

A CELEBRATION OF RENEWED LIFE FOR ALL ISRAEL!

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FEAST OF WEEKS

Shavuot literally means the Feast of Weeks and was primarily given as an agricultural feast, to celebrate Yahuwah's goodness and providence in the harvest in Israel. It is one of the three most set apart annual moadim, (appointed times) to the Yahuwah of Yisrael. According to Exodus 23:16-17, it is one of the ascension feasts, where every Israelite male was to personally appear before Yahuwah, with the required wheat offering in Jerusalem.

From verses such as Deuteronomy (Devarim)16:11 and Leviticus (Wayiqra) 23:10, its literal application and celebration, could only be conducted while our people Israel, were actually dwelling in the land. Exodus 34:22 outlines that the required offering, is one of wheat or the firstfruit of wheat, as opposed to Bikkurim, which was the firstfruit of barley. Proverbs 3: 9&10 commands all of Israel's children, to honor Yahuwah with our substance and the firstfruit of our increase.

HEAPING BEFORE YAHUWAH

Verse 15 of Wayiqra 23, makes it plainly clear that this counting by the children of Israel, of the days to the full wheat harvest and the fullness of the omer, is a statute by command. The command is "you shall count." How many

Israelites truly obey this admonition and count the days of the omer, as Yahuwah instructs? Omer literally means to "the binding of sheaves of wheat, in order to heap", before Yahuwah. To present a packaged and finished product to His holiness for examination and approval. In addition to the firstfruit of wheat, Yahuwah commanded that other sacrifices accompany the presentation of the omer, such as two leavened loaves of bread, (Wayiqra 23:17), fine flour, seven year old lambs (v. 18), one young bull and two rams. One male goat as a sin offering and one as a peace offering. The seven one year old lambs, were symbolic of the souls of Israel that would be harvested on Shavuot 33AD, by the Lamb's (Yahshua's) finished work of salvation.

The Passover Lamb of Passover, became the sevenfold or complete deliverance of Israel, beautifully pictured in the seven lambs of Shavuot. The male goat of the sin offering, was a type of the *azazel* or scapegoat, that Israel was required to send outside the camp on Yom Kippur. So Shavuot portrays a redeemed people by the complete work of the Passover Lamb, whose sin has been taken outside the camp by the priest (Yahshua) and leaves Israel with a remnant people, who are the firstfruits fully grown and mature wheat harvest, which is a taste and glimpse at Yahuwah's love and desire for all Israel, to become a firstfruit wheat offering. Shavuot is therefore a celebration, of the initial group of Israelites, that responded to the preaching of the gospel in Acts chapter 2. Yet not all Israel is redeemed and the later harvest at The Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkoth (in the Fall), is a prophetic picture of the day when all Israel will be harvested via Yahshua's redemption and presented to the Father.

SHAVOUT & THE TWO HOUSES

In Wayiqra we see a glimpse into Yahuwah's omniscience of the eventual shattering of the unity in Israel, into two houses, via His command to take two lambs as a peace offering, in Wayiqra 23:20. Despite the still future dividing of the Tabernacle of David into two divided peoples, who in many senses became enemies, Yahuwah is seen here 600 years before the split, instructing the High Priest of Israel, a type of Yahshua, to restore the peace and brotherhood which was broken, by placing both lambs in his hands, thus reminding us of the two sticks of Ezekiel 37, becoming one stick again in Yahuwah's hand. These two lambs, who have been at odds (Judah and Ephraim), will one day through the harvest of souls, brought about by Yahshua our Messiah, will begin the process whereby peace is reestablished via the blood of the true Passover Lamb (Ephesians 2:14-19). This new grain offering is new, because the enmity between Ephraim and Judah, will be destroyed, as both houses become one new man in Messiah. This Israel of Yahuwah (Galatians 6:16), is made up only of those within physical Israel, who have allowed the Passover Lamb to make them new grain offerings, or new creatures in Messiah (2 Cor. 5:17-21). Only new grain was waved before Yahuwah by the High Priest. In like manner Yahshua our Cohen Hagadol, only waves those within New Covenant Israel, who are born again, as new offerings of righteousness. It has always been Yahuwah's will, to have one united blood washed people with loyalty and faithfulness to Him, which is why in Exodus 5:1, Moshe Rabainu, tells Pharaoh that he wants the children of Israel to go out of Egypt, to the wilderness to hold a feast to Yahuwah. No doubt this feast was what eventually became known as Shavuot. According to Jewish tradition, which in this case makes total sense, Yahuwah wanted to marry Israel at Mt Sinai, by giving her a ketuvah or marriage certificate called Torah. This did not happen until later, yet in His divine will, He did eventually marry Israel at Mt. Sinai, on what

would eventually be known as Shavuot, according to the traditional rabbis. Once the exodus took place, fifty days later it appears in all likelihood that Israel received Torah, on this very day fifty days after their exodus from Egyptian bondage.

TWO HOUSES OF LEAVEN

In Wayiqra 23:17, Yahuwah instructs Israel to bring two leavened loaves from their dwellings to the priest as a harvest wave offering. Why two breads? Why leavened? Why overseen by the High Priest? Why from their dwellings? Those questions can easily be answered by examining the events of the first Shavuot after Messiah Yahshua's resurrection. Yahshua being the firstfruit barley harvest, would signal and confirm a yet future firstfruit wheat harvest, fifty days later amongst the people of Israel. In Acts 2, we see a remnant of Israelites from both houses or dwelling places, pre-figured by the two loaves of bread, representing the two houses of Israel, becoming a single united firstfruit wheat offering, via their infilling with the Ruach Hakodesh as a seal of their faith. The leaven in the two loaves, prefigured the fact that though redeemed by Yahshua's precious Passover blood, the two loaves or two houses of Israel, would still contain huge amounts of leaven. In both houses or both loaves, only a believing remnant Roman 11:5, would become the one new unleavened lump of New Covenant Israel in Yahshua's hand. The waving of two leavened loaves before Yahuwah, was symbolic of the fact that New Covenant Israel that began to be reformed according to Yahuwah's image in 33AD, would be drawn out of both divided houses, that were unfortunately full of large amounts of leaven. The Father would take a remnant of Judah and a remnant of Ephraim and make a new lump of unleavened New Covenant Israel according to 1st Cor.5:7.

Thus Yahshua presents two still divided peoples (John 10:16), before the Father, requesting that through the sealing of the Ruach Hakodesh, that they would once again become a single, united, undivided people and kingdom of priests, who would be forever set apart for Yahuwah. First Peter confirms this marvelous truth, in chapter 2 verse 10. This new people made up of a remnant from the former two leavened loaves, are in fact a nation of restored Israel (Matt:21:43). This one new man, the firstfruit wheat harvest, while being spiritually delivered and sealed by the Ruach Hakodesh, is simultaneously both physical and spiritual Israel. This single entity is known as the body of Messiah. Remember the two lambs offered on Shavuot was symbolic that peace between the two divided houses would by the blood of the Lamb result in one united blood washed physical people called Israel. The two loaves become set apart by the priestly ministry of the presiding priest. In the same manner that the Torah given on Shavuot at Mt. Sinai, molded the 12 tribes into a single nation called Israel, Yahshua, Israel's Messiah, remolded and reestablished Israel after His image, from the same twelve tribes, with perhaps some true aliens or individuals from the nations as well. On Shavuot in 33 AD He reshaped Israel . He did not build a church, neither was something called a "church" birthed. That is separate entity theology and is false at the very core. That demonic notion that "the church" was birthed at Shavuot in 33 AD, has resulted in blatant replacement theology with, "the church" being the self proclaimed spiritual Israel, sent by Yahshua, to replace Yahuwah's physical Israel. At Shavuot 33 AD, Yahshua as high priest, waved both loaves symbolizing the first step in the restoration of David's Tabernacle, from a divided two house people, back into a single unified nation, in exactly the same manner Yahshua's Father did at Mt. Sinai, when 12 tribes became a nation being sealed by the giving of Torah.

In Acts 2:1, we see that Shavuot had fully come, meaning Yahuwah had desired and sought after this one particular Shavuot above all other Shavouts, in order to commence with the work of the restoration in Israel. Why would He birth a "church", and further divide Israel through that separate entity's erroneous doctrines. Fully come in Acts 2:1, means the one particular Shavuot above all others preceding it, as well as the completion of the counting of the omer. This Shavuot in 33 AD, takes place exactly fifty days after Yahshua's resurrection. Acts 1:3 tells us of His appearing and teaching about Israel's restoration for 40 days (verses 3&6). In Acts 1:4, He instructs the 11 to tarry, until the Ruach comes. Since the Ruach Hakodesh was given to Israel on Shavuot 33AD and since forty days after Firstfruits/Bikkurim Yahshua gave instructions to wait, we safely conclude that 40 plus 10 additional days of tarrying equals 50. The exact same day Torah was given!

RENEWAL OF ISRAEL'S VOWS

All of Israel was betrothed twice on the exact same day some 1600 years apart. Yahuwah through Yahshua took His vows again, with his people Israel! He did not betroth another bride called "spiritual Israel", rather He recommitted Himself to the chosen born again remnant, from the two loaves replete with *chametz*. This betrothal to Renewed Covenant Israel, the single bride of Yahshua, will be fully consummated when Yahshua takes His saints into the innermost chambers of his mansion (John 14:1-3, Rev. 19:7-9).

When we take a close-up view of just who was present in the temple on Shavuot 33 AD, we will be very surprised. The day when Shavuot fully came, or the day that the Shavuot of all Shavuots took place was unlike any other Shavuot. In verse 2 of Acts 2, we see that the outpouring of the blessed Ruach

Hakodesh, was given, in the house. The House in Hebrew is called the Beth Hamikdash or the Great House of Yahuwah. Obviously the talmidim received the Ruach Hakodesh in the temple of Yahuwah's house, as Luke reminds us in Luke 24:53, since they were there continually praying and seeking the Father, as well as tarrying as commanded by Messiah. The fallacy that the talmidim were in the upper room, and not in the Beth Hamikdash or "The House", is just another attempt to divorce the gospel of Messiah from its Israelite roots, by trying to imply that Jews went to Mt. Moriah, but the "new church" or the "new Israel", went somewhere else for their devotions. What nonsense that is! Nowhere in any of these verses in Acts chapter two, does it even remotely suggest that the talmidim were in the upper room of the last supper, when they received the outpouring of the Set Apart Spirit. These subtle deviations from scripture, may not seem like such a crime, but when one understands that there are literally scores of just such mistakes, in religious teachings, one begins to see the hand of the adversary. In verse 4 of Acts 2, we see that as a result of this outpouring upon firstfruit Israelite souls, that the talmidim spoke in other tongues as the Ruach gave utterance. This pattern follows consistently with Yahuwah's pattern established at Mt. Sinai, on that same day 1500 years earlier, when Torah was given. The traditional rabbis teach, that the Torah was given in tongues as well, when Yahuwah spoke to Israel in 70 languages! One tongue for each of the 70 recognized languages of the known world at that time. In other words Torah was given through Israel to and for the whole earth. In like manner the goodness that Messiah had come, fulfilled prophecies, suffered, died and rose from the dead, would be proclaimed by the talmidim in the temple to representatives of all the nations, that were gathered and represented at Jerusalem that year. Since Shavuot (Pentecost), was an annual ascension feast, it is safe to assume that every nation

under heaven was represented there. Acts 2:5 confirms this marvelous truth. The initial annunciation of the gospel would be to every nation, under heaven represented in Jerusalem. The gospel was given to every nation's representatives, to take back with them to their country of origin. Just like the Torah! Furthermore verse 5 of Acts 2, teaches that Judah and the nations were there dwelling in preparation for Shavuot. We see in verse 5, both houses were represented at this historic Shavuot. The Parthians and Medes in Acts 2:9, are identified as an area where Ephraim (ten tribes were scattered), according to I Chronicles 5:26. The river Gozan River was in the area of Medo-Persia. They later formed a large part of the Scythian peoples, who later would settle Northwest Europe as the invading Anglo-Saxon and barbarian nations. The Elymites in Acts 2:9, were most likely descendents of Ullam, son of Sheresh, son of Maachah, son of Manasseh, son of Joseph. These folks were definitely descended from the ten tribes. Asia is also mentioned in verse 9 and Asia especially parts of northern China, were home to many descended from the ten scattered tribes. Chinese records known as Cochin Scroll, identify fair skinned, fair eyed and fair haired people, who referred to themselves as Israelites or B'nai Manasseh. The main point being they stuck out as not being Mongoloid in appearance, having settled in these regions. Verse 10, talks about visitors from Rome both Jews and converts. These converts were those returning to Israel and arriving in Jerusalem from Ephraim, ready to be filled with the Ruach. On that historic day, the process of healing and restoration of broken brotherhood between Judah and Ephraim commenced. That is why Yahuwah listed several of those nations, from around the globe, to awaken you and I to the unalterable fact that the Shavuot of 33AD, was the Shavuot of Shavouts, because both houses would be present for Pentecost. From that representation of both houses, Yahshua would give His

Spirit, to Israelites from both blood washed loaves, that were and still are somewhat leavened.

THE "SO- CALLED" CHURCH WAS NEVER BORN IN ACTS 2

Most of the body of Yahshua has been oblivious to the true purpose and meaning of Shavuot in 33 AD, thinking that somehow pagans would suddenly show up in Jerusalem, for no reason at all. No sir! Israelites both faithful and returning and strangers or converts, were all in Jerusalem, to honor the Father of Israel. It was those representing all 12 tribes or both houses, that received the blessed outpouring of the Ruach. Since Ephraim/Israel, as well as Jewish/Israel had been scattered globally, it was necessary to have the cloven tongues of fire fall. The Greek word for tongues is "dialektos". Yahuwah desired each of these returning Israelites, to understand the gospel without the need for human intervention and translation. Had that occurred the gospel would wind up being a perverted message, instead of one of healing and restoration. The religious world has been so focused in on the birth of a manmade entity called "the church", that they have missed the true glorious and factual understanding of what that special day was all about. It was the glorious first stones being added to the chief cornerstone (Messiah), that would begin the still ongoing 2,000 year old rebuilding of David's fallen Tabernacle. If you are a believer who is born again in Yahshua, you are one of the precious stones from Israelite heritage, that Yahuwah has sovereignly chosen to use, in rebuilding His glorious tabernacle.

Most of the religious world doesn't have a clue to the true meaning of Shavuot 33 AD and ignorantly wander about, wondering like the unbelieving masses of Acts 2:12, just what that day was all about! "They were all amazed and

wondered what this should mean", (Acts 2:12). It is a failure in understanding, that has led to false interpretations of the events of that eternally significant and glorious day. That day was the beginning of a process spoken of and longed for by all Israel's prophets. Yahshua stated in Matt. 13:16-17, that the eyes and ears that see and understand His mission as Messiah, were blessed above all, because it was the individual and national Israelite restoration longed for, but unseen by holy men of old.

When you and I begin to understand and rejoice over this crucial truth about Shavuot 33 AD, then you can expect both blessing as well as accusation. Most of the religious community will mock you as having drunk too much wine and as being a drunkard (Acts 2:13). Most of the religious world including much of Messianic Judaism, is quite content in having these folks from all nations coming to Jerusalem being "Gentiles", i.e. pagans, who were birthed into a "church", where they can be compartmentalized, as associate onlookers to true Israelite inheritance! When however, you begin to have a true understanding of these events and begin to comprehend that pagans would have had no reason to go to Jerusalem in obedience to a Torah that they did not believe in, then this Shavuot truth will forever rest peacefully and comfortably in your born again spirit. Those from among the nations, were Israelites, longing for the truth of Yahuwah and therefore made that holy pilgrimage, only to find out to their surprise, that the Messiah had already come, while they were busy living amongst the nations. The tongues (dialektos), manifested on that sacred day, in every language of the various peoples represented, was the voice of the Good News, welcoming them into Messiah for personal salvation, restoration and eternal life, as well as welcoming them back into the community of PHYSICAL Israel. Now that is a double dose of Good News.

A true kosher daily double! Those there that year, found both personal and national restoration with and through the Father of lights.

PETER/KEEFA IDENTIFIES THOSE IN ACTS 2 AS RETURNING ISRAELITES

Shimon Keefa concludes this underlying truth, by recalling that the men speaking in tongues were not drunk, but were the prophetic fulfillment of the prophet Joel's proclamation in Joel 2:28-32, that ISRAEL'S SONS AND ISRAEL'S DAUGHTERS, WOULD ALL have the Ruach poured on them. Notice the term all flesh. Not just Jewish flesh. Neither does it prophecy, the flesh of all Adams fallen children! This prophecy states that the all flesh under consideration in the context of Joel 2:27, is the flesh of Israel and Israel alone. In verse 27 of Joel chapter 2, Yahuwah states that this promise is to Israel, since it is He who dwells in the midst of Israel. When Messiah was born into and amongst Israel, this verse was literally fulfilled, thereby allowing the outpouring promised to Israel in verse 28, to take place! Yahuwah further elaborates about this last days outpouring of the Ruach upon all ISRAELITE flesh in verses 28 and 29 of Joel chapter 2! The promised outpouring of the Ruach Hakodesh would take place upon YOUR SONS, YOUR DAUGHTERS, YOUR OLD MEN, YOUR YOUNG MEN, YOUR MEN SERVANTS, YOUR FEMALE SERVANTS. Obviously the key word here is YOUR! Joel's people!

If we are honest with scripture and we let scripture interpret scripture, the "all flesh", that received the Ruach had to be Israel's sons, daughters, young men, old men and all sojourners among them. In Ezekiel 37:16, these non Israelites are called companions, since they have become Israel's companions or part of Israel by choice. Since

Yahuwah has always dwelt in and amongst Israel, in Joel 2:27-29, it is all of Israel's flesh that will be targeted for blessing by receiving this promise.

That is exactly what took place in Acts 2. This promise of Joel 2:28-32, cannot possibly refer to all human flesh, since Yahuwah will not reward an unregenerate fleshly pagan child of Adam, with the GIFT of the Set Apart Spirit. Joel 2:32 puts the topping on the events of that glorious day in 33 AD. This deliverance and outpouring, will only take place on, upon and in believing Israelite flesh, who have survived. This is a clear reference to the chosen remnant preserved, called and sealed, from both houses of Israel (Isaiah 49:5-6).

The process that began at Shavuot 33AD, continues and will yet continue, until Yahshua returns to set up David's restored and re-unified Tabernacle here on the earth. What a glorious time and day that will be when both houses are fully restored and renewed in the millennial kingdom from Yerushalayim!! In the meantime, we like the early talmidim are told to tarry for that day and wait for the promise of the Father, to consummate that which He Himself began about two thousand years ago.

Selah and Amen. Even so come quickly Master Yahshua! Finish and complete that, which you have so wonderfully started (Phil. 1:6).