

Shavuot: Yahweh's Prophetic Time

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“And when the Day of the Festival of Weeks had come, they were ALL with one Mind and in one place.” Acts 2:1 the Scriptures

This month (Sivan 6-7) we shall observe Yahweh's Feast of *Shavuot* or the Feast of Weeks. It is calculated by counting seven **COMPLETE WEEKS** from the High Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and adding ONE day (this is called counting the omer-7 X 7=49)). The Greek word is *Pentecost* or Fifty, since it is fifty days after Passover. *Omer* in Hebrew literally means “the binding of sheaves of wheat, in order to heap”. It is one of the three most set-apart *moadim* of the scriptural year. *Shavuot* is one of the pilgrimage or ascension feasts (along with *Pesach* and *Tabernacles*) in which ALL males MUST appear before Yahweh with an offering (Devarim **16:11; Wayyiqra 23:10**). Two LEAVENED loaves of bread were waved before Yahweh, along with sin and peace offerings, in the ancient Temple ceremony.

Shavuot is a picture of a redeemed people (Yisrael) becoming first fruits of the **wheat** harvest unto Yahweh. *Shavuot* is the beginning of the WHEAT harvest of ALL YISRAEL that had gathered in Yerushalayim for the Feast of Shavuot. The TWO LEAVENED LOAVES of bread represent the TWO HOUSES OF YISRAEL being waved before Yahweh (since they contain leaven) by the High Priest Yahshua. He was beginning to bring in the wheat harvest by His laborers that *Shavuot* morning in the Temple! Over three thousand Yisraelites responded to Shimon Kepha's message about the Moshiach and underwent *mikvah* in the Set-Apart Name. There was not one “gentile” among them! They were all Yisraelites that had gathered for the Feast of Weeks in One place (the Temple) and of ONE mind or purpose (the waving of the two loaves). They were NOT in the upper room praying. That is in the previous chapter. The *talmidim* (being good Torah observant Yisraelites) had come to the Temple to pray and participate in the Temple services for *Shavuot*.

When the manifestation of the *Ruach* (fire, wind, and voices) filled the Temple (the House), the Yisraelites were reminded of the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai. Yahweh manifested Himself at Sinai with fire, wind, and the VOICE of the shofar. We are told that He spoke all seventy languages that day at Mt. Sinai. There at Sinai He gave Moshe Rabanu the blueprint for the Tabernacle. Now, on this *Shavuot*, Yahweh was speaking of His great works and filling the NEW TABERNACLES with HIS presence and sending them out into the “wilderness” to find the lost sheep of Yisrael! The Father was taking a remnant of Yehudah and a remnant of Ephraim from the two leavened loaves and forming a new lump of *Brit Chadasha* Yisrael according to **1Corinthians 5:7**! This was the beginning of the Two Houses of Yisrael being reunited in the Messiah Yahshua. They became ONE NEW MAN- the Body of Messiah -just as the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai united and sealed the twelve tribes into ONE NATION! Yahshua was the peace offering that brought *shalom* between the two separated houses.

This was NOT the “birthday of the kirche (church)” as taught in the houses of “Xtianity”. This doctrine of men has resulted in the replacement theology heresy and has been the excuse to murder millions of Jews and Yisraelites over the centuries. Replacement theology has resulted in the severing of Believers from Yisrael, the Torah, and the Name of Yahweh! It has created some “spiritual blob” called “spiritual Israel” that they say has replaced Yisrael in Yahweh's prophetic plan. It has birthed the false doctrine of “the rapture”, and caused Yahweh's people to follow Rome instead of the faith once delivered by Yahshua.

Since men from all nations (*goyim*) that were Yisraelites were there at Yerushalayim during *Shavuot*, it was the ideal prophetic time for Yahweh to unite ALL Yisrael into ONE RENEWED MAN in Messiah. The “good news” would go to every nation in “different tongues” just as the Torah went forth from Sinai. These “first fruits” of Yisrael would then take the message of Messiah back to their own countries after the feast of *Shavuot*. The Parthians and Medes in **Acts 2:9** are said to be from an area where Ephraim was scattered (**1 Chron.5: 26**). These would later become the majority of the Scythian people, who would later settle Northwestern Europe as the Anglo-Saxons and barbarians.

The Elymites were probably the descendants of Ullam, the son of Maachah, son of Manasseh, son of Yosef.

Even Asia was represented there at *Shavuot* as the Cochin Scroll records a people called *Bnai Manaseh* (a fair haired and fair skinned people) living in China. **Acts 2:10** tells us that people from Rome (Italy) were also there that *Shavuot*. BOTH HOUSES OF YISRAEL were represented on that historic *Shavuot*! These were not pagans or heathens but bloodline Yisraelites! It was the beginning of the Restoration of the Tabernacle of David as prophesied by Amos. Only by misinterpreting this event can we get the false doctrine of a separate entity called the "church" being birthed on that day. The assembly, congregation, *ekklesia*, *edah*, *kahal*, has always been Yisrael. This was the beginning of the Two House Restoration as prophesied by the *navaim* (prophets). This is the reason Messiah came! He would build His assembly on the revelation that HE was *Ben Elohim*, the Messiah of *KOL YISRAEL* (ALL ISRAEL)! The gates of death could not prevail against the assembly of Yisrael. They are the overcomers spoken of in Revelation by Yahshua.

It is time you THINK FOR YOURSELVES! Pagans would not be on a set-apart pilgrimage to Yerushalayim for *Shavuot*. The "tongues" that were manifested that historic day were the VOICE OF THE SHOFAR of Yahweh, welcoming the remnant of Yisrael back into the Olive Tree of a United Yisrael through Messiah Yahshua. They were announcing to every nation- deliverance, forgiveness and restoration because Yahweh had become their salvation as He prophesied He would! Kepha exhorted them to call upon the Name of Yahweh (NOT the name of HEYSUS) and receive their deliverance from their Torah breaking (**Acts 2:21**). He then commanded them to repent or do *teshuvah* and also be immersed in the Name of Yahshua (Yahweh's salvation) in Acts 2:38. These were not just Judeans returning to Yahweh, but all Yisrael was returning that day. There was not a *goy* among them! As long as we think of them as such, we will be blinded to our true inheritance as Messianic Yisrael. We are NOT associate members of the Body of Messiah or poor grafted in "*goy*". We are returning Yisraelites-*ba'al t'shuvot*. We are part of the believing remnant (the wild Olive branches) grafted BACK IN through belief (**Rom.9-11**)!

Kepha then quotes from the prophet **Yoel (2:28-32)**, saying that this is that which was prophesied! Yahweh was pouring out of His *Ruach* upon ALL YISRAELITE FLESH-not gentile flesh! This was a promise to Yisrael and Yisrael ALONE! The word from Yoel is "YOUR daughters and YOUR sons"-YOUR is talking about YISRAEL not the nations! Read it again under the anointing of the *Ruach*! These were Yoel's people-Yisrael. Yahweh promised this promise of deliverance and outpouring to Yisrael.

The Hebrew significance of fifty

The Hebrew letter nun [n] has the gematria of fifty-50. The Aramaic word for fish –nun- denotes productiveness, or multiplicity! Yisrael blessed Yosef's children, Ephraim and Manasseh, with the word –*VeYiDeGU*, or they shall multiply (**Gen.48: 16**)! This is a very unusual word for propagation, and is related to the word *DaG*, fish. It was a blessing that the children of Yosef (Ephraim) would multiply and reproduce very rapidly and plentifully like a teeming school of fishes! Please note that just as fish are protected under the waters from the eyes of men, so the millions of descendants of Yosef would multiply and reproduce concealed in the nations until the latter-days, then they would be revealed!

Also, the number fifty means deliverance or freedom. The Year of Jubilee (*Yovel*) came every fifty years and it was a time of release from debts owed. So it was on this *Shavuot*, three thousand Yisraelites found forgiveness for their past sins against Yahweh by believing in Yahshua as the Messiah. They then continued their obedience by undergoing *mikvah* in His Name.

Meaning for us Today

This process that started that *Shavuot*, over 2,000 years ago, is continuing today. We are in the prophetic time of YHWH between *Shavuot* and the Feast of Trumpets (*Yom Teruah*). This is the summer of the wheat harvest for all Yisrael! We need to be in the fields, for they are white unto harvest and the laborers are few! We need to find the lost sheep of the House of Yisrael. Soon the shofar of Yahweh will sound. Yahshua will then return during the Feast of Trumpets for the Wedding Supper of the Lamb in Yerushalayim. He will finish the work of restoring the fallen Tabernacle of David and Yisrael will be ONE again in His hand (**Ezek.37**), and our salvation will be complete! He will reign from the throne of His father David in Yerushalayim for 1,000 years.

This is a Feast in which we need to celebrate! It is the time of harvest. Let us pray Yahweh will fill our garners with His grain from the fields. **Am Yisrael CHAI!** The people of Yisrael live!