

## FEAST OF PENTECOST MAY 20 2018

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### FEAST OF SHAVUOT & FEAST OF PENTECOST

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

God's Law vs. Holy Spirit

Leviticus 23:16 "Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD."

Exodus 3:3-4 "Then Moses said, 'I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.'" 4 "So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.'"

Exodus 24:15 "Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud."

Exodus 24:17 "The sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel."

This was the day of the LAW was given to Israel.

Exodus 32:25-26 "Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies), then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, 'Whoever is on the Lord's side—come to me!' And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him."

Exodus 32:28 "So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day."

- Three Thousand people perished because they refused God and worshiped a golden calf.

(Ex.32:20-28) TIME; 1490 B.C. vs. A.D, 33 FEAST OF PENTECOST.

FEAST OF PENTECOST: About one and a half decades later when the disciples were together in Jerusalem and the Spirit of God came upon them. (Acts 2; 1-41)

Acts 2:1-4 "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

It was the day that the new covenant was empowered by God's Spirit. It all happened on the Hebrew feast of Shavuot. When the rabbis of the Greek world had to give a Greek name to this Holy day, they called it The Feast of the Fiftieth Day or in the Greek,, *Pentecoste*.

Acts 2:41 "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*."

There was salvation, eternal life. And the number of those who came to new life, in Greek records was three thousand!

So 3000 died in the past, and centuries later, 3000 came to life on the same exact Holy Day!

Apostle Paul writes;

2 Cor 3:4-6 "And we have such trust through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God, 6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

- The Spirit was given on the same day as the Law. Why? Because the Law can tell us the will of God, But only the Holy Spirit can give us power to live it!

Matthew 3:11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Luke 3:16 "John answered, saying to all, 'I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming; whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."  
In Exodus, God was demonstrated as Fire.

Fire means to purify and to cleanse and burn out the sinful dross, sacrifice, bold, burning, enthusiastic, lightning, when we receive the Holy Spirit, we become new creatures in Christ Jesus, with God's Spirit in us, and old things, (human natures) are passed away and all things become new!

Leviticus 23:15-21 = *Shavuot*= 50----*Pentecost* = 50

2 Corinthians 3:1-2 "Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;..."

- We are no longer talking about the epistles written on stone or tablets but written in our hearts

2 Corinthians 3:3 "Clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart."

- This is the New Covenant – God has written on our hearts

James 2:10 "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all."

John 1:17 "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."