

The Feast of Harvest

After the Great Flood, Noah built an altar and offered burnt offerings unto YeHoVaH.

Ge 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Ge 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Ge 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

We know that this Command was for them to replenish the earth with mankind.

When Father established His Feast cycles, He connected each cycle to a particular harvest and a reminder of their lives in bondage in Egypt.

Passover, Unleavened Bread, and the first of the Firstfruits were connected to the barley grain harvest.

The first mention of Pentecost, Feast of Weeks, and the Day of Firstfruits was the Feast of Harvest connected to the wheat grain harvest.

The Day of Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles were connected to the ingathering at the year's end.

During each of these cycles, Israel was to come before YeHoVaH at the place He places His Name.

The first Feast in the annual cycle is set according to the new moon of the first month and the barley harvest.

Abib means green corn in the ear, a clear reference to the barley. Starting in the first month of the year, the counting of days and the counting of months begin based on the sighting of the new moon.

If you separate the Feasts from the harvests, what you have left is dates and times.

If you separate the Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, and Firstfruits from the harvest, you are left with days and months.

The Early Feasts of YeHoVaH are divinely connected to the barley harvest and the wheat harvest.

- Waving of the sheaf/omer of barley/abib
- Waving of the loaves of wheat bread

The Latter Feasts of YeHoVaH, beginning with the Day of Trumpets, are set according to the new moon of the seventh month.

The seventh month is determined by the seventh new moon from the first new moon of Abib.

The Feast of Weeks is connected to weeks, harvest, and first fruits.

- Seven Weeks/ Seven Sabbaths + 1 Day
- Wheat harvest
- First fruits of the wheat harvest

This Feast is called by several names in the Bible:

- Feast of Harvest
- Feast of Weeks
- Day of Firstfruits
- Feast of Pentecost

The Feast of Harvest and Firstfruits:

Ex 23:16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Ex 23:17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

Nu 28:26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

Ex 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

Ex 34:23 Thrice in the year shall all your menchildren appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.

Lev 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

Lev 23:16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

Some have taken verse 16 as a second count of fifty days after the seven weeks/Sabbaths for a total of 99 or a hundred days, roughly 3 months and two weeks. That timeframe is well outside of the time of the wheat harvest.

Deuteronomy 16:9 gives us focus.

Dt 16:9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn.

Dt 16:10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

Dt 16:11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

Dt 16:12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

The Feast of Weeks, Feast of Harvest, and Day of Firstfruits are called the Day of Pentecost in the New Testament.

Ac 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Ac 20:16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

1Co 16:8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

1Co 16:9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

Yeshua's coming and being crucified at Passover, was at the beginning of the harvest cycle. This set the stage for the great harvest of souls that He equipped the disciples and Apostles to reap.

Yeshua took fishermen of fish and made them fishers of men.

Yeshua took the common understandings of seedtime and harvest, sowing and reaping, and applied them to the Word being seed and men being the harvest.

Yeshua said on several occasions that the harvest is plentiful and that we are to pray for the Lord of the Harvest to raise up laborers.

Mt 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

Mt 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Lk 10:1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

Lk 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

Jn 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Jn 4:36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

It is striking that the Promised Holy Spirit was given on the day of Pentecost: the celebration of the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Harvest, and Day of Firstfruits.

Today, as we celebrate The Feast of Weeks, Feast of Harvest and Day of Firstfruits, called the Day of Pentecost, let us remember the purpose of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit empowers the followers of Messiah to be witnesses of Him and to take the Gospel of the Kingdom, the Sowing of the seed of the Word of God/YeHoVaH, to the uttermost parts of the world.

The Harvest is plentiful...

Firstfruits - Offerings and Prayer - Deuteronomy 26

Dt 26:1 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;

Dt 26:2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.

Dt 26:3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD swore unto our fathers for to give us.

Dt 26:4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

Dt 26:5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:

Dt 26:6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:

Dt 26:7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

Dt 26:8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

Dt 26:9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Dt 26:10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

Dt 26:11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

3rd Year Tithe - Offerings and Prayer

Dt 26:12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

Dt 26:13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them:

Dt 26:14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away aught thereof for any unclean use, nor given aught thereof for the dead: but I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

Dt 26:15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.