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The Festival of Pentecost (*Shavuot*)

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Exodus 34:22

And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

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Deuteronomy 16:9-10

9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn.*

10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto Yahweh thy Elohim with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto Yahweh thy Elohim*, according as Yahweh thy Elohim hath blessed thee:

The *Omer*: Countdown to Sinai

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The period called "the *omer*" begins the day following the sabbath during Passover (*Pesach*) and continues until *Shavuot* (Pentecost). The Torah commanded that seven weeks be counted from the time of the offering of the *omer*, as it says:

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Leviticus 23:15-17,21

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 Yahweh.

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 Yahweh.

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.

Because of this ritual of counting, the period between Passover (*Pesach*) and Pentecost (*Shavuot*) came to be known as the *omer*. In fact, *Shavuot* does not have a fixed calendar date in the Bible, but rather falls on the day after the completion of the omer count -- that is, the fiftieth day after the *omer* offering is brought.

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Shavuot is also known as a day of proclamation. Shavuot has been designated as the day that Yahweh proclaimed His Torah, His instructions for life. It was on Shavuot that the talmidim, the disciples of Yahshua proclaimed the Good News in Jerusalem and 3000 Jewish souls were added to those who believed in Yahshua.

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Today those of us who believe and do what Elohim has commanded are to likewise proclaim Him. Shavuot is a day to proclaim the victory that we have in the Yahweh. Believers in Messiah Yahshua are to function as priests in the world today proclaiming the excellencies of His name.

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We are to come into His courts on His appointed days, at His appointed times each with a psalm, a teaching, a revelation, a prophecy. Through the outpouring of Yahweh Spirit on Shavuot, Yahweh restored the priesthood to those who have trusted in Yahshua as Master and Messiah. (1 Peter 2:9)

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1 Peter 2:1-9

1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

3 If so be ye have tasted that Yahweh is gracious.

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4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of Elohim, and precious,
5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to Elohim by Yahshua Messiah.

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6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed the same is made the head of the corner,

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8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: where unto also they were appointed.

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

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