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You shall also count for yourselves from the day after **the Sabbath** for the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete Sabbaths. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to JAHUAH.

On this same day you shall make a proclamation 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.

Leviticus 23:15-16, 21

**Exodus 34:22** And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the first-fruits...

**Numbers 18:13** The first fruits of all that is in the [promised] land, which they shall bring to JAHUAH...

There is much debate as to when the day of First Fruits is *exactly*- the day in which we are to start the Omer count to Shavuot. If we start off on the wrong foot then we will be making unholy days, holy and holy days... well- unholy- which is an abomination to our Creator.

Leviticus 10:1 And the two sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu each taking his censer they place upon them fire, and put upon them incense, and offered before Eloah an alien (*strange not one's own- not the correct appointed time*) fire, which Jahuah Saboath assigned not to them

**Leviticus 10:2** And came forth fire from Eloah and it devoured them, and they died before Jahuah.

**Isaiah 1:13** If you should bring fine flour, it is in vain; incense is an abomination to me; I cannot endure your new moons and the Sabbath and the great day

**Isaiah 1:14** Your fasting, and idleness, and your new moons, and your holidays my soul detests. You became to me as a glut; no longer shall I spare your sins.

**Jubilees 6:36** For there will be those who will assuredly make observations of the moon how (it) disturbs the seasons and comes in from year to year ten days too soon.

**Jubilees 6:37** For this reason the years will come upon them when they will disturb (the order), and make an abominable day the day of testimony, and an unclean day a feast day, and they will confound all the days, the holy with the unclean, and the unclean day with the holy; for they will go wrong as to the months and Sabbaths and feasts and jubilees.

Jahuah isn't fooling around when it comes to HIS appointed times- He made that abundantly clear to His elect people in the Wilderness, as well as today. When we are not in the proper mo'edim (appointed times) there is no Shalom peace or healing, no blessings... just chaos and confusion- curses.

Enoch tells us that if we do not count the days correctly – thus not being in the correct mo'edim it is a sin counted with the sinners!

**Enoch 82:4** Blessed are all the righteous ones; blessed are those who walk in the street of righteousness and have no sin **like the sinners in the computation of the days** in which the sun goes its course in the sky...

Some presume First-Fruits is the day after the Sabbath that falls within the Feast of Unleavened – because they believe it to be the resurrection of ha' Mashiach (*the Messiah*). Yet, many Biblical theologians agree that there were a TWO SABBATHS involved before the waiving of the sheaf, but due to the Jews using a lunar reckoning, there remains confusion.

Let us take a look at the scriptures to figure out this puzzle.

Luke 23:54 And it was preparation day, and Sabbath was coming on.

Luke 23:55 But following closely after also were women, (the ones who were gathered together to him from out of Galilee), for seeing the sepulcher, and how his body was placed.

**Luke 23:56** And having returned, they prepared aromatics and perfumed liquids and on the Sabbath they were tranquil according to the  $[4^{th}]$  commandment.

Luke 24:1 Now upon the *first day of the week*, very early in the morning they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

Mark 16:1 And early in the morning *the first day of the week*, they came into the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.

Our clue is in the statement; the "first day of the week". Taking a look at the Passover Week we can see clearly that there is only ONE SABBATH that would have a first day of the week following it.

Ezr 8:31	Est 3:12	Exo 12:18  Lev 23:5  Num 9:5  Num 28:16	OVER Messiah Dies @ the close of Priestly Passover. Before start of Jewish Passoover  1" Day of Unleavened ASSEMBLY DAY The Exodus-Num 33:3	2Chr 29:17 1st Day & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Night in the grave	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Night in the grave	3rd Shabbat RESURRECTION Messiah Raises at Evening Oblation
MARCH 31  Women find the  Messiah gone.	APRIL 1	Last Day Feast of Unleavened Ends at Sundown ASSEMBLY DAY Exo 12:18	APRIL 3  Acts 20:6a  Paul leaves for Troas	APRIL 4	APRIL 5	APRIL 6 4th Shabbat
APRIL 7 FIRST FRUITS BARLEY Omer 1 ASSEMBLY	APRIL 8 Omer 2	APRIL 9 Omer 3	APRIL 10 Omer 4	APRIL 11 Omer 5	APRIL 12	APRIL 13
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The first *Sabbath* of the Passover Week would be the Qhodesh (Holy) convocation of the Feast of Unleavened Bread on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month. BUT- remember that this is an EVENING-to-EVENING Feast, thus the PASSOVER isn't complete until the EVENING of the fifteenth; the Feast of Unleavened Bread ends at sundown on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

Both Mathew and Mark confirm that the *first day* of the PASSOVER is also the FIRST DAY of Unleavened Bread. Both happen within the sundown-to-sundown period of the 14<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> of the first month.

Mat 26:17 And on the *first day of* the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, the disciples came to Jahshua, saying to Him, Where do you desire we should **prepare for You to eat the Passover**?

**Mar 14:12** And on the first day of the Unleavened *Bread*, when they killed the Passover, His disciples said to Him, Where do You desire *that* going we may prepare that You may eat the Passover?

**Mat 26:18** And He said, Go into the city to a certain one and say to him, The Teacher says, My time is near; toward you I will prepare the Passover with My disciples.

Mat 26:19 And the disciples did as Jahshua ordered them, and prepared the Passover.

The only Sabbath that week which would have had a *Day ONE* following it would be the weekly Sabbath.

According to the *Temple Scroll* found at Qumran, Passover is always on the third day of the week each year. This is not the 'Lord's or Last Supper'- but rather, it was the correct Passover

observed by OUR ordained Zadok High Priest. Whereas the Pharisee's and thus the Jewish people, observed Passover one day later, because of their lunar time keeping practices. This allowed the Mashiach to keep the commands of the Passover perfectly.

He partook the Passover with His disciples at the correct appointed time... and He died at correct appointed time, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the first month, at the evening oblation which was at the close of the Priestly Passover. As well as at the time when the FALSE TEMPLE AUTHORITIES were killing lambs for their counterfeit lunar celebration. Thus, illustrating that Jahshua was a Lamb wrongfully killed and placed under their false appointed time and non-Aaronic authority.

Yet, it had its purpose, as it was to show the Jewish people that HE, Jahshua was *their* LAMB-the true son of the Almighty, who was sent to find the lost sheep of Israel. Only our Creator could orchestrate such perfect timing!

But- *here is the gear grinder*... Jahshua was the FIRST-FRUIT of HIS FATHER, not the *First-Fruits*- meaning His resurrection was not tied to the Feast of First Fruits... This has been a MAJOR MISUNDERSTANDING.

**Proverb 8:22** The *Supreme Authority* **CREATED ME** the <u>HEAD</u> of *HIS WAYS for HIS WORKS*.

The Hebrew word used here for *HEAD* isn't *roshe*, as you'd expect, but rather *ray-sheeth'*-meaning: the *first*, in place, time, order or rank (specifically a *firstfruit*): - beginning, chief, first, or principal thing.

Our Messiah is waving US- the lost sheep of Israel- before His FATHER. The ones who His FATHER gave to Him. Which He has kept securely.

Mat 18:11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

Mat 15:24 But answering, He said, I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

**Joh 17:12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name; I guarded those whom You gave to Me, and not one of them was lost, except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

#### OKAY- SO WHEN DO WE START COUNTING the OMER?

We know that our CREATOR uses cycles of seven in numbering HIS days. Jahshua is the *FIRST FRUIT* of creation. On the first day of the women came and witnessed the First-Fruit had risen, **SEVEN DAYS LATER** (to seven one's self means to take an oath- but more on that later)- **THE SET-APART ARE WAVED.** We are being waved before JAHUAH by our High Priest the First-Fruit Mashiach!!! We are instructed to then *count a group of seven sevens* to Shavuot where we are to make a proclamation and *take an oath* to be betrothed to our Kinsman and future King Jahshua.

According to the DSS fragments of the *Book of Jubilees*, the national covenant between the CREATOR and Israel was *NOT* first established at Sinai. It has existed from OLAM time – Ancient time.

Jubilees reads:

- 9 ... He said to us: "I will now separate for myself]
- a people among my nations. And [they will keep Sabbath. I will sanctify them as my people, and I will bless them. They will be my people and I will be their El."]
- And he chose the descendants of Jacob among [all of those whom I have seen. I have recorded them as my first-born sons (the first fruits of my labor) and have sanctified them for myself]
- *for all the age(s) of eternity [Olam]*. The [seventh] day [I will tell them so that they may keep Sabbath on it from everything, as he blessed them and sanctified them for himself as a special people]
- out of all the nations and to be [keeping Sabbath] together [with us.

This text was preserved in Hebrew at Qumran 4QJubilees [4Q216] vii 9–13

- 9 ... [ויאמר לנו הנה אני מבדיל לי
- עם בתווך עממי ו]שבתו הם וקדשתי אתם לי לעם וברכתים והיו עמי והייתי לאלהיהם[
- $|11|^{20}$ ובחר בזרע יעקב ב]כל מאשר ראיתי וכתבתי אתו לי לבן בכור וקדשת אתו לי
- מכל הגוים ולהיות יחד ]עמנו שובתים

This concurs with the doctrinal belief expressed in a number of passages throughout Jubilees, according to which the status of Israel and the nations (*and their heavenly angelic counterparts*) were established by the CREATOR as an integral part of the cosmos. Although Israel as a nation did not exist until many generations later, its special designation and position as JAH'S elect people was determined in advance.

The existence of the covenant from the time of Adam's placement necessitated the existence of commandments, which are the stipulations of this covenant; Adam pretty much only had one stipulation...

Genesis 2:17 but from the tree of the knowing good and evil, you shall not eat from it; but in whatever day you should eat from it, to death you shall die.

Thus, Jubilees conceives that many commandments were already given prior to Mount Sinai. Likewise, the *Covenant Festival* was relevant from the dawn of time as well and was first observed by angelic beings in heaven.

The 'Reaping Festival' [Shavuot] was then celebrated off and on by men- until it was commanded at Mount Sinai:

**Jubilees 6:18** This entire festival had been celebrated in heaven from the time of creation until the lifetime of Noah—for 26 jubilees and five weeks of years. Then Noah and his sons kept it for seven jubilees and one week of years until Noah's death. From the day of Noah's death his sons corrupted (it) until Abraham's lifetime and were eating blood.

**Jubilees 6:19** Abraham alone kept (it), and his sons Isaac and Jacob kept it until your lifetime. During your lifetime the Israelites had forgotten (it) until I renewed (it) for them at this mountain.

This Holy day in Jubilees thus commemorates the *eternal covenant*, which began on the eighth day of history and was renewed again and again over time. The revelation on Mt. Sinai is the culmination of a process, and not the sole covenantal event at the heart of this festival.

The covenantal nature of the festival may also be reflected when, only a few verses later, the dual nature of the holy day is expressed: "because it is the festival of weeks and it is the festival of first fruits. This festival is twofold and of two kinds" (Jubilees 6:21, according to the Ge'ez translation).

**Jubilees 6:21** For it is the *Feast of Weeks* and the *Feast of First Fruits*: this feast is **twofold** and **of a double nature**: according to what is written and engraven concerning it, celebrate it.

The theme of the holy day as the "festival of first fruits" refers to the agricultural context of the holiday, reflecting the biblical descriptions of its observance.

**Num 18:12** All the best of the oil, and all the best of the new wine, and wheat, the *first fruits* of them which they give to Jahuah, I have given to you.

This is the season of the First Fruits or the Shavuot Season- gathering in each harvest within three sets of 50 days. These harvests supply the Temple and the Wedding Feast of the Lamb at His return.

Yet, due to the overwhelming emphasis of its *Covenantal Nature*, including the mention of *Oaths* made by Noah and his sons, and subsequently commanded in the time of Moses, numerous scholars have suggested that the original Hebrew text in Jubilees (based upon the retroversion of the Ge'ez back into Hebrew) should be vocalized as "*the Festival of Oaths*." Reflecting the covenantal aspect of the holy day.

Since texts in the ancient world did not use vocalization (a practice continued until today in the writing of Torah scrolls), the difference between  $WEEKS^{-7620}$   $\forall shabua$  and  $OATHS^{-7621}$   $\forall shabuah$ , would only be reflected in how one read and interpreted the text. We can see how one could be easily misunderstood for the other.

#### SEVEN ONESELF- BERITH

Berith is the Hebrew word for covenant, which means to cut as in a covenant or contract. According to some Bible scholars, it is related to the Akkadian word burru, meaning "to establish a legal situation with an OATH." It takes at least two parties to complete a covenant. In order to make a covenant these two parties must take an oath to abide by the terms of the covenant.

**Shavuot** is derived from the Hebrew root word *shaba* which can mean "to swear an oath" or OATHS- seven (seba) weeks of OATHS.

From-**H7650:** שֶׁבֶשְׁ shaba': A primitive root; properly to *be complete*, **to seven oneself**, that is, *swear* (as if by repeating a declaration seven times): - adjure, charge (by an oath, with an oath), take an oath.

We, *the Elect*, were chosen on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Creation to be placed in the Garden of Appointed Times of JAHUAH- to be as a bride. In order to make that marriage complete we must "*Seven*" ourselves- or take an oath of promise to follow the terms of the covenant contract.

ALL JAHUAH'S dealings with men are of a covenant nature; HE will not exchange with us except through a covenant nor can we exchange with HIM except in the same manner.

A Covenant is the most solemn, binding, and intimate contract known. The Hebrew phrase for *MAKE A COVENANT* is "Karath Berith" which more literally is translated "*cut a covenant*" and ratified by passing between pieces of cut flesh. The verb Karath means to divide or cut in two or to make a covenant.

**Jeremiah 34:18** And I will give the men who have sinned against My covenant, who have not done the words of *the covenant which they cut* before Me when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts;

**Jeremiah 34:20** I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life. And their dead bodies shall be for food to the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth.

## THE CUTTING OF THE COVENANT

There are a series of thing that must take place in the cutting of the covenant to establish it as a binding covenant.

First the *Parties Involved* are established: For there to be any

kind of covenant or contract there must be at least two entities involved in the agreement. Also, as with any contract, a covenant can be amended in order to continue to serve its base purpose with changing times. This does not annul the original covenant but redefines specific stipulations. Just as our own Constitution has been

amended over the years to keep up with the changes of time, its integrity and basic purpose is still intact. This is also true with JAHUAH'S Covenant of Obedience.

## **JAHUAH and Adam:**

Genesis 2:15 And JAHUAH ELOAH took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden, to work it and to keep it.

# **JAHUAH and Noah:**

Genesis 9:8 And ELOAH spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

Genesis 9:9 Behold! I, even I, am establishing My covenant with you, and with your seed after you,

**Genesis 9:10** *and* with every living creature which is with you, among fowl, among cattle, and among every animal of the earth with you, from all that go out from the ark, to every animal of the earth.

**Genesis 9:15** And I will remember *My covenant* which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

# **JAHUAH and Abraham:**

**Genesis 15:18** In the same day JAHUAH made a *covenant* with Abram, saying, I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

**Genesis 17:1** And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, JAHUAH appeared to Abram and said to him, I *am* the Almighty Eloah! Walk before Me and be perfect.

Genesis 17:2 And I will make MY covenant between ME and thee, ...

Genesis 17:4 As for me, behold, MY covenant is with thee, ...

Genesis 17:9 And ELOAH said to Abraham; And you shall keep *MY covenant*, you and your seed after you in their generations.

Genesis 17:10 This is *MY covenant*, which you shall keep, between **Me and you and your seed after you**. ...

According to the 'Parties Involved' statement JAHUAH'S covenant will be in place for ALL Generations! Any who are Israel born or grafted in under the Abrahamic amendment are considered adopted sons and are heirs to the PROMISE!

Gal 3:28 There cannot be Jew nor Greek, there is no slave nor freeman, there is no male and female; for you are all one in Messiah Jahshua.

Gal 3:29 And if you are of the Messiah, then you are a seed of Abraham, even heirs according to promise.

## **JAHUAH and Moses:**

**Exodus 19:3** And Moses went up to ELOAH. And JAHUAH called to him from the mountain, saying, You shall say this to the house of Jacob, and tell it to the sons of Israel.

**Exodus 19:4** You have seen what I did to Egypt; and I bore you on wings of eagles and brought you to Me.

**Exodus 19:5** And now, if in hearing, you should hear MY voice, and *guard MY Covenant* you will be to me a prized people from all the nations. For ALL the earth is mine...

Moses and the Hebrews were given the task to GUARD JAHUAH'S COVENANT. To guard what had already been established long before arriving at Mt. Sinai.

Moses' world was different from that of Adam, Noah and Abraham thus JAHUAH'S Moses amendment was set for the world THEY lived in- (remember JAH even amended it AGAIN after the Golden Calf incident). But it still boiled down to "be obedient and I will take care of you."

After the rain don't, we still see the rainbow and expect JAH will keep HIS promise to not ever flood the earth again? That part of the covenant wasn't annulled because more was added! The basic covenant stays the same.

Even Aaron and his sons were given an 'amendment' that no other family received. Yet, he was still required to submit to JAHUAH'S whole Covenant.

#### **JAHUAH and Aaron:**

Numbers 25:12 Therefore say, Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace.

**Numbers 25:13** and it will be to him and to his seed after him *a covenant* of eternal priesthood because he was jealous for his ELOAH, and he atoned for the sons of Israel.

Next, the *Reasons for the Covenant* are determined:

A little information is commonly given as to how it is that they came to this place- *the reasons*. In general, there are usually three reasons for a covenant- Protection, Love or Loyalty.

**Genesis 6:11** And the earth was corrupt before ELOAH, and the earth was filled with violence.

**Genesis 7:4** For in seven more days I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights. And I will destroy from off the face of the earth every living thing that I have made.

**Genesis 17:2** and I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you very much.

Genesis 17:3 And Abram fell on his face. And JAHUAH spoke with him, saying,

**Genesis 17:4** As for Me, behold; My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.

**Romans 11:23** And those also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in. For ELOAH is able to graft them in again.

## The Stipulations:

The stipulations are the by-laws. In any covenant or contract, **the main part** is the specifying of the stipulations. The designations and terms of what is allowed and not allowed by the parties making the covenant. Basically, it is the Torah! The Ten Commandments- anything that is "Thus sayeth JAHUAH." All of the teachings of the Messiah are a part of the stipulations-for they are teaching us how to fulfill Torah.

**Exodus 34:10** And Eloah said to Moses, Behold, I establish with you **a covenant** before all your people, And **I will do honorable**, which has not happened in all the earth, and with any nation. And all the people among whom you are **shall see the works of Eloah**, for it is wonderful **what I will do for you**.

Stipulation: Be faithful in following MY commands and I will do WONDERFUL things for you.

**John 14:23** Jahshua answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father shall love him. And We will come to him and will make a dwelling place with him.

**John 14:24** The *one* who does not love Me does not keep My Words. And the Word which you hear is not Mine but of the Father who sent Me.

## **The Sanctions:**

The sanctions are promises of benefits that will come if you keep the covenant. "If you keep my covenant, here are the things you'll get." It is the motivation.

**Deu 28:1** And it shall be if listening you will listen to the voice of JAHUAH your ELOAH, taking heed to do all His commandments which I command you this day, JAHUAH your ELOAH shall give you to be on high above all nations of the earth.

**Deu 28:2** And all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you if you will listen to the voice of JAHUAH your ELOAH.

- **John 17:6** I revealed Your name to the men whom You gave to Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me; and *they have kept Your Word [Torah/covenant]*.
- **John 17:7** Now they have known that all things, whatever You gave to Me, are from You.
- **John 17:8** For the Words [covenant] which You gave to Me, I have given to them. And they received and truly knew that I came out from beside You, and they believed that You sent Me.
- **John 17:12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name; I guarded those whom You gave to Me, and not one of them was lost, except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
- **John 17:13** And now I come to You, and I speak these things in the world, that they may have My joy being fulfilled in them.
- **John 17:14** I have given them Your Word [Torah/covenant], and the world hated them because they are not of the world, as I am not of the world.
- John 17:17 Sanctify them in Your Truth; Your Word [Torah/covenant] is Truth.
- **John 17:19** and I sanctify Myself for them, that they also may be sanctified in Truth.
- **John 17:24** Father, I desire that *those* whom You have given Me, that where I am, they may be with Me also, that they may behold My glory which You gave Me, because You loved Me before *the* foundation of *the* world.
- **John 17:26** And I made known to them Your name, and will make *it* known, that the love *with* which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.
- **Heb 8:5** ... even as Moses was divinely warned, being about to make the tabernacle: For He says, "See *that* you make all things according to the pattern being shown to you in the mount." *Exodus 25:40*
- **Heb 8:6** But now He has gotten a more excellent ministry, also by so much as He is a Mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.
- **Joh 8:51** Truly, truly, I say to you, If anyone keeps My Word, he will not behold death to the age, never!

The sanctions also contained curses. "Here are the bad things that will happen to you if you don't keep my covenant." It is operant conditioning- there are the positive reinforcements and there are the negative reinforcements- the blessings and the curses.

**Exodus 34:12 Take heed to yourself!** Lest at any time you should establish a **covenant** with the ones lying in wait upon the land, into which you enter into it, lest at any time it become an occasion of stumbling to you.

**Exodus 34:13** Their shrines you shall demolish, and their monument you shall break, and their sacred groves you shall cut down, and the carvings of their gods you shall incinerate in fire.

**Exodus 34:14 For you should not** do obeisance to other gods. For Jahuah Eloah, a jealous name, is a jealous Eloah;

**Deu 28:15** And it shall be, if you will not heed the voice of your ELOAH, to take heed to do all His commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today, even all these curses shall come on you and overtake you:

**John 7:49** But not knowing the Law, this crowd is cursed.

# **The Witnesses:**

There is also then a list of witnesses. The covenant witness is a person who watches over the proceedings when a covenant is made. Like the witnesses at a wedding. But the covenant witness does more than that.

The witness is an *enforcer* of the covenant. That's why the covenant witness is usually JAHUAH. He is the one who has witnessed that which has been sworn, and if one party to the covenant is unfaithful, He has the power to judge between them, to avenge the injured party.

Genesis 9:16 And the rainbow shall be in the cloud. And I will look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between Eloah and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.



**Jeremiah 34:15** And they turned today to do the right thing before MY eyes, for each to call for a release for his neighbor; and they **completed a covenant in front of me**, in the house of which MY NAME is called upon in it.

**Jeremiah 34:16** And you turned and **profaned my covenant**, to return each his manservant, and each his maidservant whom you set out as ones free in their soul, and you subjected them again to be your manservants and maidservants,

Jeremiah 34:17 On account of this, thus said Jahuah; You listened not to me to call a release each for his brother, and each for his neighbor. Behold, I call a release to you- to the sword, and to the plague, and to the famine; and I will give you for dispersion unto all the kingdoms of the earth.

Jeremiah 34:18 And I will give the men, the ones passing my covenant, the ones not establishing my covenant, which they made in front of me, the calf which they cut in two parts, and I went through in the midst of its parts,

**Jeremiah 34:19** of the rulers of Judah, and rulers of Jerusalem, and mighty ones, and priests and all the people of the land;

**Jeremiah 34:20** and I give them to their enemies and into the hand of ones seeking their life. And their decaying flesh will be food to the winged creatures of the heaven, and to the wild beasts of the earth.

## **Documentation:**

Provision is made so that each party has a copy of the agreement, just as with any contract. Here is where a little detail might be worth appreciating and pondering.

**Deuteronomy 4:13** And he announced to you *His covenant* which He gave charge to you to observe- the ten discourses, and he wrote them upon two tablets of stone.

We are told that Moses comes down from Mount Sinai with two tablets, right...

Some may think- "Oh, they must have had a lot of information on them" ... or "they had five commandments on each". But that is highly unlikely.

Nothing tells us *WHAT EXACTLY* was on both tablets, but in a contract situation it is likely that Moses brings down two copies. JAHUAH's copy and Israel's copy, and after needing to make a second set because in a fit of holy rage destroyed the original, Moses places them together in the Ark.

The Ark represents the place where the covenant contract is put together, both copies, so that together in one place symbolizes the fact that this covenant is what unites JAHUAH and his people. For the end-times ecclesia (*us*), the covenant is now placed in Jahshua ha' Mashiach our Ark of safety.

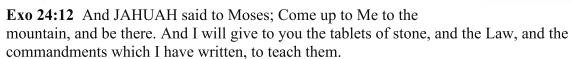
# **Sealing the Deal- the Feast:**

The covenant meal is a Hebraic principle found throughout Scripture.

**Exodus 24:7** And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the ears of the people. And they said; All that JAH has said we will do, and be obedient.

**Exodus 24:9** And Moses went up, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel.

**Exodus 24:11** And the chosen ones of Israel, none dissented- not one. Any they appeared in the place of Eloah, and ate and drank...



After the Israelites received Eloah's covenant the Elders met at JAHUAH'S appointed place and at HIS appointed time- to share the covenant meal. During that time Eloah called to Moses and instructed him to come up higher onto the mountain so He could speak to Moses alone, it wasn't until *seven days* has passed that Eloah speaks to Moses.

**Exodus 24:16** And the glory of JAH abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And **THE SEVENTH DAY** He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

The elders feasted to seal the covenant with JAHUAH, in which Israel received redemption. It is death to anyone who comes into Eloah's presences unless it is *HIS Will* to set us apart as holy and fit to stand before HIM; so, when we are invited **exclusively** by HIM, we are preserved.

We are called into JAHUAH'S presence at each of His appointed times; this is what they were designated for. Each specific appointment has a purpose in His plan for our redemption.

Shavuot is the place where ALL MUST MAKE AN OATH to follow the COVENANT as a whole, from which we will ultimately be rewarded with participating in the marriage of our Kinsman ha' Mashiach.

On this day we are choosing our betrothed husband- whether it be ha'Mashiach or ha'satan (a.k.a. Heylel).

It is the place where all pagan gods and worldly practices must be eliminated from our lives. The golden calf worship of the moon and the seven planets (*the sacred hebdomad*) remain the gods of the counterfeit ecclesia and those following in their steps- instead of the steps of the Mashiach.

The Revelation at Sinai was the moment of the *Betrothal* of the *First Ecclesia*- between JAHUAH the CREATOR and all of Israel; the Torah was their '*Ketubah*,' their marriage contract. They are now legally Husband and Wife, although not consummated.

**Ezekiel 20:5** And say to them; Thus says Jahuah Eloah; In the day **WHEN I CHOSE ISRAEL** and **LIFTED UP MY HAND** and **SWORE** (*an oath was made by JAHUAH to the offspring of the House of Jacob*) and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand and **swore to them**, saying, I am JAHUAH your ELOAH,

JAHUAH the Groom had prepared a place for His Bride, the First Ecclesia-

**Ezekiel 20:6** In that day I took hold of them by my hand, to lead them from out of the land of Egypt, into the land which I **PREPARED** for them; a land flowing milk and honey, the honeycomb is beyond every land.

Ezekiel 20:7 And I said to them; Let each throw away the *abominations of his eye* and in the *practices of Egypt* be not defiled! I am Jahuah your Eloah.

The newly installed nation of Israel had made their *oath to JAHUAH* and became *Betrothed* to HIM and yet they are told:

**Leviticus 23:10** Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: **WHEN YOU COME INTO THE LAND WHICH I AM GIVING TO YOU** (*the Land of Promise, the Land of the LIVING Word*) and **REAP THE HARVEST** thereof, then you must bring the sheaf/**OMER** of the **FIRST-FRUITS** of your harvest to the priest.



When wandering through the wilderness, there are no first-fruits to be offered to JAHUAH for us TO BE ACCEPTED into HIS presence. It is only after we have **LEFT THE WILDERNESS AND COME INTO THE LAND OF DABAR** (the Land of the Living Word) is this wave-sheaf to be offered up.

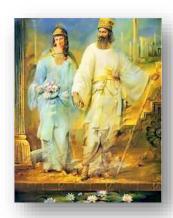
It appears that this is the exact reason the *Counting of the Omer* has been incorrect and misunderstood, as the ecclesia has been wandering through the wilderness for 40 jubilees, i.e., 2,000 years.

## **COUNTING THE OMER**

The time between Pesach (Passover) and Shavuot is considered the "*Courting Days*." The common thread that ties **Pesach** - the *Bride Selection*- and **Shavuot**- the *Betrothal*- together is *Counting the Omer*.

This is the time when the bride and groom get the chance to be acquainted with one another. Each of the 49 days of the *Counting of the Omer* is the incremental cycle moving toward unification of the Groom and the Bride.

Have you ever wondered why the book of Ruth was placed in the canon to begin with? Her beautiful story shows us that this is the time of courting- as it takes place during the shift from barley harvest to wheat- the time between Pesach and Shavuot-The counting of the Omer.



Ruth entered Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest and married Boaz at the conclusion of the wheat harvest. Boaz represents our Kinsman Redeemer- ha' Mashiach Jahshua – who was elected of JAH to be our future husband and King after JAHUAH divorced Israel. Ruth denotes the *Bride Elect*.

Thus, the reading of Ruth (which means 'a mate') on Shavuot was instituted as a reminder of Ruth entering into the Marriage Covenant, symbolized by her marriage with Boaz, a descendant of Elimelech, meaning 'My king is El.' We are Ruth and our Kinsman ha'Mashiach is reflected in Boaz who was a 'near kinsman' to Ruth.

(For more on Ruth's story see our video study: <u>Counting the Omer</u>)

#### The Loaves

**Leviticus 23:17** You 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 first fruits unto Jahuah.

The Mashiach said, "I am the BREAD OF LIFE" (John 6:35, 48). He is the "bread that came down from heaven" (John 6:32-33, 50-51). The Greek word for "bread" here is *artos* and is used for a raised loaf of leavened bread. The Messiah is the *ARTOS* - THE RAISED, LEAVENED, PERFECT BREAD THAT BRINGS ETERNAL LIFE!



Interestingly, the apostle Paul says that the Ecclesia of JAHUAH is "the body of Mashiach."

Paul writes:

I Corinthians 10:17 For we being MANY are ONE BREAD, AND ONE BODY: for we are all partakers of that ONE BREAD.

He added...

**I Corinthians 6:15** Do you not know that your bodies are the members (*mel'-os a limb or part of the body*) of Mashiach?

Notice! The ecclesia of Eloah, are called "ONE BREAD"... And, the Mashiach himself is called "THE BREAD OF LIFE" of which we partake of!

**I Corinthians 12:13-14** For by one spirit are we baptized into ONE BODY, whether we be Jews [Judahites] or Gentiles [House of Israel], whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one spirit. For THE BODY is not one member, but many.

Paul goes on, "Now you are the BODY OF MESSIAH, and *members in particular*" (v. 27).

The first ecclesia and we, the end-time ecclesia, are therefore one body and partake of 'that one bread.' Thus, we are, in JAHUAH'S sight, like a beautiful Loaf of BREAD alongside Ha' Mashiach, the perfect, beautiful BREAD of Life.

This is the Groom, Jahshua, and the Bride, his Ecclesia! Each of us is compared to a LOAF OF BREAD!

Now we should begin to see the real, true symbolism of the TWO LOAVES OF LEAVENED BREAD presented before JAHUAH on Shavuot, the Day of the Betrothal of the Ecclesia to ha' Mashiach!

Paul speaks of "Jahshua THE FIRST-FRUIT".

I Corinthians 15:20 But now Mashiach has been raised from the dead, He became first-fruit of the ones sleeping.

The Greek word used is **G536** aparchē, which literally means "First-Fruit." **The Messiah is the "First" of the "First-Fruits."** Therefore, now we can put together a picture of the "Two Leavened Loaves" of Bread presented and waved before JAH on Shavuot!

The first Loaf represents the Groom, ha' Mashiach in his fullness -- the Perfect "Bread of LIFE" on this "Betrothal Day." The second Loaf represents the Ecclesia of JAHUAH ELOAH - the Bride of the Mashiach- brought to perfection through trial and testing!

The LEAVENING in the BREAD is the RUACH/Spirit of JAHUAH that is dwelling in each of His elect. It is JAHUAH'S elect filled with the leavening of the *Ruach Ha' Qhodesh*.

**Romans 8:11** But if the Spirit of HIM that raised up Jahshua from the dead **DWELLS IN YOU**, HE that raised up Messiah Jahshua from the dead will give life also to your mortal bodies through HIS Spirit, that dwells in you.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven:

Matthew 13:33 The kingdom of heaven is like LEAVEN, which a woman took, and put in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

Wheat represents the gift of life.

John 12:23 The hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified.

**John 12:24** Truly, so be it, I say to you, "Unless the kernel of grain falling into the earth should die, it alone remains; and if it should die, it BEARS MUCH FRUIT.

# NOW FOR THE REST OF THE STORY

JAHUAH promised to lead His bride (*the first ecclesia*) directly to the land of Canaan, and establish them there to fulfill His covenant. But those, to whom it was first preached, went not "because of unbelief." They are barely betrothed and their hearts are filled with murmuring, rebellion and hatred, making it impossible for JAHUAH to fulfill His covenant with them.

Just as with any relationship there are bumps in the road, disagreements, and hurt feelings. This is no different with JAHUAH'S relationship with Israel. After time, there is forgiveness. That is unless the actions are unforgivable.

Ezekiel 16:15 But you trusted in your beauty, and played the harlot because of your name, and poured out your fornications on all who passed by; it was his.

**Ezekiel 16:16** And you took from your clothes and adorned your high places with different colors, and fornicated on them, such as had not come, nor shall be.

**Ezekiel 16:17** And you have taken beautiful things of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made images of males, and fornicated with them.

Ezekiel 16:18 And you took your embroidered dresses and covered them, and you have given to their face My oil and My incense.

**Ezekiel 16:19** Also My food which I gave you, fine flour and oil and honey with which I fed you, you have given it to their face for a soothing aroma. And it happened, says JAHUAH.

**Ezekiel 16:20** And you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to Me, and you gave these to them for food. Are your fornications small?

**Ezekiel 16:21** You have slaughtered My sons and gave them to cause these to pass through the fire for them.

Ezekiel 16:22 And in all your hateful deeds and your fornications you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and squirming in your blood.

**Ezekiel 16:23** Woe, woe to you says JAHUAH! For it happened after all your evil,

Ezekiel 16:24 that you have also built yourself a mound, and you have made yourself a high place in every street.

**Ezekiel 16:25** You have built your high place at the head of every way, and have made your beauty to be despised, and have opened your feet to everyone who passed by, and have multiplied your fornications.

**Ezekiel 16:26** You have also whored with the Egyptians, your neighbors great of flesh, and have multiplied your fornications **to provoke Me to anger**.

**Ezekiel 16:27** And, behold, therefore I have stretched out My hand over you, and drew back your portion. And I gave you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your wicked way.

Ezekiel 16:28 You have whored with the Assyrians, without your being satisfied; yea, you whored and yet you were not satisfied.

Ezekiel 16:29 And your whoredom is idolatry in the land of Canaan, to the Chaldean, and yet you were not satisfied with this.

Ezekiel 16:30 How weak is your heart (We made marriage vows, you said you loved me), says JAHUAH, since you do all these, the work of a woman, an overbearing harlot;

**Ezekiel 16:31** in that you build your mound at the head of every way, and make your high place in every street. Yet you have not been as a harlot, scorning wages. (You are doing it for no pay, of your own will)

Ezekiel 16:32 Like the adulterous wife, instead of her husband, she takes strangers.

**Ezekiel 16:33** They give a gift to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them to come to you from all around, for your fornication.

**Ezekiel 16:34** And in you was the opposite from those women in your fornications, since no one whores after you, and in your giving wages, and hire is not given to you. In this you are opposite.

Israel paid her lovers with the good things given to her by her husband JAHUAH and sacrificed her children to her lovers. They forgot what their Eloah had told them.

Deuteronomy 12:28 Be careful to hear all these words which I command you, so that it may go well with you and with your sons after you forever, when you do the good and right in the sight of Jahuah your Eloah.

**Deuteronomy 12:29** When Jahuah your Eloah shall cut off the nations before you, where you go to possess them, and you take their place and dwell in their land, *(the place I made ready for my bride)* 

**Deuteronomy 12:30** take heed to yourself that you do not become snared by following them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not ask about their gods, saying; How did these nations serve their gods, that I too may do likewise?

**Deuteronomy 12:31** You shall not do so to Jahuah your Eloah. **For every abomination to Jahuah, which He hates, they have done** to their gods; even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods.

**Deuteronomy 12:32** All the things I command you, be careful to do it. You shall not add to it, nor take away from it.

Israel's weak heart is the cause of her adultery:

**Jeremiah 31:32** not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was a husband to them, says Jahuah;

Through Isaiah JAHUAH states that he had not given Israel a certificate of divorce, He had merely sent her away. This period of separation was a period of withholding His blessings from her.

**Isaiah 50:1**: Thus says Jahuah: "Where is your mother's **CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE**, with which I sent her away? Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities you were sold, and for your transgressions your mother was sent away.

**Isaiah 50:2** Why is it that I came, and there was no man (*causing the Abomination of Desolation*)? I called and there was none listening (*They weren't in the proper appointed times-but following after false calendars honoring their false gods*). Is not my hand strong to rescue? Or am I not able to rescue? Behold, by my rebuke I shall make quite desolate the sea, and I shall make rivers desolate places; and their fishes shall be dried up from there not being water; and they shall die for thirst

Isaiah 50:3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering

There is only one allowance for divorce, ADULTRY.

One hundred years of separation did not produce the needed repentance in Israel, so the certificate of divorce was issued through the prophet Jeremiah. The entire book of Jeremiah could be viewed as a certificate of divorce.

**Jeremiah 3:8**: The rebellious House of Israel played the **harlot**. I had put her away, and gave her a **BILL OF DIVORCE**; yet her treacherous sister Judah was not afraid, but went and played the harlot also.

**Hosea 1:9** Then said Eloah; Call his name Lo-ammi: for you are not my people, and I will not be your Eloah.

**Hosea 2:2**: Rebuke your mother, rebuke her, for **SHE IS NOT MY WIFE**, and **I AM NOT HER HUSBAND**. Let her remove the whoredom from her face and the adulteries from between her breasts.

In order for a husband to divorce his wife under the Mosaic Law, he had to write out a certificate of divorce and give it to his wife. The divorce was then final.

**Deuteronomy 24:1** When a man has taken a wife and married her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes, because he has found some uncleanness in her, then let him write her a bill of divorce and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house

Nevertheless, Israel was not to remain in her divorced condition; she was to be re-betrothed and restored, to her married state as Hosea later declares:

**Hosea 2:16** And it shall be at that day, saith Jahuah, that thou shalt call me **Ishi** (*good man; Husband*); and shalt call me no more **Baali** (*My Master*).

**Hosea 2:19** And I shall espouse you to **myself** (*can also mean; to mine*) into the eon; and I shall espouse you to [mine] in righteousness, and in equity, and in mercy, and in compassions.

**Hosea 2:20** I will even betroth thee unto [mine] in trust: and you shall recognize Jahuah.

According to Torah, once a woman has been divorced and married to a 2nd husband, in this case Israel married her idols in which she was committing adultery with, the first husband can never remarry her.

**Deuteronomy 24:1** This is what you must do if a husband writes out a certificate of divorce, gives it to his wife, and makes her leave his house. He divorced her because he found out something indecent about her and she no longer pleased him.

**Deuteronomy 24:2** She may marry another man after she leaves his house.

**Deuteronomy 24:3** If her second husband doesn't love her and divorces her, or if he dies,

**Deuteronomy 24:4** her first husband is not allowed to marry her again. She has become unclean. This would be disgusting in Jahuah's presence.

Don't pollute with sin the land that JAHUAH your Eloah is giving you as your property (The property here is the Garden of Appointed times/ the Promised Land).

**Matthew 19:9** And I say to you; Whoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is put away commits adultery.

#### THE GOOD NEWS

This theme of redemption for Israel from her divorced or widowed condition is continued in Isaiah-

**Isaiah 54:4** Do not fear; for you shall not be ashamed, nor shall you blush; for you shall not be put to shame; for you shall forget the shame of your youth, and shall **not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.** 

**Widowhood:** *H491* 'almânûth- bereavement; discarded (as a divorced person): - forsaken.

We must understand that the use of the word widowhood didn't mean that Israel's husband diedit meant that she was discarded, given papers of divorce.

Jahuah is setting the stage here for Israel to receive the good news of a way back to HIM through His son.

**Isaiah 54:5** For JAHUAH, the one making you, JAHUAH Saboath is His name; and the one rescuing you, He is the Eloah of Israel. He shall be called Eloah of all the earth.

**Isaiah 54:6** Not as a forsaken or faint-hearted woman has JAHUAH called you; nor as a woman being detested from youth, said your Eloah.

**Isaiah 54:7** A little time I left you behind; and with great mercy I will show mercy on you.

**Isaiah 54:8** In a little rage I turned my face from you; and in eternal mercy I will show mercy on you, said the one rescuing you, JAHUAH.

**Ezekiel 16:60** And I will remember my covenant, of the one with you in the days of your infancy. And I will **REESTABLISH** with you an **Everlasting Covenant**.

**Ezekiel 16:61** And you shall remember your ways and you shall be despised in your taking up your sisters, your older ones with your younger ones, and I will give them to you for edifying, but not out of **your covenant**.

**Ezekiel 16:62** And **I will reestablish my covenant with you**, and you shall realize that I am JAHUAH.

**Ezekiel 16:63** So that you should remember and should be ashamed, and it might not be for you still to open your mouth because of the face of your dishonor in my atoning you according to all as much as you did, says JAHUAH Eloah.

In other words, JAH is telling Israel- His beloved- that yes, He was mad and turned His face away from them and sent them away/divorced them. But now He is going to show them MERCY and send His son... Not because of anything they have done to earn it, and He warns them to just keep their mouths closed and do not boast about it because they still carry the dishonor of their actions. WOW!!! A merciful Eloah indeed...

## SECOND CHANCES~ The Kinsman Redeemer

At this juncture it is important to get an understanding as to why JAHUAH decreed a Second Passover.

**Num 9:10** Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a body, or be in a distant journey, yet he shall keep the Passover to JAHUAH.

Num 9:11 In the *second month, on the fourteenth day at dusk*, they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs:

**Num 9:12** they shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it. According to all the statutes of the Passover, they shall keep it.

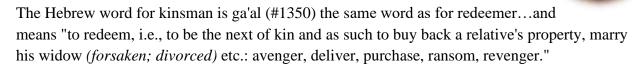
**Num 9:13** But the man that is clean, and is not on a journey, and has **failed to prepare the Passover**, even that person shall be cut off from his people, because he did not bring the offering of JAHUAH **in its appointed season**, that man shall bear his **sin**.

Why is there another Passover in the second month? Why does Jahuah allow for us to have that second chance in partaking of the lamb? When we partake of something it becomes one with us and us with it. Whether it is partaking of food, which enters our body and becomes a part of us or an activity which we partake in which we become one with the action. This other Passover represents the Kinsman redeemer that JAHUAH sent in order for us to have a second chance to partake in the blood-marriage covenant that was broken by the *First Ecclesia*.

Not much is said about this day, but if the first Passover represents the bride selection for JAHUAH then it would be reasonable that the Second Passover must have been a shadow of the coming of the Kinsman and the second ecclesiastical bride!

Pesach Sheni (*Second Passover*) is proof of JAH'S divine mercy and desire for us to return to the covenant relationship with HIM.

From Webster's 1847 dictionary, kinsman is simply defined as 'a man of the same race or family; one related by blood.'



John 14:6 Jahshua said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me.

The Messiah Jahshua is the Kinsman sent to fulfill the covenant with the forsaken House of Israel. JAHUAH'S covenant is **ONLY** with the descendants of Abraham (blood & adopted) ... **Period.** *They are* the Covenant People reserved and set-apart for HIM.

**Matthew 15:24** But He answered and said, I am not sent except to the lost sheep of *the house of Israel [the nations]*.

This is a whole new marriage with a different bridegroom, so He too must follow the rites of the marriage covenant. We will receive a new Ketubah-contract-stipulations at our betrothal to the Kinsman Redeemer.

**John 3:5** Jahshua answered, truly, so be it, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Eloah.

**John 3:15** so that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**John 3:16** For thus JAH loved the world, so that HE gave HIS only born son (*Jah sent His representative*), that everyone trusting in HIM should not perish but should have eternal life.

**John 14:13** And whatever you may ask in My name, that I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

**John 14:14** If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

John 14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

**John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you *another Comforter*, so that He may be with you forever,

After the betrothal agreement is made the groom makes a verbal declaration that the woman is his wife.

**John 14:21** The one having my commandments, and giving heed to them, THAT ONE (*my betrothed*) is the one LOVING ME; and the one loving me shall be loved by my Abba; and I will love [*my betrothed*], and I will reveal myself to [*my betrothed*].

After the announcement they both drink wine from a cup. The Groom drinks first and then gives the cup to His betrothed.

**Luke 22:20** ... He took the cup... saying; This cup is the regenerated covenant in My blood, which is being shed out for you (*His blood was the mohar/bride price*).

Before the groom departs to prepare a place for his betrothed, he gives her a gift, which had to be something of substantial value- not frivolous or trivial. She accepted the gift signaling that she accepted the groom as her husband, including the contract and all its terms. The gift given by Jahshua to his betrothed is the Ruach Ha Qhodesh (*Holy Spirit*), certainly a priceless gift!

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Ruach Ha Qhodesh:

**Ephesians 1:13** in whom also you, hearing the Word of Truth, the gospel of our salvation, in whom also believing, *you were sealed with the Ruach Ha Qhodesh of promise*,

**Ephesians 1:14** who is the earnest of our inheritance, to the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Ruach Ha Qhodesh, - GIVEN ON SHAVUOT!

When that matter was settled the groom would depart. He would announce to his bride, "I go to prepare a place for you," and he would return to his father's house. Back at his father's house, he would build her a bridal chamber.

John 14:2 In My Father's residence are many abodes; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

**John 14:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again **and receive you to Myself**, so that where I am, you may be also.

While the Groom is away making His preparations for His new bride- The bride too is making her preparations as she moves through the **SHAVUOT SEASON counting SEVEN SEVENS** 

of Oaths- from harvest to harvest, gathering in the provisions of the *Barley, Wheat, Wine* and *Oil* to be laid out for the final Wedding Feast at Sukkot.

**Revelation 19:7** "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

**Revelation 19:8** And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Revelation 19:9 And he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

