

Notes: June 3, 2017

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Do You Know The Way To Shavuot

Over the years, I have shared many things about Shavuot. From it being the middle child of Feasts, in that it doesn't receive the recognition or attention of Passover, Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. To the connection of Sinai and Jerusalem. There is much that I have said about this Dangerfield Feast.

Growing up, I don't recall every doing anything regarding Shavuot.

Yet to Adonai, considers each of His Feasts unique and important. Each has a purpose and a role in His narrative.

Last week, I teased about this week's message and a song that came to mind...it is a song that poses the question...

Do You Know the Way to San Jose?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnzTgUc5ycc>

Where the song starts off...

*Do you know the way to San Jose?
I've been away so long. I may go wrong and lose my way
Do you know the way to San Jose?
I'm going back to find some peace of mind in San Jose*

To where I asked the same question, but about something different...

Do you know the way to Shavuot?
I've been away so long. I may go wrong and lose my way.
Do you know the way to Shavuot?

I'm going back to find some peace of mind on Shavuot.

Personally, I can say, that I had been away for so long from my heritage. You may have heard the acronym RINO (Republican in name only) well I was a JINO...Jewish in name only. Jewish by birth, but very little else.

To where 17 years ago I would begin a journey that would take me places I could never had predicted or imagined. One of those early steps on my journey, at the direction of my now wife was to find a Church of God church. That is what she was familiar with, and therefore what she recommended. And, not knowing anything about this thing called Christianity, I said...why not. Jewish in name only, never having felt the anti-semitism inflicted either intentional or unintentionally, I did not have an obstruction preventing me from going.

The only thing I truly knew was that Jews and Christians were different.

A Pentecostal church would be my first stop along the way.

It would be two years later that I would come to the conclusion I am about to share with you, but I want to let you know that all experiences can be gleaned from. What you choose to do with the revelation is most certainly up to you.

Having revisited my heritage and either learned or relearned about it I came to this stark irony...

This Pentecostal church I was attending, whose movement's very name came from the anglicized version of a Feast of God, did nothing to actually celebrate this Feast. I would come to find this as being the norm, in that I had visited many other Pentecostal churches, and would in essence hear the same schpeel.

I can't count how many sermons I heard in this church where Acts 2:1 – 4 was preached on, primarily as the birth of the church...

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

It would take me some time and study to actually connect Pentecost to being a Feast of Adonai, in that when I read Leviticus 23, a light went on, yet there was still a great deal of darkness in my understanding. What I mean by darkness, is that a fullness of my understanding had not yet been revealed...

Remember the words from the song...

I've been away so long. I may go wrong and lose my way

I had been away so long from any aspect of God, that only by His Whole Word and His Ruach, I didn't lose my way or go wrong.

To where, once I did gain more understanding, questions would arise.

For some, the first contradiction meant an excuse to stop. For me it meant questions...Why? Where? How?

Yet the answers that would follow would not convey the promise of the lyrics...

I'm going back to find some peace of mind

Fortunately for me, it meant more questions, requiring answers that I had to find on my own. Questions that my pastor could not answer for me, because he wasn't fully equipped to deal with a searching Jew. You want a sermon on salvation, He was your man. Yet, the perspective I was coming from, was not something he would have ever received training on.

What I find interesting is that they found it...it being Shavuot, yet there was no experience of the Journey to Shavuot, understanding of Shavuot, embracing of Shavuot.

It is like planning a trip to a destination, yet you know nothing about the place you are going. You go, arrive, and then what?

Often mention, never experienced.

Shavuot is unique in that it is a moad, an appointed time of Adonai, yet it does not have a specific date on the calendar you can circle each and every year.

Passover is the 14th day of the first month

Unleavened Bread is the 15th day of the first month through the 21st day of the first month

Rosh Hashanah / Yom Truah is the 1st day of the seventh month

Yom Kippur is the 10th day of the seventh month

Sukkot starts the 15th day of the seventh month and lasts until the 22nd day of the seventh month.

All moadim, with fixed designated dates.

Yet, two of them...

Firstfruits during the Passover season is conveyed as follows...

Lev 23:10 "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the cohen.

Lev 23:11 He is to wave the sheaf before Adonai, so that you will be accepted; the cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat.

From an absolute day to a day that is open for interpretation.

The question posed by many is, which Shabbat?

The weekly Shabbat or the first Shabbat of Unleavened Bread?

If it is the Shabbat after the first Shabbat of Unleavened Bread than the next day could be any day of the week.

If it is the Weekly Shabbat, then First Fruits would always fall on the first day of the week.

So, when you think about a journey, the most important aspect is where you start.

Many believers have started their journeys, but in many different places resulting in many different destinations.

Yet what is interesting is that our Journey to Shavuot is tied to this very day we are to determine during Unleavened Bread.

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.

Deuteronomy 16:9 says we are to count seven weeks, seven Shabbot

Deu 16:9 "You are to count seven weeks; you are to begin counting seven weeks from the time you first put your sickle to the standing grain.

Deu 16:10 You are to observe the festival of Shavu`ot [*weeks*] for Adonai your God with a voluntary offering, which you are to give in accordance with the degree to which Adonai your God has prospered you.

If we are to start our count on any other day than the first day of the week, we will not be counting seven full weeks,

but rather 49 days. Seven full weeks is 49 days, but 49 days is not always seven full weeks.

What do I mean by this...

A full / complete week would include Shabbat.

Therefore by beginning our Journey on the first day of the week, the 50th day will ALWAYS fall on the first day of the week.

You can't mess this up. It is infallible, it is human proof. It is Adonai.

There is a reason why on this 50 day journey to Shavuot, we provided you with Scripture readings.

What lasted for the first 22 days of your journey...

Psalm 119.

The most comprehensive piece of Scripture that conveys the essence of Adonai's Word...

Scripture Reading:	Corresponding Ways
Psalm 119:1-8	The Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:9-16	Obedience to the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:17-24	Happiness in the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:25-32	Determination to Obey the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:33-40	A Prayer for Understanding
Psalm 119:41-48	Trusting the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:49-56	Confidence in the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:57-64	Devotion to the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:65-72	The Value of the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:73-80	The Justice of the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:81-88	Prayer for Deliverance
Psalm 119:89-96	Faith in the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:97-104	Love of the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:105-112	Light from the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:113-120	Safety in the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:121-128	Obedience to the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:129-136	Desire to Obey the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:137-144	The Justice of the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:145-152	Prayer for Deliverance
Psalm 119:153-160	Plea for Salvation
Psalm 119:161-168	Dedication to the Law of Adonai
Psalm 119:169-176	A Prayer for Help

We delved into the very character of who Adonai is. In doing so, we should have come to further understand the character of the Word becoming flesh and dwelling amongst us...

[Joh 1:14](#) The Word became a human being and lived with us, and we saw his Sh'khinah, the Sh'khinah of the

Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Then along this journey for the remaining 27 days we learned of His faithfulness, His relationship with His people and the impact His Word would have on our lives...,

Scripture Reading:	Corresponding Ways
Psalm 1:1-6	True Happiness
Psalm 11:1-7	Confidence in Adonai
Psalm 15:1-5	What Adonai Requires
Psalm 19:7-14	The Law of Adonai
Psalm 25:4-10	A Prayer for Guidance
Psalm 63:1-11	Longing for Adonai
Psalm 67:1-7	A Song of Thanksgiving
Psalm 78:1-16	Adonai and His People
Psalm 78:17-31	Adonai and His People
Psalm 78:32-39	Adonai and His People
Psalm 78:40-55	Adonai and His People
Psalm 78:56-72	Adonai and His People
Psalm 93:1-5	Adonai the King
Psalm 94:12-23	Adonai the Judge
Psalm 95:1-7	A Song of Praise
Psalm 96:1-13	Adonai the Supreme King
Psalm 98:1-9	Adonai the Ruler of the World
Psalm 99:1-9	Adonai the Supreme King
Psalm 103:1-22	The Love of Adonai
Psalm 105:1-11	Adonai and His People
Psalm 106:1-5	Adonai's Goodness
Psalm 111:1-10	In Praise of Adonai
Psalm 112:1-10	The Happiness of a Good Person
Psalm 128:1-6	The Reward of Obedience
Psalm 130:1-8	A Prayer for Help
Psalm 148:1-14	A Call for the Universe to Praise Adonai
Psalm 138:1-8	A Prayer of Thanksgiving
Psalm 150:1-6	Praise Adonai

On our journey, we experienced in our own way what Israel experienced first hand when leaving Egypt.

First hand, Israel saw the power of Adonai. They saw The Word in action. They saw His divine authority. They witnessed His provision.

What we read, they saw.

The journey is just as important as arriving at your destination. Yet, many believers today have not experienced the journey of Shavuot.

It is through the journey that you learn and grow. How tragic that the majority of believers have either been deprived of such a journey or even worse have no interest in doing so. "That's under the law and we are under grace and therefore don't have to."

So, what has this journey done for you?

What has this journey meant to you.

At minimum, I hope it has provided you with a deeper understanding of Adonai.

I hope it has led to your understanding of Shavuot.

You see, because some 2,000 years ago, another group took a similar journey, yet it was led by the one who was the author...

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.

He likely took them through many of the passages you read over these last seven weeks, for 40 days of their journey

In order to get them to their destination...

Act 1:3 After his death he showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God.

Act 1:4 At one of these gatherings, he instructed them not to leave Yerushalayim but to "wait for what the Father promised, which you heard about from me.

Act 1:5 For Yochanan used to immerse people in water; but in a few days, you will be immersed in the Ruach HaKodesh!"

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.

This is typically where the story ends, yet the first ones to receive this promise are the same order by which Sha'ul would further emphasize...

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?"

Act 2:12 Amazed and confused, they all went on asking each other, "What can this mean?"

Act 2:13 But others made fun of them and said, "They've just had too much wine!"

Yet, the true and widespread fulfillment of this promise as conveyed by Yoel as understool and conveyed by Kefa, would not actually occur until much later...

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.

Act 2:19 I will perform miracles in the sky above and signs on the earth below — blood, fire and thick smoke.

Act 2:20 The sun will become dark and the moon blood before the great and fearful Day of Adonai comes.

Act 2:21 And then, whoever calls on the name of Adonai will be saved." '

Act 2:22 "Men of Isra'el! Listen to this! Yeshua from Natzeret was a man demonstrated to you to have been from God by the powerful works, miracles and signs that God performed through him in your presence. You yourselves know this.

Act 2:23 This man was arrested in accordance with God's predetermined plan and foreknowledge; and, through the agency of persons not bound by the Torah, you nailed him up on a stake and killed him!

Act 2:24 "But God has raised him up and freed him from the suffering of death; it was impossible that death could keep its hold on him.

Act 2:25 For David says this about him: 'I saw Adonai always before me, for he is at my right hand, so that I will not be shaken.

Act 2:26 For this reason, my heart was glad; and my tongue rejoiced; and now my body too will live on in the certain hope

Act 2:27 that you will not abandon me to Sh'ol or let your Holy One see decay.

Act 2:28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will fill me with joy by your presence.'

Act 2:29 "Brothers, I know I can say to you frankly that the patriarch David died and was buried — his tomb is with us to this day.

Act 2:30 Therefore, since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that one of his descendants would sit on his throne,

Act 2:31 he was speaking in advance about the resurrection of the Messiah, that it was he who was not abandoned in Sh'ol and whose flesh did not see decay.

Act 2:32 God raised up this Yeshua! And we are all witnesses of it!

Act 2:33 "Moreover, he has been exalted to the right hand of God; has received from the Father what he promised, namely, the Ruach HaKodesh; and has poured out this gift, which you are both seeing and hearing.

Act 2:34 For David did not ascend into heaven. But he says,

Act 2:35 'Adonai said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." '

Act 2:36 Therefore, let the whole house of Isra'el know beyond doubt that God has made him both Lord and Messiah — this Yeshua, whom you executed on a stake!"

Act 2:37 On hearing this, they were stung in their hearts; and they said to Kefa and the other emissaries, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Act 2:38 Kefa answered them, "Turn from sin, return to God, and each of you be immersed on the authority of Yeshua the Messiah into forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Ruach HaKodesh!

Ultimately, the first Spirit filled believers were Jews.

We would later see this promise go to the nations in Adonai's due time...

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."
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.

You can't truly embrace what transpired on Shavuot in Acts 2 without connecting Acts 10 in that it is the comprehensive fulfillment of Yoel 2:28...

Joe 2:28 (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 2:29 (3:2) and also on male and female slaves in those days I will pour out my Spirit.