

Pentecost - Feast of Weeks

Shavuot - Shaw-v-watt (Weeks)

Break 1

It's His story - Not ours. We will read and look at it from His perspective.

Jeremiah 31 (The whole chapter)

Jeremiah 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

50 days ago I was here for 3 feasts in one

Passover = The Crucifixion (Betrothal - Engagement)

He didn't sacrifice some cash for a ring - He gave His perfect life to redeem our every failure (It's when God delivered us from a bad relationship - sin was like a pharaoh who enslaved us)

First Fruits = The Resurrection

Feast of Unleavened Bread = The Sinless Walk of Grace

Today we are looking at the last of the Spring Feasts

The Feast of Weeks / Pentecost = Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Wedding Day)

Count 50 days from the Feast of First Fruits

The Feast of Weeks is the only festival for which the date is not given (a certain day of a certain month).

Passover is the 14th day, Unleavened Bread is the following Day...

It's just, "From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering (First Fruits), count off seven full weeks $7 \times 7 = 49$ ($49 + 1 = 50$)."

Some consider it the date of the rapture of the church. (Most consider that Rosh Hashanah in the Fall.)

This same Pentecost/Weeks (Wedding) was when the Holy Spirit came to dwell within man as a deposit (wedding ring) of what is to come.

We are saved, baptized, overcome/endure, meet Christ in the air, marry on Mount Zion.

Keep in mind the Passover season (50 days ago) was our betrothal or engagement to God. Jesus dies, rises from the grave and stays for 40 days and then leaves promising He will return.

In a Jewish marriage, before the wedding the groom leaves for an unspecified amount of time (It's not known exactly when he will return). He goes to prepare a place for his bride to live.

So Jesus ascends from Mount Zion promising to return for the disciples, and in Revelation we learn that He will in fact return to Mount Zion. Why there? To get His bride.

The first Feast of Weeks for Moses and the Israelites coming out of Egypt was celebrated at Mount Sinai.

The Law was given. There is more to the story...

The 10 Commandments was the vows or marriage contract.

(This wedding was an epic fail - So Revelation 21 has our new vows)

Mount Sinai - All the people gather at the foot of Mount Sinai and God declares out loud the 10 Commandments (this is before the tablets of stones)

Deuteronomy 4:11-14 "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. 12 And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice. 13 So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess.

After this encounter with God, the Elders actually have a wedding feast with God on the mountain. - then the tablets of stone

Exodus 24:9-11 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Mount Sinai is the Chuppah (wedding canopy) over their heads.

Break 2

Listen to the wedding vows. 10 vows.

The first 5 are how we relate to God. The second 5 are how we relate to the other members of the bride.

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

I rescued you because I love you and you alone. I give you me. Don't give your love to anyone else.

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Focus on Me. Because I am all about you.

7 "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Let my name make your heart sing

The Lord = Jehovah = "the existing One" = I Am

The proper name of the one true God

Think of the teenager writing the name of the one they love over and over and over

It became the unpronounced word in Hebrew - except without the vowels

8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Let's not get sidetracked doing even important stuff - let's take time to just be together every week

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

The way I am treating you is the way I want you to treat my bride.

Look for ways to honor them,

I will give you everything you need and I will give each of them everything they need so don't lose you focus.

Don't hurt them, don't take what I give them, don't lie about them.

Don't even desire what I give them.

2 Samuel 12:7-9 The prophet Nathan rebukes David for his sins"

"Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! 9 Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight?'"

Break 3

So what has God done with the Israelites so far?

He instituted Passover in Egypt - blood on their doors protect them.

He delivered them from slavery (a bad relationship)

Killed the first born of the Egyptians (this is what I will do to those who try to hurt you)

Divided the Red Sea and leads them through (nothing will separate us)

Provided over and over all they need during their long desert journey

Finally they arrived 50 days later at Mt Sinai and God says "it's time to marry me"

Deuteronomy 5:23-33

23 “So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. 24 And you said: ‘Surely the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives.

This must have been terrifying - it was intended to comfort them - they were marrying Him - He was showing them how awesome He was - that they need fear no one

25 Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the Lord our God anymore, then we shall die. 26 For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27 (They say to Moses) You go near and hear all that the Lord our God may say, and tell us all that the Lord our God says to you, and we will hear and do it.’

So God offers marriage and they say no thanks.

28 “Then the Lord heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the Lord said to me: ‘I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. 29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever! 30 Go and say to them, “Return to your tents.”

That's the saddest verse in the Bible - you can hear God's heart break - the ceremony ends - the bride goes one way and the groom goes the other - the marriage is delayed for 1,500 years

31 But as for you, stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe them in the land which I am giving them to possess.’ 32 “Therefore you shall be careful to do as the Lord your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33 You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

What was intended to the wedding vows become the first 10 commandments of 613 laws in the Torah. 248 Positive Commandments (do's) and 365 Negative Commandments (do not's) To add to their burden there is the Talmud (traditions and explanations) which is over 6,200 pages long.

There are 1,050 commands in the New Testament for Christians to obey. Due to repetitions we can classify them under about 800 headings.

The Wedding Vows of the Bride of Christ

Revelation 21:1-8 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying,

*“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

*4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;

*there shall be no more death,

*nor sorrow,

*nor crying.

*There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

*5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

*6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

*7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

*8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Break 4

Count 50 days from (Nissan 16) Feast of First Fruits (Resurrection Day)

Like the Jews of the first century, many Christians today are more influenced by teachers who have overseen their growth, then they are by the words of Jesus.

There are several groups with opinions within Christianity.

1. Cessationists - (John MacArthur) believe the Baptism/Gifts of the Holy Spirit ended either with the death of the apostles or when the Bible, the Word of God, was compiled in the third century, which they say made the gifts unnecessary.

1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

All of the Feasts are eternal, non-ending events that will be present even in eternity on the new earth. The gifts didn't end, the baptism of the Holy Spirit didn't end.

Like the 1st century Jews who set the date of Pentecost to celebrate the Word and so missed the Spirit, Christians who eliminate the Gifts of the Spirit, also literally miss the Spirit.

2. Filled or Baptized - scripture uses the terms interchangeably which causes some to be confused. As a result some argue that the only in-filling happens at salvation and no spiritual gifts need to manifest to prove it.

John 20:19-22 ...[directly following His Resurrection] Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (= Salvation)

In Acts 1:4-5, following His resurrection, speaking of Pentecost, Jesus tells them, "you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (= Different Event)

In John 14:16, Jesus says about the Father, "He will give you another helper, that He will be with you forever." (= Either)

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. (= Salvation)

So, there are 2 groups who struggle with the subject of the Holy Spirit

There are 2 other groups who struggle with the subject of the gift of tongues

Break 5 - 2 Perspectives

1. Tongues Is Not Necessary - "The Holy Spirit is a fact of experience. For many Christians today it is a fact of doctrine." (John Piper) Nothing trumps a testimony of experience.

This group believes you can be baptized in the Holy Spirit and power without speaking in tongues.

Gifts of the Father

Romans 12:4-8 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Gifts of the Son

Ephesians 4:11-13 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

2. Tongues Is Necessary - Pentecostals

Acts 1:4-8 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His

own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- The experience was different for me, then it was for Kelly, and then it was for Corrie.
- Wait for the promise - no matter how long it takes -
- No matter what others experience, don't assume God will do things the same way with you.
- Worship Him constantly - ask to be filled
- When opportunities arise for the laying on of hands - have faith and see what happens.
- Don't stop till you are full.

Elements of the Feast of Weeks/Pentecost:

All Major Sacrifices were Present - Only Christians can receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit

The Date is Unknown - God is fully in control and it is a language that you don't learn to speak

2 Leavened Loaves - 2 elements are required - the Holy Spirit and you are necessary.

Wedding Day - it's an aspect of becoming one with Christ which causes your life to be fruitful

Out of Control - God does it - You receive it

Deuteronomy 4:11-12 "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice.

Revival - Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Gifts of the Spirit, Tongues, Healings, Salvations, and Profound Repentance with a Life Change have been a part of every major Revival & Move of God in History

Moravians 1700's, 1st Great Awakening 1700's (Edwards/Whitefield), 2nd Great Awakening 1800's (Finney/Booth), Welsh Revival & Azusa Street 1900's (Roberts/Parham/Seymour), Hebrides 1950's (Duncan Campbell), Brownsville 1990's

Personal Stories/Testimonies

Ray/Kelly/Corrie

Break 6

Day 1 - Feast of **First Fruits** - Resurrection of Jesus***

Leviticus 23:9-14...*'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before the Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the Lord a lamb a year old without defect, together with its grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with olive oil—a food offering presented to the Lord, a pleasing aroma—and its drink offering of a quarter of a hin of wine. You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.*

This feast corresponds with the harvest of Barley in the land of Israel...the first crop reaped from the winter sowing. The nation was thanking the Lord for the coming harvest. The people were forbidden to eat of the crops until the "First Fruits" were celebrated. Righteousness cannot come by the Law. There can be no harvest without the sacrificial death of Jesus and His resurrection.

The Feast of First Fruits marked the start of Israel's grain harvest and the beginning of the count for the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), which took place forty nine days after First Fruits, on the Fiftieth Day.

Look at the shadows of Leviticus 23 and the reality 2,000 years ago:

Jesus is all of the elements or shadows mentioned in the verses. Obviously He is the Lamb.

The barley is a double shadow - the barley represents Jesus at His death and the church during her life. *John 15:20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.*

This barley was taken to the Temple to be threshed with rods (Jesus was beaten), as opposed to ox powered sledges, to preserve the barley heads (Jesus received 40-1 lashes so he wouldn't die from the beating).

The barley was then parched in a flame and winnowed in the wind to remove the chaff.

(Mark 9:49 "For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.

1 Corinthians 3:13 "Each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.)

The barley was then milled and sifted until it was very fine. One "Omer" (5 pints) of barley was mixed with $\frac{3}{4}$ pint of olive oil, along with some frankincense.

The purpose of First fruits is to demonstrate to man that God is owner of all our wealth. God declared that the first fruits of the land was His, including the firstborn of livestock. Jesus was the first born. We are the fruit that followed.

Romans 8:23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 11:16 If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep...But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Break 7

First Fruits is the second day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It's the beginning of something (the countdown to Pentecost) and it's part of something (the Feast of Unleavened Bread) and all that it represents.

Leviticus 23:6-8 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. 7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. 8 But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord for seven days. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it."

This Feast really represents our daily lives as Christians.

Unlike creation when only the 7th day was holy, now the first and 7th are holy, because at the death of Christ, we entered our rest.

It is from grace to grace.

Matthew 27:51-53 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

There is another double shadow there. The imagery is of the saints of old being released from Hades and entering heaven, and of us coming from death to life.

The time between First Fruits and the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) has a lot of interesting history: (Keep in mind this also the 40 days Jesus stayed on earth after his resurrection before His ascension. 10 days later was Pentecost.)

1. This time was the ending of Noah's flood (the first re-birth of the world).

It's a celebration of God's promise never to destroy the world by water again.

2. Israel Crossed the Red Sea under the protection of the Cloud/Pillar of Fire (The Sea and the Cloud/pillar are shadows of our rescue and baptism). Until then they were still technically in Egyptian territory, but now they were in Arabia. The minute we enter our baptism, we enter our rest. They marched directly into the sea and it split in two as they walked through it. We march directly into death, which has lost its sting and walk into the arms of Jesus.

3. It was a time of testing like at Marah - it's a picture of the Christian life. *Exodus 15 So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. They could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. (This world of sin is now bitter. What we once loved is no longer sweet). And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. (Jesus is that branch - as is the cross). Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.*

4. The Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month - Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you.

5. Rephidim - Means Resting Place --- Water From Rock
It's a fertile valley between the Wilderness of Shur and the Wilderness of Sin
They expected water to be there (what kind of unreal expectations do we place on Jesus)
They camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink.
And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses,
And the Lord said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink."

The rock being struck is Jesus on the cross at Passover and the water flowing from that rock is the Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost 50 days later.

Moses name the place Tested and Contention because they tempted the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

6. Day 40 - Amalekites Attack & Jethro's Advice
The descendents of Esau attacked the stragglers and then the whole group
The brother and brother in law of Moses lifted his hands so he could hold the rod up and Joshua defeated them. The unity of the body of Christ.

Deuteronomy 8:1-6 "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments

or not. 3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. 5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you. 6 “Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

Moses' father in law Jethro gives advice on appointing leaders
They leave Rephidim and camp at Sinai
Jesus ascends into heaven
Disciples wait for Pentecost

Break 8

Pentecost - The Feast of Weeks

When we started I read Leviticus 23 about the Feast of First Fruits and the wave offering that represented the resurrection of Jesus and those in Hades. There was barley with oil, a lamb, and wine.

Now we are going forward 50 days to another wave offering. This one is the Feast of Weeks/Pentecost.

Leviticus 23:15-23 “From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord. From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the Lord. Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without defect, one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to the Lord, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings—a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the Lord. Then sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering (or peace offering)...“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the Lord your God.”

Meal Offering that's waved - flour, frankincense, oil, salt - an unblemished life

Burnt Offering- it's all burned - the life and death of Jesus perfectly accomplished the will of God.

Sin Offering - remission of sin

Fellowship or Peace Offering - He became our peace or substitute

So you have yeast in an offering of bread, lambs, and bulls, and rams and goats, and a little addendum to remember the poor. A lot is going on and something different is happening.

The focus here is on wheat, but they brought the first fruits all their crops.

There were 7 common crops at Pentecost (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates).

1,550 years after the first Feast of Weeks, this is the day the Holy Spirit came upon the believers

gathered in the upper room.

What happens when the Holy Spirit comes into your life? You manifest the Fruit of the Spirit.

The first Pentecost was when Moses and Israel received the Law. Jesus fulfilled the first three feasts, in His death, burial and resurrection (Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits).

The Feast of Weeks is fulfilled in the empowering of the Church to bring the harvest of the Gospel.

(First Fruits was the harvest of barley).

Weeks/Pentecost was when the summer Wheat/other crops harvest were brought to the Temple.

Remember how Israel was forbidden to eat the barley crop before the feast of Firstfruits.

The same principle is applied toward the wheat and other crops. Why?

Luke 24:49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Acts 1:4,8 He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father...But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

There was no salvation or infilling of the Holy Spirit without the cross.

There is no power apart from the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Break 9

They wave 1 sheaf of barley at First Fruits, but 2 loaves of leavened bread at Weeks.

Why 2 loaves?

It's a Double Shadow.

***1. It's our wedding day which requires a bride and groom.

Revelation 21:1-4 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

***2. Israel is a nation of Jews. The church is made up of both Jews and Gentiles.

Ephesians 2:14-17 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. and He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

Why leavened?

It's a Double Shadow.

This is the only religious service in which priests use leavened bread.

1. The harvest will be people who will not live entirely sin free (unleavened speaks of God).

The church will rely on God's righteousness to make them blameless.

Leaven (yeast) is a symbol of decay.

While we are in these bodies, we are dying or decaying daily.

2. In the same way that the Israelites lifted up the serpent in the desert and it represented Jesus on the cross, this leaven represents the Holy Spirit

Matthew 13:33 Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

In this case, the Holy Spirit in us is causing a change in us, changing our nature and character into a sweet smelling fragrance (fresh yeasty bread smells awesome).

Jesus calls Himself the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. That Greek word for bread (artos) is used only for leavened bread. The word for unleavened bread is (azumos).

Break 10

When the Feast of Weeks birthed the Church

Observant Jews will also stay up the entire night discussing and studying Torah. Discussion revolve around the opening and closing scriptures of each book of the Bible, and the entire book of Ruth (The book of Ruth took place at the time of the harvest. As a gentile, she joined the tribe of Judah with her marriage to Boaz. From the line of Judah came Jesus, who also redeemed for Himself a gentile bride).

Contrast these two realities:

Sinai - In the morning thousands of Jews wind their way toward the site of the Temple and pour onto the Western Wall plaza for prayers that celebrate

1 Being God's chosen people

2 the birth of Judaism

3 and they commit themselves to follow the Law that was written by God on tablets of stone.

Jerusalem - This was the time the Holy Spirit came with tongues of fire and a loud wind that attracted thousands:

1 who became the people of God

2 and launched the birth of the church,

3 with God writing the Law on our hearts.

This is where the Old Covenant met the New Covenant.

There are seven feasts. Israel is commanded to appear before the Lord for three of the seven. These were known as solemn feasts. Israel was to do no work. (Unleavened Bread, 50 days later Weeks, and 4 months later Tabernacles).

First Fruits & the 7 Day Feast of Unleavened Bread speaks of Jesus as the first born becoming the first fruits of many.

The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) is the birth of that harvest of fruits.

In the Fall at Sukkoth (The Feast of Tabernacles) was the birth of Christ.

John 4:35-36 Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. 36 Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

The days and years we are living in right now are the summer months, we are in the harvest, and are primary job is the harvest. It's not God's job (we can't wait for the fall feast).

40 Days in the wilderness - a shadow of the Church

Like the Israelites coming out of Egypt, we are facing lack, fear, desire for sin, opportunities for faith and provision, attack from our enemies, opportunities to lead.

- The rains (in Noah's day) fell for 40 days and nights (Genesis 7:4).
- Israel ate Manna for 40 years (Exodus 16:35).
- Moses was with God on the mountain, 40 days and nights (Exodus 24:18).
- Moses was again with God 40 days and 40 nights (Exodus 34:28).
- The spies searched the land of Canaan for 40 days (Numbers 13:25).

- Therefore, God made Israel wander for 40 years (Numbers 14:33-34).
- 40 stripes was the maximum whipping penalty (Deuteronomy 25:3).
- God allowed the land to rest for 40 years (Judges 3:11).
- Israel did evil; God gave them to an enemy for 40 years (Judges 13:1).
- Eli judged Israel for 40 years (1 Samuel 4:18).
- Goliath presented himself to Israel for 40 days (1 Samuel 17:16).
- Saul reigned for 40 years (Acts 13:21).
- David and Solomon each reigned over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4, 1 Kings 2:11).
- God gave Nineveh 40 days to repent (Jonah 3:4).
- Jesus fasted 40 days and nights (Matthew 4:2). (type of the church age)
- Jesus was tempted 40 days (Luke 4:2, Mark 1:13).
- Jesus remained on earth 40 days after resurrection (Acts 1:3).
- Women are pregnant for 40 weeks (time of testing).