 & 13:20**
- The book of Life: **Exo 32:32 & Psa 69:29, Rev 13:8, 17:8, 20:12**

Rev 3:5 The one who overcomes thus will be dressed in white clothes; I will never blot his name out of the Book of Life, and will confess his name before My Father and His angels.

Rev 21:27 And nothing unholy shall ever enter it, nor anyone doing what is detestable or false, but only those written in the Book of Life.

How do we transform? Sheaf to Loaf?

- When we confess, we enter into covenant through Yeshua's blood and water (Mikvah) then that opens the door for the Holy Spirit to Immerse us:

Mat 3:11 "As for me, I immerse you in water for repentance. But the One coming after me is mightier than I am; I am not worthy to carry His sandals. He will immerse you in the Ruach ha-Kodesh and fire.

Act 1:5 *"For John immersed with water, but you will be immersed in the Ruach ha-Kodesh not many days from now."* ~ Yeshua

The Transformational Power of the Spirit

- The Spirit transforms us! Writes God's laws on our Hearts!
 1. **Jeremiah 31:31–34** – New Covenant: Torah on the Heart *“I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts... They will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest.”*
 - The Spirit enables internal transformation—God's instruction becomes part of our nature, not just an external command.
 2. **Ezekiel 36:26–27** – Heart of Flesh and the Indwelling Spirit *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you... I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes...”*
 - A total heart transplant—from stone to flesh. This is the empowerment to actually desire and do God's will

Transformed into a new creation!

2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation.

The old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- It speaks to a complete re-creation, not just reformation. This echoes the promises of Ezekiel and Jeremiah—a new heart, new spirit, new desires—now fulfilled in Messiah by the Ruach.

- A new lump of dough! 1 Corinthian 5:6-7

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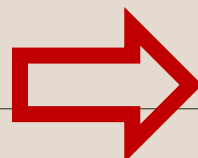
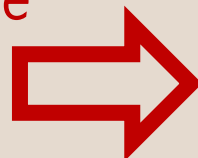
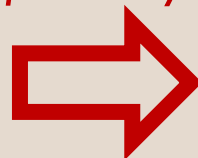
Transformation by the Ruach HaKodesh: Before vs After

BEFORE the Spirit

💔 Jeremiah 17:9 The Deceitful Heart “*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked...*”

🧠 1 Corinthians 2:14 The Natural (Unspiritual) Man “*The natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God... he cannot understand them...*”

😬 Peter in Luke 22:57 Fearful and Denying “*Woman, I do not know Him...*” (Denied Yeshua three times)



AFTER the Spirit

💖 Jeremiah 31:33 The Heart of the New Covenant “*I will put My law within them and write it on their hearts...*”

🕊️ 1 Corinthians 2:12-16 The Spiritual Man “*We have received... the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given to us...*”

🔥 Peter in Acts 2:14-41 Bold and Empowered “*Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice...*” (3,000 souls saved!)”



The Ruach Enables Us to Hear—and Obey—God

Shema Israel, These words, which I am commanding you today, are to be on your heart.

- **Isaiah 30:21** – The Whisper Behind You

“And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.”

Context Spirit **v28** & **v29**: The Ruach gives personal, real-time guidance. The still, small voice is no longer distant—it becomes the internal compass of covenant obedience. This is divine authority through discernment.

- **John 16:13** – The Spirit Guides Into All Truth

“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth... He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak.”

The Spirit doesn't just inspire—it transmits Heaven's voice. The believer becomes a vessel of divine instruction, moving with the authority of what's already established in the heavenly courts.



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- 1 Corinthians 2:10–12 – We have received Gods Wisdom through the Spirit
“But God revealed these things to us through the Ruach.”

Midrash: The Spirit allows us to understand the divine mind—not by deduction, but by revelation. This is the foundation of spiritual authority: not guessing God’s will, but receiving it by the Ruach.

John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Yeshua stood up and cried out loudly, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture says, ‘out of his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” Now He said this about the Ruach, whom those who trusted in Him were going to receive; for the Ruach was not yet given, since Yeshua was not yet glorified.

The River comes from Gods throne! Gen 2:10 & Rev 22:1

Authority we receive via Holy Spirit

- Authority to Proclaim the Good News (Mark 16:15 & John 20:21)
- Authority to Judge (1Cor 6:1-7 & Rev 20:4) Inside the Body (1Cor 5:9-13)
- Authority to decide Halacha (Mat 16:19)
- Authority over Demons & Evil Spirits (Mark 6:7, Mark 16:17 & Luke 9:1)
- Authority to Forgive (Mat 6:12, Mat 6:14-15, Luk 6:37; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13; Jam 2:13 & Mark 11:25-26)
- Authority to Heal (Matt 10:1 & Luke 10:9)
- Authority to speak in Tongues (Mark 16:17)
- Authority over Death (Rom 6:9 & Rev 20:6)

But if you can't hear, you have no authority! John 5:19, 12:49

Wheat or Tares

- Full Maturity Ephesians 4:11-16
“at the standard of maturity set by the Messiah's perfection”
- Matthew 13:25-30
Mat 13:30 Let them both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest-time I will tell the reapers to collect the weeds first and tie them in bundles to be burned, but to gather the wheat into my barn.

- Immaturity Ephesians 4:17-24
“because your old nature is thoroughly rotted by its deceptive desires”
- Eph 4:30-32 Don't cause grief to God's Ruach HaKodesh, for he has stamped you as his property until the day of final redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, violent assertiveness and slander, along with all spitefulness. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted; and forgive each other, just as in the Messiah God has also forgiven you.

Wheat or Tares

Gal 5:22-24 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.

Gal 5:17 For the old nature wants what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit wants what is contrary to the old nature. These oppose each other

Gal 5:19-21 And it is perfectly evident what the old nature does. It expresses itself in sexual immorality, impurity and indecency; involvement with the occult and with drugs; in feuding, fighting, becoming jealous and getting angry; in selfish ambition, factionalism, intrigue and envy; in drunkenness, orgies and things like these. I warn you now as I have warned you before: those who do such things will have no share in the Kingdom of God!

Eph 4:23-24 and you must let your spirits and minds keep being renewed, and clothe yourselves with the new nature created to be godly, which expresses itself in the righteousness and holiness that flow from the truth. (which flows from God)

Shavu'ot Samech!

QUESTIONS
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COMMENTS

