

## **Pentecost: The Harvest Offering**

### **Leviticus 23:15-22 Acts 2**

**Intro:** There are three important feasts that all Jewish men must go to Jerusalem to attend. The Passover is the Spring feast, The Pentecost is the Summer feast and The Trumpets is the fall feast.

The Passover is the focal celebration in the feast of unleavened bread and the first fruit offering (barley) will be offered in the week long celebration

The Trumpets is the last harvest celebration. It is to be a memorial and includes Rosh Hashannah (the Jewish New Year) because this month is when God invited the children of Israel into a covenant relationship, and includes the ten days of awe in preparation for Yom Kippur or day of Atonement

The Pentecost feast is celebrated as the ingathering of the wheat harvest as the months of summer start

What is the significance of Jesus working around the feasts? To show the unbelieving Jews that He has fulfilled everything that they need to have a relationship with God.

Many strange doctrines have risen out of the celebration of Pentecost

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Four important truths from the text that we can apply and begin to understand what was being transitioned in the Kingdom of God:

#### **I. The Ritual that was Prescribed-v.15-18**

##### **A. The Specifics of the Counting List-v.15-16**

- **Number of Sabbaths-7-v.16**
- **Number of Specifics-fifty to the day-v.16**

**Notice in Acts 2 the Day had FULLY Come**

##### **B. The Specifics of the Cooking-v.17 bring two loaves**

- **The instructions**
- **The ingredients-baked with flour and leaven**

**Note: The first fruit offering (resurrection) was barley sheaves; Pentecost was two loaves waved in celebration of the summer harvest**

#### **II. The Reasons of Proclamation-v.21**

- **They celebrated the given of the two tablets at Mount Sinai**
  - **They celebrated God's revelation that was given to them**

- They celebrated that God was welding or mixing them spiritually with Him therefore they made loaves of bread

Notice: the difference in the barley and wheat is significant

John 6 in the feeding of 5000 Jesus used barley loaves (common staple)

Here mixed with leaven

### III. The Restrictions that Prohibited-v.22

Leave the corners for the poor and strangers

**Jewish tradition** The modern Jews make this festival celebrate the giving of the Law from Sinai; It was properly a harvest festival, at which the Jews were to render their thank-offerings for the bounties of the field, along with the first fruits of the same, previous to the commencement of the general reaping. They were required to baptize all their blessings in the fountain of life before using them, that they might never forget whence they came, and to whose honor they were to be employed. **Tradition says that they would read the book of Ruth on Pentecost and they would drink milk because the people received the revelation of God like new born babes////which leads to**

### IV. The Representation that is Portrayed-

A. A Picture of Marriage- a merger or union. Almagamation of the bread ingredients

Ruth: Two Laws Represented in the Book

1. The Law of Kinsman Redeemer
2. The Law of Levite Marriage

Ruth 1:22 they began at first fruit at Passover

2:21-23...she stayed until after Pentecost-new relationship and union

3:2-Rest in His Person, Rest in His Position (relative), Rest in His provision (His barley)

- With Humbleness you approach-3:7
- With Gratefulness you appropriate-v.15..she went into the city

This is a welding or Kneading of the dough of no longer Jew and Gentile but the bread of the kingdom

B. The Picture of Meaning-John 12:24-25..unless a grain of WHEAT

- Brings fellowship-v.24...remains alone
- Brings fruitfulness-v.24...much grain

Pentecost now gives us a reason to celebrate that we are now One with Christ. He is the HEAD we are now one body by the supernatural work of the Spirit of God.

Lightning would be tongues of fire at Mt. Sinai here we have in Acts 2 a new revelation of a covenant between God and His people were they now have the Law of God written on their hearts.

The Spirit moved on the day of Pentecost to knead and weld the bread of the Kingdom into one body  
EPH>2:16 and EPH. 4:4

The Day of Pentecost had Fully Come and the Spirit welded believers into one loaf and now we have the loaf of Christ and the loaf of the Church.