



WHAT IS *Shavuot?*

FEAST OF WEEKS

Leviticus 23: 15-17

You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD.

Last of the Spring Feasts

Shavuot is the feast held at the end of the wheat harvest season. It concludes the Passover season and the four spring feasts. Israel's focus was gratitude to Yahweh for His provision and abundance. Today, there are two main events celebrated in conjunction with Shavuot: the giving of Torah and the indwelling of Holy Spirit.

Marriage Proposal at Sinai

Exodus 19 paints the beautiful picture of Israel accepting the proposal to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" at the base of Mt. Sinai and receiving the 10 Commandments, the vows, seven full weeks after the exodus from Egypt.

Known as Pentecost in Greek

In Acts 2, the disciples were gathered together for Shavuot when the Holy Spirit filled the room and fell like tongues of fire. They were all filled with the Spirit and began to speak in other tongues.

Spirit and Truth

It is no coincidence that the Truth and the Spirit were both given on the same feast day 1400 years apart. In John 14:15-31, Yeshua tells his followers how to love Him and promises the Holy Spirit, who will bring to remembrance all of His commands.

Shavuot reminds us to love the Father by keeping the vows made at Sinai through the power of Holy Spirit within us. His Spirit drives us to remember our first love and the commitment we made to Him.