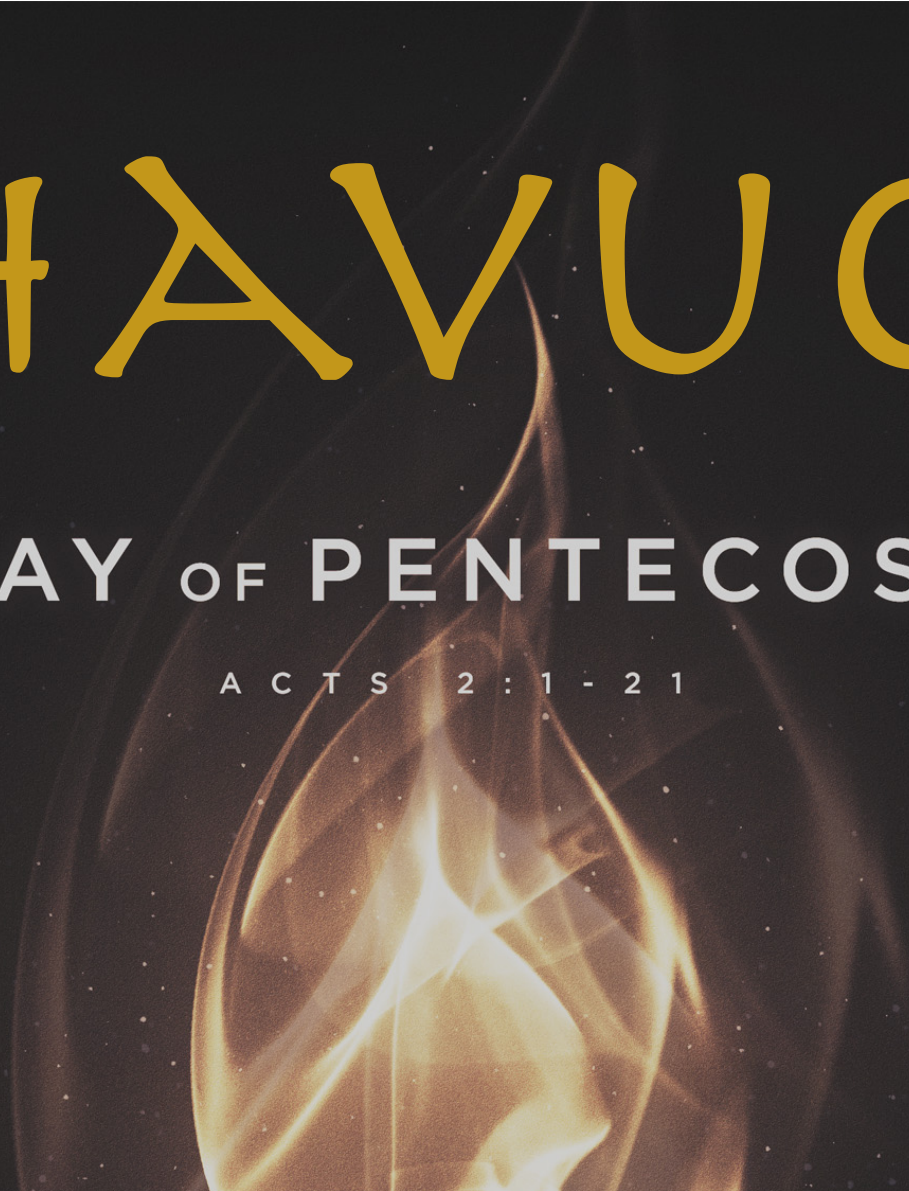


SHAVUOT

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The Historical Understanding of Pentecost (*Shavuot*)

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In the third month after the Jews left Egypt, they arrived in the Sinai desert and camped opposite Mount Sinai. Moses was then told by Elohim to gather the Israelites together to receive the Torah (Exodus 19:1-8). The Israelites answered, "*All that the Yahweh has spoken we will do!*" In Hebrew, it means, "We agree to do even before we have listened."

Exodus 19:1-8

1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto Elohim, and
Yahweh called unto him out of the
mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to
the house of Jacob, and tell the
children of Israel;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the
Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles'
wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:
6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which Yahweh commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that Yahweh hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto Yahweh.

Moses then gave the Jews two days to cleanse themselves, wash their clothes, and prepare to receive the Torah on the third day. At the same time, Moses told them not to come too near Mount Sinai. From early morning, dense clouds covered the peak of the mountain. Thunder and lightning were frequently seen and heard. The sound of the *shofar* (ram's horn) came very strong, and the top of the mountain was enveloped in fire and smoke.

The Israelites at the foot of
Mount Sinai stood in great awe
(Exodus 19:9-19).

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Exodus 19:9-19

9 And Yahweh said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto Yahweh.

10 And Yahweh said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,

11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day Yahweh will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye go not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at *your* wives.

16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with Elohim; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because Yahweh descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and Elohim answered him by a voice.

Moses then went up alone on the mountain, and as he neared the top, a mighty voice announced the Ten Commandments (Exodus 19:20- 25; 20:1-21).

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Exodus 19:20-25

20 And Yahweh came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and Yahweh called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

21 And Yahweh said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto Yahweh to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also, which come near to Yahweh, sanctify themselves, lest Yahweh break forth upon them.

23 And Moses said unto Yahweh, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

24 And Yahweh said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto Yahweh, lest he break forth upon them.

25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

Exodus 20:1-21

The Ten Commandments

1 And Elohim spake all these words, saying,

2 I *am* Yahweh thy Elohim, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other mighty ones before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I Yahweh thy Elohim *am* a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of Yahweh thy Elohim in vain; for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of Yahweh thy Elohim: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:
11 For *in* six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Yahweh blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother:
that thy days may be long upon the
land which Yahweh thy Elohim giveth
thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not Elohim speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for Elohim is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where Elohim *was*.

Themes of *Shavuot* (Pentecost)

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New Revelation

One theme of *Shavuot* (Pentecost) is a new revelation of Elohim's will.

Two notable historical events happened on this day.

1. The giving of the Ten Commandments or the Torah.

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It should be noted here that the Hebrew word *Torah*, commonly translated as "law" in English, does not mean "law," but "instruction or teaching" in the Hebrew language. By understanding the meaning of the Hebrew word *Torah*, we can see that the *Torah* was never intended, nor should it ever be understood by non-Jewish people, to mean a code of do's and don'ts. Rather, it should be seen as Elohim's instruction and teaching to us so we can understand Him better.

Shavuot (Pentecost) is called the season of the giving of the Torah in Hebrew, because this is the literal day that Elohim revealed Himself to the people of Israel as they stood at the base of Mount Sinai.

2. The giving of the Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh) by Yahweh.

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Yahshua was resurrected on the Feast of First Fruits (*Bikkurim*), as was seen in the previous chapter. Fifty days after the resurrection of *Yahshua*, the Holy Spirit (*Ruach HaKodesh*) came to dwell in the hearts and lives of all the believers in *Yahshua* (Acts 1:8; 2:1-18; Luke 24:49; Joel 2:28-29; Exodus 19:16; Isaiah 44:3; Deuteronomy 16:5-6, 16; 2 Kings 21:4).

Acts 1:8

8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 2:1-18

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

7 They were amazed and astonished, saying,
“Why, are not all these who are speaking
Galileans? 8 And how is it that we each hear
them in our own language to which we were
born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and
residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.”

12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others were mocking and saying, “They are full of sweet wine.”

14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. 15 For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

1. *Shavuot* in the Tanach (Ex 19)

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Exodus 19

Moses on Sinai

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- 1.The fiftieth day
- 2.Commandments of Elohim written on tablets of stone (Exodus 24:12)
- 3.Written by the finger of Elohim (Exodus 31:18)
- 4.3,000 slain (Exodus 32:1-8,26-28)
- 5.The letter of the Torah
- 6.Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:11)

2. *Shavuot* in the Brit Hadashah (Jeremiah 31:31-33)

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Jeremiah 31:31-33

31 Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that 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 bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith Yahweh:

33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith Yahweh, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people.

1.The fiftieth day

2.Commandments of Elohim written on our hearts

Jeremiah 31:33; Psalm 40:8; 37:31; Is 51:7;

Ezekiel 11:19-20; 36:22-27; 2 Cor 3:3;

Hebrews 8:10)

3.Written by the Spirit of Elohim

(2 Corinthians 3:3; Hebrews 8:10)

4.3,000 live saved (Acts 2:38-41)

5.The Spirit of the Torah (Romans 2:29; 7:6; 2
Cor 3:6)

6.Mount Zion (Romans 11:26; Hebrews 12:22;
1 Peter 2:6)

The Two Loaves Of Shavuot

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Leviticus 23:9-14

9 And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying,
10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say
unto them, When ye be come into the land
which I give unto you, and shall reap the
harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of
the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:
11 And he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh,
to be accepted for you: on the morrow after
the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto Yahweh.

13 And the meat offering thereof *shall be* two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto Yahweh *for* a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part* of an hin.

14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your Elohim: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

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?

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1 Corinthians 15:20

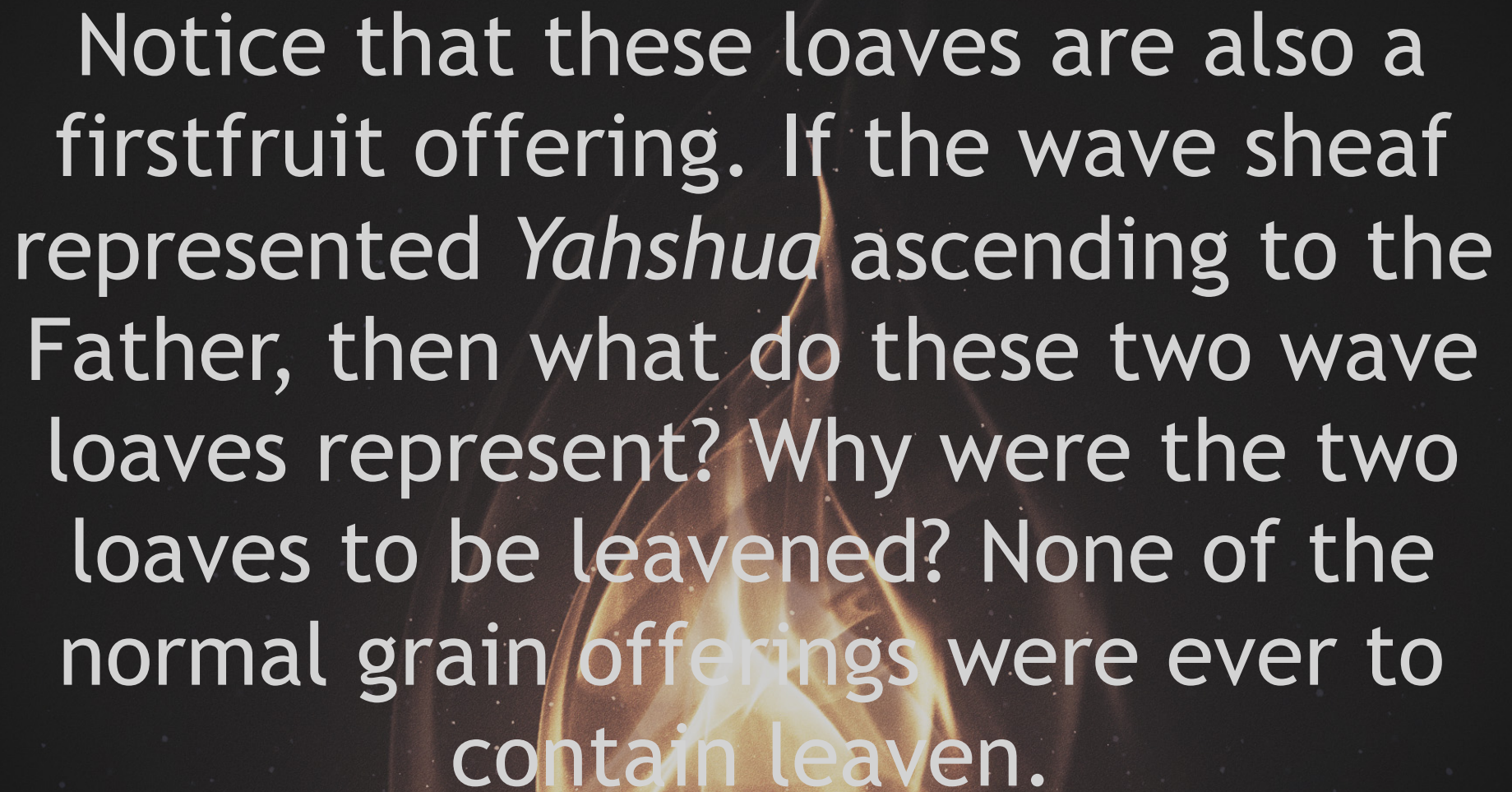
20 But now is Messiah risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Who or what did the wave sheaf represent?

Who is THE firstfruit? *Yahshua*! He is the firstfruits of all who will be born into Yahweh's Kingdom! What about the two loaves of bread that were a wave offering on Shavuot? What could those loaves represent?

Leviticus 23:17

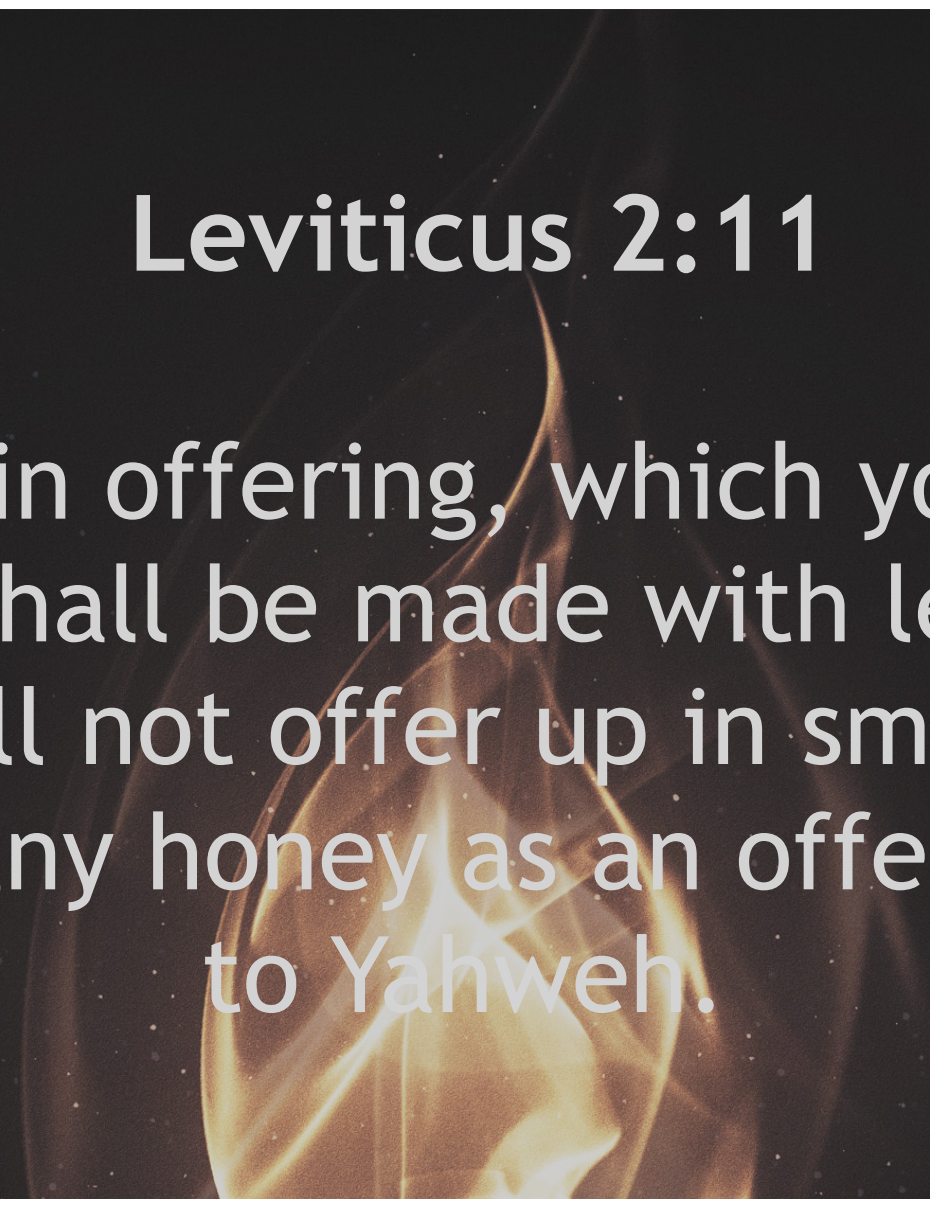
17 You shall bring in from your dwelling places two loaves of bread for a wave offering, made of two-tenths of an ephah; they shall be of a fine flour, baked with leaven as first fruits to the Yahweh.

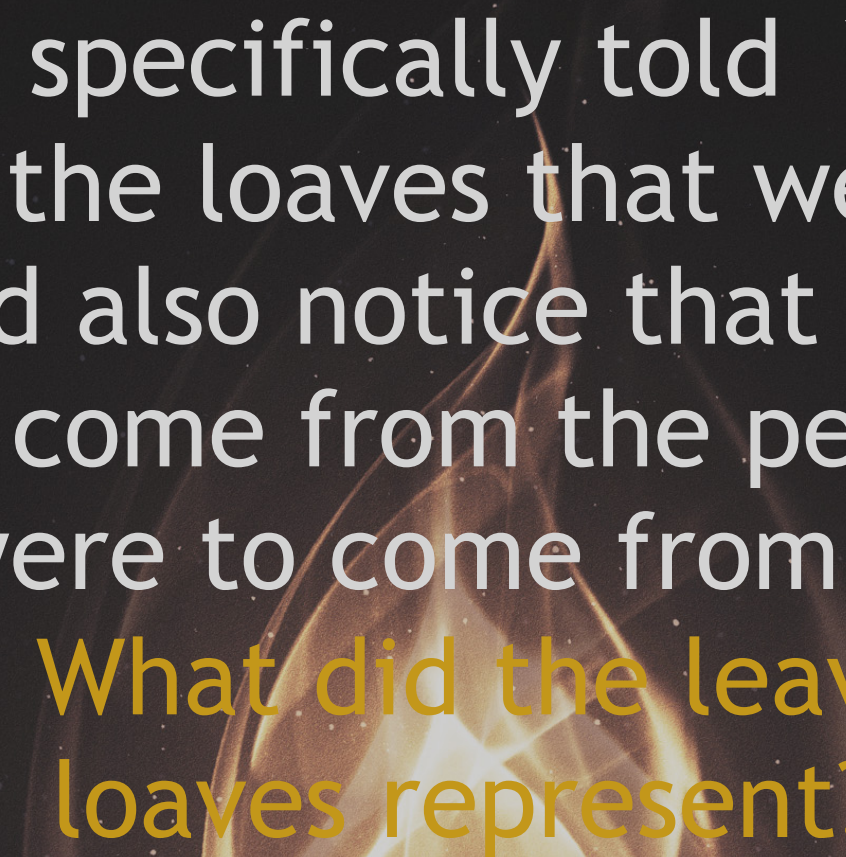


Notice that these loaves are also a firstfruit offering. If the wave sheaf represented *Yahshua* ascending to the Father, then what do these two wave loaves represent? Why were the two loaves to be leavened? None of the normal grain offerings were ever to contain leaven.

Leviticus 2:11

11 'No grain offering, which you bring to *Yahweh*, shall be made with leaven, for you shall not offer up in smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to *Yahweh*.





Yahweh 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 Then Yahshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of Elohim is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Master, evermore give us this bread.

When Yahweh 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, Yahshua, 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 Yahshua 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 Yahweh, what do the loaves picture? **The resurrection and transformation of the set-apart ones!**

The loaves picture those who rise to meet Yahshua and are changed and enter the Kingdom! It is those who have been prepared, who have responded to Father's call and de-leavened themselves of this world, in ways and separated themselves. It is those who have leavened themselves with the Word of Yahweh, the bread of life the Word who came in the flesh Yahshua, and have made themselves clean and undefiled.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Yahshua will Elohim bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of Yahweh, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Master shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Master himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Elohim: and the dead in Messiah shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Master in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Master.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Leviticus 19:9-10

9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I *am* Yahweh your Elohim.

Deuteronomy 23:3

3 No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of Yahweh; none of their descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of Yahweh,

Ruth 1-4

It's Connection to Shavuot

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