

Fulfilling God's Promise

Shavuot/Pentecost 2023

Shavuot/Pentecost: sunset, Thursday, May 25th to sunset Saturday, May 27th

DISCOVERING
THE JEWISH
JESUS
לגלות את ישוע היהודי

Scripture

- **Leviticus 23: 16**

“You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the Lord.

- **Acts 2: 1-6, 15-18**

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place and suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

15“...these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel.”

“And it shall be in the last days,’ God says, that I will pour forth of my spirit on all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit and they shall prophesy.”

- **Jeremiah 31:31-33, 39**

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel. ...I will put My law within them and on their heart, I will write it...”

Other Scriptures

- Leviticus 23:1-2
- Exodus 25:8-0
- Acts 20:16
- Exodus 24:7-8
- Acts 2:2
- Matthew 18:20
- Acts 2:5-6
- Acts 1:15

- John 4:22
- Matthew 1:1
- Ezekial 36:2

Main Points

- On the Greco-Roman calendar, Pentecost is Sunday, May 28th, 2023.
- The Hebrew word Moadim in English means appointed times, feasts.
- The Hebrew word Vayikra in English means Leviticus.
- Jesus was crucified on Passover.
- Jesus was buried during Unleavened Bread.
- Jesus rose from the dead on First Fruits.
- Shavuot or Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)
- Pentecost took place 7 weeks and a day (50 days) after Passover.
- In Greek, Pentecost means 50.
- In Hebrew, Shemot means Exodus. Mishkan means Tabernacle.
- When we are submitted to Yeshua's word, a covering comes over our lives, and we become a place where the presence of the Lord can rest.
- The Torah refers to the first five books of the Old Testament, also referred to as the Pentateuch.
- Pentecost had been celebrated for 1,500 years by Israel before Acts 2.
- Pentecost is rooted in the Torah in Leviticus 23:16.
- Pentecost is about God fulfilling that which He had given the Hebrew people.
- We should be open to, expect, and pray for SUDDENLY moments with God!
- The New Testament is rooted and grounded in the Hebrew Bible.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the last of the "appointed days" in the Spring feasts? Describe when this feast takes place.
2. What Old Testament (Torah) event was the beginning of this feast and what were the disciples in Acts 2 thinking about as they were gathered together in the upper room? What did God do there that He did in the Torah accounts?
3. Have you ever experienced a "SUDDENLY" moment with God? Write about it. If not, are you open to such a moment?
4. What does this moment in the upper room help us to understand about the Old Testament and New Testament connection? (John 4:22; Joel 2:28)
5. What is true about the tongues heard in Acts 2? Were they prayer language or real language? Explain how we know.
6. Jeremiah 31 and Ezekial 36 reveal the meaning of this event. What gift have we also been given as part of the New Covenant? Describe what this means to you!