COUNTDOWN TO SHAVUOT

The Giving of Torah (הּוֹרְה)

The Outpouring of the Rauch HaKodesh (רות הקודש) – The Holy Spirit

REVELATION 22:17

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And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"

SPIRIT

- •Spirit (Greek) πνεῦμα [*pneuma /pnyoo·mah/*]: breath, wind, blast
- Spirit (Hebrew) אין [*ruwach /roo·akh/]*: breath, wind
- •What is the Role of the Spirit to the Body of Messiah?

Enhanced Strong's Lexicon. Woodside Bible Fellowship.

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ NKJV

Colossians 2:16-17

The Beginning – The Moon

- 4th Day Genesis 1:14-19
 - Sign אות (oth): indicator, sign to distinguish the seasons
 - Seasons מוֹעֵד (moed): set time, appointed time
- Psalm 104:19 He appointed the moon for seasons
 - He made the moon to mark the appointed times (English Standard Version)



Beginning of Months

- Abib אָבִיב (abib): month, head of grain, ear of corn, ear of grain (Barley)
- Beginning of months (Exodus 12:1-2) "Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, "This month shall be your **beginning of months**; it shall be the first month of the year to you."
- Exodus 13:4 On this day you are going out, in the month Abib.
- Exodus 23:15 You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the **month of Abib**, for in it you came out of Egypt; none shall appear before Me empty)
- Exodus 34:18 "The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the **month of Abib**; for in the month of Abib you came out from Egypt."
- Deuteronomy 16:1 "Observe the month of **Abib**, and keep the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night."

Beginning of the Month - New Moon

- New Moon Celebration Numbers 10:10
- New Moon Offering Numbers 28:11-15
- Blow the Trumpet Psalm 81:3-4
- Worship the LORD Isaiah 66:22-23
- In the Millennial Ezekiel 45:17, 46:1, 3, 6
- New Moon celebration is a Commandment of God and not man-made tradition
- The moon is primarily a sign to worship the LORD
 - Cycles of the LORD: Daily (offerings), Weekly (Sabbaths), Monthly (New Moons), Yearly (3 times a year - Pesach, Shavuot, Sukkot)

New Moon Festival of the Born Again

Ancient Jewish thought:

- Sun symbolized "Groom" (Father) and Moon symbolized Bride (Israel)
- Moon's renewal each month associated with the renewal of Israel (Redemption) (Born Again John 3:3)
- Pointed toward the reign of the Messiah
- As the moon reflects the light of the sun, Israel reflects the glory of the Father
- People would go to a prophet to seek instruction (2 Kings 4:23)
- Kings of Israel would hold banquets (1 Samuel 20:5)

Symbol & Reality of Messiah:

- Sun (SON) = Groom = Jesus (Yeshua) and Moon = Bride = Bride of Christ/Messiah
- The bride reflects the glory of the SON
- Philippians 2:15 "children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as <u>lights</u> in the world"
- 1 Thessalonians 5:5 "You are all sons of *light* and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness."
- 1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the <u>light</u> as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood
 of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."
- Revelation 21:23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God
 illuminated it. The Lamb is its <u>light</u>.

Counting the Omer

- Counting the Omer (Leviticus 23:15-16)- "And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the <u>sheaf</u> of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD."
- Counting the Omer -- Sefirat HaOmer , סְפִירַת הֶעוֹמֶר
- Sheaf 「冷ジ ['omer /o·mer/]: small heap of cut grain
- Count 50 days to Shavuot/Pentecost

New Moon Sivan or Rosh Chodesh Sivan

- Rosh Chodesh means "Head of the Month"
- 1st Day of the Hebrew Month of Sivan
- Beginning of the 3rd month on the Biblical calendar
- Jewish teaching: the time the children of Israel arrived at Mount Sinai
 - Exodus 19:1 In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai
 - They were in a state of unity and mutual love in preparation to receive the 10 Commandments or 10 Words or Torah (Shavuot)

Counting the Omer (40 Days) & Yeshua's (Jesus) Post-Resurrection

- Jesus (Yeshua) post-resurrection appearances occurred during the Omer count
- Appeared to Mary Magdalen & other women (Mark 16:9; John 20:16-18; Matthew 28:5-10)
- Appeared to Simon Peter (Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5)
- Appeared on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32)
- Appeared to 12 Disciples (Mark 16:14; Luke 24:33-39; John 20:19,26; 21:1-14)
- Appeared to Thomas (John 20:24-29)
- Appeared to 500 (1 Corinthians 15:6)
- Appeared to James, half-brother of Yeshua (Jesus) (1 Corinthians 15:7)
- Ascended into heaven on 40th day of the Omer (Iyyar 25) (Acts 1:1-3)

Counting the Omer (10 Days to Shavuot) & Yeshua's Disciples

- Unity & Prayer (Acts 1:12-14) Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. And when they had entered, they went up into the <u>upper room</u> where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
- In the Temple (Luke 24:52-53) And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the <u>temple</u> praising and blessing God.

Herod's Temple

Ancient Southern Staircase to Herod's Temple Possible location where disciples were praying at Possible location of Outpouring of the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:1-4 Shavuot Herod's Temple – Israel Museum

Countdown to Shavuot

- Waiting for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8) "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- One accord in unity and prayer (Acts 1:14) These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication

NEXT WEEK – SHAVUOT The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit