

GENESIS TO REVELATION

As we earnestly and seriously take God at His Word from Genesis to Revelation, then we also in obedience to Him, will be able by faith to receive the power of God in our daily lives so that we can also with the Prophets and Disciples of old, exercise His goodness to others in this matter, according to the Book of Romans, Chapter I,

16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17: For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

May Ha-Shem grant each one of us this marvelous power to communicate His message to the entire world, 'to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile'.

Shalom in our blessed Messiah,

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SHAVUOT (PENTECOST)

Shavuot is one of the seven feasts of the Lord found in Leviticus chapter 23, and its importance is of paramount value, not only to the Jewish people, but also, to the Christian community.

In the New Testament it is called 'Pentecost', due to the fact that its observance falls on the fiftieth day after the beginning of Passover.

In the days of the Prophet Moses it is believed that on this very day of Shavuot, the Torah (the Law) was given by the Lord God unto Moses to be given to the people of Israel and, to be shared with the entire world. How merciful and kind is the Lord God of heaven and earth.

THE 613 COMMANDMENTS

Within the Torah, the 613 commandments were given, and within the 613 Mitzvots, the Ten Commandments are found. Therefore its principles and laws have been given to the world as a premise by which to live and rule with integrity and wholeness of mind and heart.

Over the millenniums the book that is read on 'Shavuot' is the scroll of Ruth, which depicts the love of God for a Gentile young lady and her devotion and love to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and His people Israel.

IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL

In the Land of Israel today, Shavuot is a public holiday allowing the Israelis to involve themselves with the opportunity to remember God and His wonderful and beneficial treatment of the Jewish people throughout known history.

as recorded in the Book of John, Chapter 20,

19: Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20: And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21: Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22: And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

When Y'shua (Jesus) said, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost', before the Pentecost experience, His followers that were gathered with Him, were endued with power from above, but, its ultimate and complete manifested power, 'publicly' took place on Shavuot (Pentecost).

Isn't it wonderful to know and understand that all things are in the Hands of our blessed God and Saviour, and that He brings to pass His good, and acceptable and perfect will, in His time and choosing. To God be all the glory and honour.

OUR CLOSING THOUGHT

Our closing thought comes from the Book of Jude,

24: Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

25: To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.



- 1: And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*
- 2: And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*
- 3: And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*
- 4: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*
- 5: And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.*
- 6: Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.*
- 7: And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?*
- 8: And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*
- 9: Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,*
- 10: Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,*
- 11: Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

It was on this very day of Pentecost (Shavuot) that those Jewish believers in the Messiah, were endowed with the ability to speak in 'known' tongues as a witness to those Jewish individuals gathered in Jerusalem in obedience and observance of Shavuot.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Now, please remember that our Lord had previously given to each of His Disciples the 'private' blessing of the Spirit of God,

A favorite food that is partaken of are cheese blintzes, and as such, Jewish people world wide enjoy this delicacy while at the same time remembering the harvest season and God's blessing upon His people and His land, that is, the Land which floweth with milk and honey, Eretz Yisrael (the Land of Israel).

LEVITICUS 23

The following Scriptures from the book of Leviticus, chapter 23, will show us the command of God for Israel, and their responsibility in observance of the same.

- 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:*
- 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.*
- 17: Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.*
- 18: And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD.*
- 19: Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.*
- 20: And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.*
- 21: And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your*

generations.

22: And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD

As you can see by the above reading, that the Lord declares Himself as the one true God and His demand for His children to be obedient to Him, and in so doing, the blessings that follow are without number. Thank you Lord.

Now, the relationship between Shavuot and Pentecost is quite remarkable.

OUR BLESSED MESSIAH

After the death, burial and resurrection of our blessed Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, commissioned His Apostles and Disciples to wait in the City of Jerusalem for the promise of the Father.

The following verses from the Book of Acts, chapter I, will give us our Scriptural reference for this wonderful feast and fulfillment.

4: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5: For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6: When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7: And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or

the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9: And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10: And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11: Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12: Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13: And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14: These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Now, as we continue our journey in search of the culmination of Shavuot in Brit Ha-Dashah (The New Testament), we come face to face with the reason for Jesus' disciples being told to wait in Jerusalem for the 'promise', or as they did experience, the Comforter from the Father.

IT'S FULFILLMENT

Here is the Scripture of importance in regards to Shavuot and it's fulfillment after almost 1,500 years of waiting from its genesis, and it is found in the Book of Acts, chapter 2,