

Shavuot

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Today (May 27th) is Shavuot. You might know it as Pentecost. Two thousand years ago on this day, the Holy Spirit came down with fire and filled the disciples (Acts 2).

On this same day, more than a thousand years earlier, the Lord came down on Mount Sinai with lightning and thunder and smoke (Exodus 19-20). Here He gave the ten commandments. Many consider this to be the marriage covenant between Israel and Adonai.

The command to observe Shavuot is:

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: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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 gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

Leviticus 23:15-22

This day is to be a high holy Sabbath, a day when we are to focus on God and His Word and remember what He started on this day and continues today

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