

# Counting the Omer

Counting of the Omer (Hebrew: ספירת העומר, Sefirat HaOmer is an important verbal counting of each of the forty-nine (49) days between the Hebrew Set Apart days of Pesach (Passover) and Shavuot (Pentecost) as stated in the Hebrew Scripture: **Leviticus 23:15–16**. “You shall count from the eve of the second (2nd) day of Pesach (Passover), when an omer of grain is to be brought as an offering, seven (7) complete weeks. The day after the seventh (7th) week of your counting will make fifty (50) days, and you shall present a new meal offering to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah).

The Omer was an ancient Hebrew measure of grain. In ancient times, Hebrews would bring the first (1st) sheaves to the Temple as a means of thanking אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) for the harvest and would continue to bring an Omer offering daily at even for 49 days. The word omer literally means “sheaf” and refers to these offerings.

As the Feast day of Shavuot became associated with the giving of the Turah, and not only with a celebration of agricultural bounty, the omer period began to symbolize the related link between Passover and Shavuot. While Pesach (Passover) celebrates the initial liberation of the Hebrew people from slavery in Mitsrym (Egypt), Shavuot marks the culmination of the process of liberation, counting up to Shavuot reminds us of this process of moving from a slave mentality to a more liberated one, freed from the bondage of Sin and Death.

A key part of our celebration in the first (1st) resurrection is "to participate" in אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s instruction to count to Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks. After all, this Feast represents Scriptural counting to the great Jubilee year. Scripture tells us a Jubilee is the appointed time of release and return. It represents the revival of Eden - the fallen garden and the dominion of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) with mankind. It represents the promise of restoration and the coming resurrection of the dead. It is the Jubilee of the King of the Universe.

After Pesach (Passover) comes Shavuot (Pentecost), the appointed Feast of Weeks. In **Leviticus 23:15-16** אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) tells us to count seven (7) weekly Sabbaths from the first (1st) Sabbath following Pesach (Passover) day and on the 50th day of counting it is the appointed day of Shavuot (Pentecost).

It represents a Jubilee and it is the counting of seven (7) weeks, then on the Fiftieth (50th) day of counting, the day after the 7th weekly Sabbath, the special Qadsah (Holy) Day is celebrated as the day of the giving of the Ruch (Spirit), the Turah of fire from Mount Sinai and The Ruch (Spirit) at the Temple Mount in Yarusalym (Jerusalem) Fifty (50) days after Mashiach (Messiah)'s resurrection. That First (1st) Fruits resurrection is a key to the count.

We can count up to Fifty (50) days just as the Disciples did. After all, there is a reason they were instructed to stay in Yarusalym (Jerusalem) (**Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4**) as they were able to spend this time with our Mashiach with ascended on the Fortieth (40th) day after His First (1st) Fruits day resurrection. Which would not have been known if they were not counting the Omer just as אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) had instructed at Sinai 1,500 years earlier. They were counting -- counting the (Sefirat HaOmer) days up to Shavuot!!!

In the first (1st) book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) began to do and

teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Ruch AhQudesh to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty (40) days and speaking about the kingdom of אַחַדְשֵׁי (Yahuah). Acts 1:3-4

You get do the same thing and count up to the great celebration of the Ruch (Spirit) of אַחַדְשֵׁי (Yahuah). Just count all the way to the 50th day and it will be אַחַדְשֵׁי (Yahuah)'s Shavuot (Pentecost Day)!!

It is the Qadosh (Holy) day count from the death of the Pesach lamb to the giving of the (10) Ten Commandments on mount Sinai in the wilderness. Thus it is also the count from the crucifixion day to the giving of the anointing of אַחַדְשֵׁי (Yahuah)'s Ruch AhQudesh to the Disciples at the Temple Mount in Yarusalym (Jerusalem).

On the count up to Shavuot (Pentecost) אַחַדְשֵׁי (Yahuah) shows us that He gives us the opportunity to receives Salvation through Mashiach (Messiah)'s resurrection which is represented by the great wheat harvest of mankind.

This great promise is seen in the message of the wheat and the tares. The second (2nd) chance at life is also seen in the Pesach Sheni (2<sup>nd</sup> chance Pesach) instruction and teaching from אַחַדְשֵׁי (Yahuah) as recorded in **Numbers 9:1-14**. This count of Fifty (50) days also marks the time between the barley harvest and the wheat harvest in ancient Yasharal (Israel).

After the first (1st) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Pesach (Passover), the next Scriptural Set Apart day of Pentecost (Shavuot). Because of Mashiach (Messiah)'s resurrection and His connection to Shavuot (Pentecost), the counting of the Omer is an important participation for all believers as you count your Barakah (Blessings).

Counting of the Omer is the counting of forty-nine (49) days (seven (7) Sabbaths) from the first (1st) weekly Sabbath after the set apart appointed Feast of Pesach (Passover). Shavuot (Pentecost) is known as the Feast of Weeks. It is the Feast of the seven (7) weekly Sabbaths of counting as outlined in **Leviticus 23**

Leviticus tells us that the day after Pesach (Passover) is the First (1<sup>st</sup>) day of Unleavened Bread and is a “Qadosh (Holy) Convocation” or “Mikra” in which, like the weekly Sabbath no labor, no work is to be done. Because of the instruction from אַחַדְשֵׁי (Yahuah) to not work, Hebrew's call this day a High Sabbath.

During the “Counting of the Omer”, we all “get to” count up to the Feast of Shavuot and with each day, we are actually participating in the growing expectation and anticipation of what THE BIG DAY many call Shavuot (Pentecost) actually represents.

That is why Scripture tells us the Omer counting is an unchanging, eternal instruction. It is an appointment and teaching direct from Almighty אַחַדְשֵׁי (Yahuah). In our so called modern day we need to take a step back and re-read Scripture with the Omer Count in mind. When we do we realize that it was early the 1st day of the Omer count that **OWYAH** (Yahusha) appeared in the garden to Miriam (Mary).

That day He also taught the meaning of the Turah at the end of the road to Emmaus. Then on the next day of counting, **OWYAH** (Yahusha) appeared in the upper room to the witnesses on the 2nd day of the Omer count when He appeared to the remaining Disciples. On the 40th day

of the Omer count, He ascended only after His stern command to wait ten (10) more days for the promise of the Father. **Acts 1:3-4**

Many have read the story of the road to Emmaus and it's worth repeating. Following Pesach (Passover), after walking a few miles outside of Yarusalym (Jerusalem), two (2) disciples who had not yet heard of the resurrection met **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) whom they did not recognize in the physical glory and form of His resurrected body until He interpreted the ancient Scriptures for them. They only recognized Him after He related how He is hidden within the stories, words and symbols of the Turah. The five (5) scrolls penned by Mushah (Moses) that so many today call the Turah or Tanankh (Old Testament)... the very Word and Scripture **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) always read and taught from. This "Word", the Scriptures are the bread of life. It is not "old" - and there's no mold!!

It just so happens that the two (2) disciples understood the "Word" when they entered a home to have a meal, and with the giving of "the bread" and "meat", they understood who He was as their eyes were "opened" to the "truth" which is in the stories and symbols of the Scriptures.

But I tell you the truth, it is for your benefit that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate (comforter/Helper) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. **John 16:7**

Shavuot (Pentecost) is one of the big three (3) appointed feast days in **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s word. The ultimate appointed place to appear is in Yarusalym (Jerusalem). It is a special day that **AYAZL** (Yahuah) instructs us to not work, so that we can gather before Him to receive His gift of the Ruch (Spirit). It is the day of celebration of His Ruch (Spirit), the wind and life breath of our Creator.

Shavuot is the only appointed day that **AYAZL** (Yahuah) asks His people to actually count "up" to. It is not a countdown but a counting up. That is important. The key to understand this is to know that **AYAZL** (Yahuah) gives us His teaching and instruction for living, because He loves us. Nothing is by chance or happenstance in Scripture. **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s timing for His appointments is sovereign.

**AYAZL** (Yahuah) tells us that there are three (3) unchanging Feast days (pilgrimage festival) that Yasharal (Israel) is commanded to travel to the ancient Temple in Yarusalym (Jerusalem), which are Pesach (Passover), Shavuot (Pentecost) and Sukkot (Tabernacles). They are the days **AYAZL** (Yahuah) instructed Yasharal (Israel) to appear before Him at the Temple.

Thankfully today, many people are coming to realize His appointed feasts are important to honor. They help us demonstrate our love for **AYAZL** (Yahuah) through our obedience and time of celebration and worship.

Can you imagine what would have happened if the disciples ignored the words of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)? They would have missed out on the Barakah (Blessing) and gifts of His Ruch (Spirit)!!

**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) is the "firstborn" through the power of resurrection. We are first (1st) taught about the firstborn by the symbols seen in **Exodus 22:29**: "You must not hold back offerings from your granaries or vats. You are to give Me the firstborn of your sons."

Understanding FirstFruits is very special in the significance and "eternal" meaning of the

Pesach (Passover) season of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s appointed feasts, held "every" spring at the beginning of the grain harvest season. FirstFruits is representative of the eternal cycle of the appointed time of thanksgiving for אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s provision and salvation. It is and will be the fulfillment of the reality of the promise of our restoration, to the original relationship that אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) intended for us. It is well beyond our comprehension, but He will accomplish our restoration to live set apart and near to Him through resurrection.

According to Random House Dictionary (2010) the definition of a "cycle" is:

1. any complete round or series of occurrences that repeats or is repeated.
2. a round of years or a recurring period of time, esp. one in which certain events or phenomena repeat themselves in the same order and at the same intervals.

Like the laws of physics אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s word does not change. Physics defines a "cycle" as:

- a.) a sequence of changing states that, upon completion, produces a final state identical to the original one.
- b.) one of a succession of periodically recurring events.
- c.) a complete alteration in which a phenomenon attains a maximum and minimum value, returning to a final value equal to the original one.

**Leviticus 23:9-14** institutes the symbol of resurrection through the instruction of the "first fruits" offering described in Scripture. אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) instructed His people to bring a sheaf of grain to the priest, who would wave it before אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) along with a burnt offering, a meal/grain offering, and a drink offering. The teaching of **Deuteronomy 26:1-10** gives us even more information on this great day.

Our joy is to seek understanding and truth in אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s word. We may not be able to catch a plane to Yarusalym (Jerusalem) today, but we can in Ruch (Spirit)!! Like Yahukanon (John) said: אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s commandments are not grievous. There's no burden in showing אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) you love Him! **1 John 5:1-3**

The Scripture constantly give us visible and physical symbols of our Creator's invisible spiritual truths, that we can relate to from אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s creation. The offering of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) fruits of the spring barley harvest represents the promise of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) for eternal life and it leads to the Day of Shavuot (Pentecost) and the first (1st) wheat harvest. **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha)'s resurrection is represented by the barley harvest of grain of First Fruits. We read in His word about the coming harvest, it is the harvest of wheat. His followers and believers are represented by the fall wheat harvest of grain. Regretfully, there are unbelievers, those that reject אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) and judgment will occur, because Sin can not survive in אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s presence. This is represented in Scripture by the pulling out of the "tares" (the weeds).

Even the most obscure verses of Scripture alludes to **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha)! Truly, אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s word is amazing - every word has a meaning and purpose! For example, the three (3) symbols of the First Fruit offerings are: 1) a burnt offering = the crucifixion death, 2) a meal/grain offering = **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha)'s body given as the unleavened bread of life, and 3) a drink offering = **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha)'s covenant sealing blood, given as a covering and atonement for Sin. But unlike the burnt sacrifice of a lamb or heifer, **OWYָּאָל** (Yahusha) lives as the First Fruits of resurrection and eternal life. He has victory over death through his

resurrection. By His own words we know:

I [am] he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Aman; and have the keys of Hades and of death. **Revelation 1:18**

"**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my Alhym, and your Alhym." **John 20:17**

After His suffering, He presented Himself to them with many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a span of forty (40) days and spoke about the kingdom of **AYAZL** (Yahuah). **Acts 1:3-4**

"All" Scripture is full from the front cover to the back of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s eternal spiritual truths. Truth from **AYAZL** (Yahuah) that He does not change. Describing Himself as the One that was, is and will be.

Think about it, if either the law of physics, which were spoken into existence by **AYAZL** (Yahuah) at creation were to change or if the instruction of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) were to change, then the Shamym (Heavens), the earth and life itself would cease to exist. That is why **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) told all of us plainly about the truth of the Scriptures that He taught from. The perfect One said:

"For assuredly, I say to you, till Shamym (Heavens) and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the Turah till all is fulfilled." **Matthew 5:18**

The Jot (Iota) iota, a small letter of the Greek alphabet, used in the NT (like Yod, the Hebrew letter, which was the smallest of all) to indicate the smallest part. The "tittle" means : Little Horn: ["Tittle" comes from the Latin, titulus – a small written or printed stroke or dot, indicating omitted letters in a word. A little (hook, an apostrophe on letters of the alphabet, distinguishing them from other little letters, or a separation stroke between letters).

The meaning of this passage is very clear and straightforward: Not even the smallest letter or distinguishing mark will ever disappear from **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Word until all is fulfilled. The point is: Nothing changes with **AYAZL** (Yahuah)... so we need to keep counting!

Only when Shamym (Heavens) and earth are restored by a renewed Shamym (Heavens) and earth will the words of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) be accomplished and only then will His Word be fulfilled in every detail, even to the very letter of every word. We can see this described in **Revelation 21:1-7**:

"Then I saw a new Shamym (Heaven) and a new earth, for the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Shamym (Hheaven) and the first (1st) earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Qadosh (Holy) City, the new Yarusalym (Jerusalem), coming down out of the Shamym (Heavens) from **AYAZL** (Yahuah), prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) himself will be with them and be their Alhym. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." "It is done. I am the

the **א** Aleph and **ת** Tav, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his Alhym and he will be my son.""

Here we see **אֵיִיִיִי** (Yahuah)'s words are trustworthy and true. So, we can understand and "see" the story of the road to Emmaus is tied to Shavuot (Pentecost).

Walking a few miles outside of Yarusalm (Jerusalem), two (2) disciples met the Master whom they did not recognize until He interpreted the Scriptures (the bread of life = Turah) for them in relation to the true understanding of Who He really is hidden within the words and writings of the Tanakh, the so-called "Old" Testament... Scriptures that He read and taught from. The same hour, the two (2) disciples walked back in obedience and returned to Yarusalym (Jerusalem) announcing the resurrection to the others. Then **וִיִיִיִי** (Yahusha) appeared again and commissioned them to preach repentance and forgiveness to all. He told them to stay in Yarusalym (Jerusalem) "until you are clothed with power from on high". Just think about it, the disciples knew to count the days to Shavuot (Pentecost).

It was the 50th day, the day following the 7 weeks, the 49 days of counting the omer, the day called Shavuot, the day that had been celebrated for nearly fifteen hundred years by the people of Yasharal (Israel) that were faithfully following **אֵיִיִיִי** (Yahuah)'s eternal teaching and instruction, His Turah. That's why there were thousands from around the world gathered there in Yarusalym (Jerusalem) at that moment listening to Kepha (Peter) talk to the great assembly.

In fact, just as 3,000 of Yasharal (Israel) died at the scene of the golden calf (**Exodus 32:28**); 3,000 were redeemed that great day (**Acts 2:41-42**) as they listened to the witnesses speaking to them in their native languages, their tongues. In the same manner, the Twelve (12) "nations" of Yasharal (Israel) and the sojourners with them gathered together to hear the voice of **אֵיִיִיִי** (Yahuah) declare the (10) Ten Commandments from the fiery cloud above them on Mount Sinai.

So too, people gathered at the Temple Mount to hear with one voice - the word of **אֵיִיִיִי** (Yahuah) declared by the disciples, each in the native speech of the people that were gathered in from nations. It was a miracle from the cloven tongues of fire. This is what the story of speaking in "tongues" was all about. **Mark 16:17** gives us the last promise given by the voice of **וִיִיִיִי** (Yahusha). This was the sign, the gift given by fire and Ruch (Spirit) of **אֵיִיִיִי** (Yahuah) so that all men could hear the truth in that day that began when Kepha (Peter) preached:

But Kepha (Peter), standing up with the eleven (11), lifted up his voice, and said unto them, You men of Yahudah (Judaea), and all [you] that dwell at Yarusalym (Jerusalem), be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as you suppose, seeing it is [but] the third (3rd) hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Yoel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, says **אֵיִיִיִי** (Yahuah), I will pour out of my Ruch (Spirit) upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Ruch (Spirit); and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in Shamym (Heavens) above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,

before that great and notable day of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) come: And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call on the name of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) shall be saved. You men of Yasharal (Israel), hear these words; Oוְיָהוּשָׁא (Yahusha) of Nazareth, a man approved of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) did by him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) has raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaks concerning him, I foresaw אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because you will not leave my soul in Sheol, neither will you suffer your Qadosh (Holy) One to see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you shall make me full of joy with your countenance. Men [and] brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Mashiach to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Mashiach, that his soul was not left in Sheol, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Oוְיָהוּשָׁא (Yahusha) has אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Ruch AhQudesh, he has shed forth this, which you now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the Shamym (Heavens): but he said himself, אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) said unto my Adonai (Master), Sit on my right hand, Until I make your foes your footstool. Therefore let all the house of Yasharal (Israel) know assuredly, that אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) has made that same Oוְיָהוּשָׁא (Yahusha) whom you have crucified, both Master and Mashiach. **Acts 2:14-36**

"And he said unto them, these [are] the words which I spoke to you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Turah of Mushah (Moses), and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me. Then he opened their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Mashiach to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third (3rd) day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Yarusalym (Jerusalem). And you are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry you in the city of Yarusalym (Jerusalem), until you be endued with power from on high." **Luke 24:44-49**

This comes from the unchanging instruction given regarding determining the exact day of Shavuot (Pentecost), which His disciples would participate in its fulfillment. Can you imagine what would have happened on this day which is known in Hebrew as Shavuot if the disciples had not counted the 49 days? No wonder אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) instructed that seven (7) Sabbaths are to be counted day by day.

They would have all missed the giving of the fire of His Ruch (Spirit) on the day אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) spoke the covenant of the (10) Ten Commandments. Why? His word is unchanging, אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) means what He says when He says it!

The same day that the Hebrews were celebrating אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s giving of His Turah on

tablets of stone, the Ruch AhQudesh came and wrote His Turah on people's hearts! This confirmed **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s promise in **Jeremiah 31:31-34** and was the promise from the Father that **וַיְהוָה** (Yahusha) had told His disciples about in **Acts 1:4**. A look at these two (2) seminal events in Scriptural history will reveal some remarkable parallels and similarities and will increase your Amunah (Faith) in the awesome Alhym of Scripture! **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) had planned the **Acts 2** events even from the time of the Exodus and then He brought them to pass in the framework of the Qadosh Feasts that had been set up thousands of years prior. While this is certainly not an exhaustive list, here are some amazing parallels between these two (2) events that happened thousands of years apart, to the day!

1. Both events occurred on a mountain (Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion) known as the mountain of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) – **Exodus 24:13; Isaiah 2:3**
2. Both events happened to a newly redeemed people. The Exodus marked the Salvation of the Yasharalite (Israelite) nation and the establishment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Covenant written on Stone, while Shavuot (Pentecost) events recorded in **Acts 2** marked the Salvation of the Chosen Believer and the establishment of the renewed Covenant, written on our Hearts by the Immersion (Baptism) of the Ruch AhQudesh.
3. Both events involved **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s people receiving a gift, one was the Torah and the other the Ruch (Spirit).
4. In both events the gift was given by **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) settling on a mountain with the fire of His Ruch (Spirit).
5. Both events took place on the same day of the same month.
6. The Yasharalites (Israelites) left Mitsrym (Egypt) on Pesach (Passover) and 40 days later arrived at Mt. Sinai. Then Mushah (Moses) went up on a mountain to see **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) on (Mt. Sinai). Ten (10) days later Mushah (Moses) came down with the Turah and the Yasharalites (Israelites) broke the Covenant and 3000 people died as a result. **וַיְהוָה** (Yahusha) died on Pesach (Passover) and 40 days later went up on a mountain (Mt. Of Olives) to see **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Ten (10) days after **וַיְהוָה** (Yahusha) ascended, the Ruch came down and 3000 people were saved!
7. Fifty (50) days after sacrificing the Pesach (Passover) Lamb, the Yasharalites (Israelites) received a covenant from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).  
50 days after sacrificing **וַיְהוָה** (Yahusha) Our Pesach (Passover) Lamb, believers received a new covenant from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).
8. Both events had similar sounds and symbols-wind, fire, smoke, voices (the Hebrew word translated thunder in Exodus is “kolot” (Strong’s H6963), which means voices or languages). Think about this in light of the **Acts 2** events.
9. The fire at Sinai was one (1) fire visible by all; the fire at Shavuot (Pentecost) was individual fires on every person. In the event at Mt. Sinai, the people were kept away from the fire, but in Acts, the fire came to the people.
10. Both events had **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) showing up (**Exodus 19:18-20; Acts 2:4**)
11. In both events **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) gave His Turah (Law) to His People and in both cases



He sealed the covenant that He had made with them. At Sinai He gave the Turah (Law) written by His finger on tablets of stone. At Shavuot (Pentecost), He gave the Turah (Law) written on Tablets of our Heart.

12. In both events a mixed multitude of people were represented (**Exodus 12:38; Acts 2:5**)

13. The Turah attempted to change people from the outside. The Ruch changes from within. The word "Turah" means instructions, teaching and in **John 14:26** the Ruch AhQudesh is called our teacher.

Think about these parallels! Wouldn't they have been powerful to the Hebrew people that would have been there to celebrate this time long ago when אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) showed up in fire, wind, smoke and voices? Suddenly, it looks like אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) is showing up again in the same way that He came before! They see fire and smoke and hear voices and the place is shaking violently! אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) is back! What is He telling us?

Looking at the history of Shavuot and what אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) did, makes the story of Acts so much deeper and increases our Amunah (Faith) in the Alhym of Scripture. His plans for us were made since the beginning of time and are exact down to the last detail. What a mighty Alhym we serve!

When אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) speaks we need to listen and do what He asks or we will miss His Barakah (Blessing). אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) instructs us to count the days up to Shavuot.

"And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath... Count fifty (50) days to the day after the seventh (7th) Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)." **Leviticus 23: 15-16**

אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) told Mushah (Moses) that He will make His people a set apart (Holy) people called out to be priests to all nations, He keeps His eternal promises:

"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own possession from among all peoples; for all the Earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of Priests, and a Qadosh (Holy) nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Yasharal (Israel)." **Exodus 19:5-6**

"But you shall receive power, after that the Ruch AhQudesh is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Yarusalym (Jerusalem), and in all Yahudah (Judaea), and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." **Acts 1:8**

If we just look, we can see that the book of Leviticus gives the prophecy and the story of the Acts of the Apostles, which records the promise in the faithful counting by the disciples up to the day of Shavuot (Pentecost) "when it was fully come":

"And when the day of Shavuot (Pentecost) was fully come, they were all with one (1) accord in one (1) place. And suddenly there came a sound from Shamym (Heavens) as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them." **Acts 2:1-3**

During the counting, we are privileged to "count" to the Feast of Shavuot and with each day we are actually participating in "adding to" the growing expectation and anticipation of what the

day of Shavuot (Pentecost) actually represents. At the Exodus, it was His voice from the fire on the mountain giving His Torah, His wisdom as seen with the fire of Mount Sinai and at Mashiach's time it was the giving of His Barakah (Blessings) and gifts by His Ruach (Spirit) like a mighty wind as seen through the cloven tongues of fire.

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” **Psalm 90:12**

Teach me, O אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your Torah (law); Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me walk in the path of Your Commandments, For I delight in it. Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness. Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way. Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You. Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are good. Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness.

Therefore say unto them, Thus says אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) of hosts; Turn you unto me, says אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) of hosts, and I will turn unto you, says אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) of hosts. **Zechariah 1:3**

Even from the days of your fathers you are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept [them]. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, says אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) of hosts. But you said, Wherein shall we return? **Malachi 3:7**

And I will give them an heart to know me, that I [am] אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah): and they shall be my people, and I will be their Alhym: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart. **Jeremiah 24:7**

The Feasts of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) have their prophetic fulfillment in אֱלֹהִים (Yahusha). They are His rehearsals for His appointments with mankind.

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Yitshaq (Isaac) and Yaqoob (Jacob) in the kingdom of Shamym (Heavens). **Matthew 8:11**

Baruch (Blessed) are you, אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) our Alhym, Sovereign of the Universe, who has sanctified us with your commandments and commanded us to count the omer, so we arrive on time for your appointed feast of Shavuot.