DAY OF PENTECOST

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The Festival of Pentecost (Shavuot)

Leviticus 23:15-17,21

15 'You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths. 16 You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the LORD. 17 You shall bring in from your dwelling places two loaves of bread for a wave offering, made of two-tenths of an ephah; they shall be of a fine flour, baked with leaven as first fruits to the LORD. 21 On this same day you shall make a <u>proclamation</u> as well; you are to have a holy convocation. You shall do no laborious work. It is to be a perpetual statute in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.

1 Peter 2:9 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His maryelous light;

The Two Loaves Of Shavuot

Leviticus 23:9-14

9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 10 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. 11 He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD for you to be accepted; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. 12 Now on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb one year old without defect for a burnt offering to the Lord. 13 Its grain offering shall then be twotenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire to the Lord for a soothing aroma, with its drink offering, a fourth of a hin of wine. 14 Until this same day, until you have brought in the offering of your God, you shall eat neither bread nor roasted grain nor new growth. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places. The wave sheaf was to be an offering of the firstfruits of the harvest. They were not allowed to eat any of the grain of the first harvest, until after this offering was made. What did the wave sheaf represent?

1 Corinthians 15:20

20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

Who or what did the wave sheaf represent? Who is THE firstfruit? Yeshua! He is the firstfruits of all who will be born into YHVH's Kingdom! What about the two loaves of bread that were a wave offering on Shavuot? What could those loaves represent?

Leviticus 23:17

17 You shall bring in from your dwelling places two loaves of bread for a wave offering, made of two-tenths of an ephah; they shall be of a fine flour, baked with leaven as first fruits to the LORD.

Notice that these loaves are also a firstfruit offering. If the wave sheaf represented Yeshua ascending to the Father, then what do these two wave loaves represent? Why were the two loaves to be leavened? None of the normal grain offerings were ever to contain leaven.

Leviticus 2:11

11 'No grain offering, which you bring to the LORD, shall be made with leaven, for you shall not offer up in smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to the LORD. YHVH specifically told Yisrael to leaven the loaves that were to be offered and also notice that these loaves were to come from the people. The loaves were to come from their own dwellings! What did the leaven in these loaves represent?

John 6:32-34

32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." When YHVH brought Yisrael out of Mitsrayim, they were deleavened and then He began to feed them on manna which He provided for them. The manna represented the Word, Yeshua, that was going to come down with the bread of life in the future. The leaven in the loaves represented the people being leavened with the true Word, the bread of life, after they had been deleavened and purified from the world

If the wave sheaf represented Yeshua rising up to the Father, do the loaves represent something ascending as well? If these leavened loaves came from the people themselves and they were also called firstfruits to YHVH, what do the loaves picture? The resurrection and transformation of the set-apart ones!