

June 1st.

Promise Made, Promise Kept

Song – “Arise and Shine”

The time of Shavuot is rich in tradition, history and promise.

It is believed at this time, while in the wilderness, 50 days after the Exodus on the 15th day of the first month, at Mount Sinai Torah was given to Moshe.

This day is unique in that there is no set date on the calendar for it. We are required to count...7 Shabbat and 49 days until we come to the 50th day. It is upon that time that Israel, when they were in the land would bring their tithe, an offering from their harvest before Adonai.

At the time of Shavuot, you are to bring two loaves of bread, made with the produce of the land as an offering.

At Passover there is Matzah which is unleavened, representing Yeshua as the one without sin and as the Passover Lamb, who will take away the sin of the world.

The mystery of the two loaves of Shavuot- Leviticus 23.

On Shavuot there are two loaves of bread made with leaven. Their mystery is whom do they represent.

Lev 23:15 " 'From the day after the day of rest—that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving—you are to count seven full weeks,

Lev 23:16 until the day after the seventh week; you are to count fifty days; and then you are to present a new grain offering to Adonai.

Lev 23:17 You must bring bread from your homes for waving—two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven—as firstfruits for Adonai.

What we know now, that wasn't known then is that the two loaves are two peoples.

Jew and Gentile

Yeshua conveys...

Luk 24:44 Yeshua said to them, "This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

Luk 24:45 Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh,

Luk 24:46 telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day;

Luk 24:47 and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.

Luk 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.

Luk 24:49 Now I am sending forth upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been equipped with power from above."

Luke also conveys...

Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!"

The promise, hidden, has now been revealed.

The promise – Joel 2:28

Joe 3:1 "After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions;

Joe 3:2 and also on male and female slaves in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

Pouring out of the Spirit to the Jew first...

Acts 2: Shavuot

Act 2:1 The festival of Shavu`ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place.

Act 2:2 Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them.

Act 2:4 They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Act 2:5 Now there were staying in Yerushalayim religious Jews from every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6 When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered; they were confused,

because each one heard the believers speaking in his own language.

Act 2:7 Totally amazed, they asked, "How is this possible? Aren't all these people who are speaking from the Galil?

Act 2:8 How is it that we hear them speaking in our native languages?

Act 2:9 We are Parthians, Medes, Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Y'hudah, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome;

Act 2:11 Jews by birth and proselytes; Jews from Crete and from Arabia. . . !
How is it that we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things God has done?"

Kefa answers their question...

Act 2:14 Then Kefa stood up with the Eleven and raised his voice to address them: **"You Judeans, and all of you staying here in Yerushalayim! Let me tell you what this means! Listen carefully to me!**

Act 2:15 "These people aren't drunk, as you suppose—it's only nine in the morning.

Act 2:16 No, this is what was spoken about through the prophet Yo'el:

Act 2:17 'Adonai says: "In the Last Days, I will pour out from my Spirit upon everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Act 2:18 Even on my slaves, both men and women, will I pour out from my Spirit in those days; and they will prophesy.

To the Jew first.

Song – "Fall on Me"

Pouring out of the Spirit to Gentiles...

Acts 10: - The message Kefa shares with Cornelius and those in his household.

Act 10:34 Then Kefa addressed them: "I now understand that God does not play favorites,

Act 10:35 but that whoever fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him, no matter what people he belongs to.

Act 10:36 "Here is the message that he sent to the sons of Isra'el announcing shalom through Yeshua the Messiah, who is Lord of everything.

Act 10:37 You know what has been going on throughout Y'hudah, starting from the Galil after the immersion that Yochanan proclaimed;

Act 10:38 how God anointed Yeshua from Natzeret with the Ruach HaKodesh and with power; how Yeshua went about doing good and healing all the people oppressed by the Adversary, because God was with him.

Act 10:39 "As for us, we are witnesses of everything he did, both in the Judean countryside and in Yerushalayim. They did away with him by hanging him on a stake;

Act 10:40 but God raised him up on the third day and let him be seen,

Act 10:41 not by all the people, but by witnesses God had previously chosen, that is, by us, who ate and drank with him after he had risen again from the dead.

Act 10:42 "Then he commanded us to proclaim and attest to the Jewish people that this man has been appointed by God to judge the living and the dead.

Act 10:43 All the prophets bear witness to him, that everyone who puts his trust in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

And what transpires in the home of a Gentile?

Act 10:44 Kefa was still saying these things when the Ruach HaKodesh fell on all who were hearing the message.

Act 10:45 All the believers from the Circumcision faction who had accompanied Kefa were amazed that the gift of the Ruach HaKodesh was also being poured out

Act 10:46 on the Goyim, for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Kefa's response was,

Act 10:47 "Is anyone prepared to prohibit these people from being immersed in water? After all, they have received the Ruach HaKodesh, just as we did."

Act 10:48 And he ordered that they be immersed in the name of Yeshua the Messiah. Then they asked Kefa to stay on with them for a few days.

God reveals to Kefa, Peter that God can and will pour out His spirit upon Gentiles.

Sha'ul conveys the vast potential and possibilities when he talks of a secret plan in his letter to the Ephesians...

Eph 3:2 I assume that you have heard of the work God in his grace has given me to do for your benefit,

Eph 3:3 and that it was by a revelation that this secret plan was made known to me. I have already written about it briefly,

Eph 3:4 and if you read what I have written, you will grasp how I understand this

secret plan concerning the Messiah.

Eph 2:11 Therefore, remember your former state: you Gentiles by birth—called the Uncircumcised by those who, merely because of an operation on their flesh, are called the Circumcised—

Eph 2:12 at that time had no Messiah. You were estranged from the national life of Isra'el. You were foreigners to the covenants embodying God's promise. You were in this world without hope and without God.

Eph 2:13 But now, you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of the Messiah's blood.

And being brought near, into the commonwealth of Israel has created an entirely new dynamic...a mystery once concealed has now been revealed.

Eph 2:14 For he himself is our shalom—he has made us both one and has broken down the m'chitzah which divided us

Eph 2:15 by destroying in his own body the enmity occasioned by the Torah, with its commands set forth in the form of ordinances. He did this in order to create in union with himself from the two groups a single new humanity and thus make shalom,

And as such, Sha'ul conveys the imagery of the Olive Tree, being Israel, the cultivated Olive tree while Gentiles are the wild olive branches of Romans 11, where wild branches are grafted into a Jewish tree.

Birthered out of Israel...

- Revelation 12 – the woman, the pregnant woman is Israel and her purpose is to give birth, to bring forth, to bring the life of God into the world...

Rev 12:1 Now a great sign was seen in heaven—a woman clothed with the sun, under her feet the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Rev 12:2 She was pregnant and about to give birth, and she screamed in the agony of labor.

Israel is God's sign to the world. Her reappearance as a nation was not by accident nor by political action, it was by divine appointment.

Why?

Because the imagery of Revelation 12 comes from Isaiah 66...

Isa 66:7 Before going into labor, she gave birth; before her pains came, she delivered a male child.

Isa 66:8 Who ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Is a country born in one day? Is a nation brought forth all at once? For as soon as Tziyon went into labor, she brought forth her children.

Isa 66:9 "Would I let the baby break through and not be born?" asks Adonai. "Would I, who cause the birth, shut the womb?" asks your God.

Isa 66:10 Rejoice with Yerushalayim! Be glad with her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice with her, all of you who mourned for her;

Isa 66:11 so that you nurse and are satisfied by her comforting breast, drinking deeply and delighting in the overflow of her glory.

Out of the pregnant woman that is Israel is Birthed and thus entering into the world...

- The Word of God
 - The Knowledge of God
 - The Psalms
 - The Worship
 - The Prophetic
 - The Bible
 - Messiah and His light
 - Salvation
 - The Ruach Ha Kodesh
 - The Church was birthed into the world through The Jewish nation.
 - Born again through a Jewish womb
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- Israel exists to give birth to the purposes of God – the bearer
 - Israel exists to bring forth.

What has come out of Israel, will return to Israel, when Messiah returns...

Zec 14:4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which lies to the east of Yerushalayim; and the Mount of Olives will be split in half from east to west, to make a huge valley. Half of the mountain will move toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

What has been brought forth through them is the fullness of God

What is to occur as a result is a unity of one voice with one message for one purpose, The Kingdom of God.

Song – "Holy Adonai"

Song – "Hine Ma Tov"