

## Lesson Guide 35

### **"Plain of the Torah" -- Where Israel Heard the Voice of Yahuwah!**

The Plain of the Torah -- "Wady Er-Raba" -- before Mount Sinai. In this desolate valley over three million Israelites gathered to receive the Words of Yahuwah -- the Ten Commandments -- on the Day of Pentecost or Firstfruits.

Today, Yahuwah promises to write His Torahs in the hearts and minds of those who obey Him by His Ruwach Ha Kodesh.

### **Day of Pentecost -- THE ASSEMBLY IN YAHUWAH'S MASTER PLAN**

Did you know that unless Yahushua's disciples had been KEEPING the Day of Pentecost THEY WOULDN'T HAVE RECEIVED YAHUWAH'S RAUWCH HA KODESH?

Without Yahuwah's Rauwch NO ONE could ever inherit eternal life! Without Yahuwah's Rauwch you can't even WORSHIP Yahuwah as you should! John said, "Yahuwah is a Rauwch: and they that worship Him MUST WORSHIP HIM IN RAUWCH AND IN TRUTH!" (John 4:24.)

Absolutely no one can worship Yahuwah in Rauwch if he has not the Rauwch of Yahuwah!

Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh came to the disciples for the FIRST TIME on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday. It changed their lives. IT CAN CHANGE YOURS!

You need to thoroughly understand the importance of the Day of Pentecost - the day on which Yahushua founded the New Testament Assembly. Pentecost pictures the little-understood THIRD VITAL STEP in Yahuwah's Master Plan!

### **Steps in Yahuwah's Plan Reviewed**

Yahuwah's seven annual festivals outline His Master Plan. Because the world rejects these Holy Days, it has lost the KNOWLEDGE of the PURPOSE for human life. These holy periods of time are not "Jewish." One of the reasons the vast majority of Jews rejected the Messiah is that they did not receive the Rauwch Ha Kodesh because they failed to keep Pentecost on the right day!

The PASSOVER is to remind us that YAHUSHUA MESSIAH paid a tremendous price for our sins. He offered something more valuable than anything we could offer -- the sacrifice of HIS PERFECT HUMAN LIFE!

Because we broke Yahuwah's Torah and earned the wages of sin, which is death (Rom. 6:23), Yahushua had to DIE IN OUR STEAD. We need the cleansing

blood of the Messiah to pay for our sins. The Passover was given to us as an ANNUAL MEMORIAL SO WE WOULD NEVER FORGET IT. Yahushua's Memorial or communion service is the FIRST STEP in Yahuwah's Master Plan of salvation!

Next, Yahuwah reminds us to QUIT SINNING! The DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD picture putting the LEAVEN OF SIN (I Cor. 5:7-8) out of our lives, and beginning to live in complete submission and obedience to Yahuwah's Torahs. When we begin to obey Yahuwah and totally surrender to Him, we take the SECOND STEP in Yahuwah's plan. But that is not enough! We need the Rauwch Ha Kodesh of Yahuwah if we are to really obey Yahuwah and inherit eternal life.

This THIRD STEP in Yahuwah's plan is pictured for us by the DAY OF PENTECOST, or Feast of Firstfruits.

### **LESSON THIRTY-FIVE... the Messiah Promised Spiritual Help**

1. Did Yahushua Messiah promise Spiritual help to His disciples? John 14:16. What was the "Comforter" that the Messiah promised? Verse 26 – *Rauwch Ha Kodesh*. What else is the Rauwch Ha Kodesh called besides "Comforter"? Verse 17 - *Rauwch of Truth*. Was the Rauwch Ha Kodesh dwelling WITH the disciples in the person of Yahushua? Same verse - *Yes*. But had the disciples received the Rauwch Ha Kodesh dwelling WITHIN them as yet? Same verse - *No*.

COMMENT: The Rauwch Ha Kodesh had been WITH the disciples in the person of Yahushua. But now He was to ascend into Heaven. He promised to send the Rauwch Ha Kodesh to be WITHIN them as it had been in Him! The word, "comforter" is translated from the Greek word, "parakletos" which means, "one who goes alongside to help."

2. Was Yahushua's promise to send the Rauwch Ha Kodesh repeated AFTER He had been crucified and resurrected from the dead? Acts 1:8-9. *Yes*

3. Did the Messiah tell the disciples to wait in Yerushalayim until they received Yahuwah's Rauwch? Luke 24:49. *Yes*

COMMENT: The word, "tarry" does not refer to an ecstatic, emotional, pseudo-religious meeting held in Yerushalayim as some deluded people believe, but merely means "wait." It is an archaic English word which was used in 1611, when the King James Bible was translated, to mean "wait."

4. When did the disciples actually receive the gift of Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh? Acts 2:1-4. On what DAY did the Rauwch Ha Kodesh come? Same verses. *On the Day of Pentecost*

5. Was there a meeting going on in Yerushalayim on the Day of Pentecost? Acts 2:5-13. Who were these people who had gathered in Yerushalayim from all

over the Roman Empire? Same verses, especially verse 5. *Mostly followers of the Scriptures (Jews)*

COMMENT: These Jews were called "devout" men because although they were not yet disciples of Yahushua, they lived according to Yahuwah's Torahs revealed in the Tanach. Remember, at this time the only Bible people had was what we call the Tanach. The New Testament had not as yet been written.

6. Why were Yahushua's disciples gathered together with "devout" Jews from all over the Roman Empire? Had everyone gathered together at a specific time and in a specific place for the Day of Pentecost? What was significant about the Day of Pentecost? Acts 2:1. *Torah was given – Now Rauwch Ha Kodesh given*

COMMENT: The Day of Pentecost was observed LONG BEFORE the Rauwch Ha Kodesh came as recorded in the Book of Acts!

Pentecost was called the "Feast of Firstfruits" in the Tanach and was observed by "devout" people (including Yahushua's disciples) for many generations (Lev. 23:15-21).

Yahushua's disciples waited in Yerushalayim as Yahushua had commanded until the Feast of Pentecost or Firstfruits when they were all together in one place on one of Yahuwah's ANNUAL HOLY DAYS. It was then that Yahushua Messiah sent the Rauwch Ha Kodesh and began the New Testament Assembly!

If Yahushua's disciples had not obeyed Him -- if they had not been KEEPING THE DAY OF PENTECOST, or Firstfruits -- they WOULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED YAHUWAH'S RAUWCH HA KODESH! Yahuwah gives His Rauwch only to those who OBEY HIM! (Acts 5:32.)

## **The Messiah the Wave Sheaf**

Almighty Yahuwah knows man is best reminded by what he repeats YEAR AFTER YEAR! Yahuwah established His Holy Days -- memorials of the PLAN of Yahuwah -- in conjunction with the two ANNUAL HARVESTS. Yahuwah uses the physical harvest seasons as a pattern of the two SPIRITUAL HARVESTS.

In Palestine there are two annual harvest seasons. The first one is a small spring harvest following the winter rains. It begins on the day of the Wave-Sheaf offering, and ends at the Day of Pentecost. In the late summer and early autumn the second harvest season occurred. It followed the late spring or latter rains in Palestine. It ended with the Feast of INGATHERING, which is called in your Bible THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES. This fall harvest is the much greater harvest.

The Day of Pentecost pictures the VERY SMALL early harvest.

The Days of Unleavened Bread occur about THE BEGINNING OF THE SMALL SPRING HARVEST SEASON (Lev. 23:10-11). The shoots of grain,

planted earlier, have grown to maturity. They are now fruit-bearing stalks -- ready to be harvested.

**This first harvest began in the following manner:**

On Sunday morning, which falls during the Days of Unleavened Bread, an omer (2 quarts) of grain was brought to the priest to be accepted by Yahuwah. This was called the "Wave-Sheaf Offering" or the "first of the firstfruits."

1. Why did Yahuwah instruct the Israelites to cut a small handful of grain and wave it to be accepted by Him during the Days of Unleavened Bread? Lev. 23:10. *Because it was the first fruit offering which had to be done before they could start the harvest.* What does the Wave Sheaf symbolize? I Cor. 15:20-23. *Yahushua's resurrection* Who was the FIRST of the firstfruits of Yahuwah's Spiritual harvest? Same verses.

2. After the Messiah was crucified, buried and resurrected, did He need to be ACCEPTED as the firstfruits of the Spiritual harvest? John 20:17. *Yes* Were His disciples permitted to touch Him? Same verse. *No – before he ascended*

COMMENT: Because the Messiah was a holy sacrifice, and was the FIRST human being to be resurrected, He fulfilled the symbolism of the Wave-Sheaf Offering, the morning after He was resurrected. He had to go before Yahuwah the Father to be accepted, just as the High Priest in the Tanach had to wave (lift up) the omer of barley to be accepted by Yahuwah before the spring harvest could begin. When Mary met the Messiah in the garden, she couldn't touch Him because His sacrifice had not yet been accepted in Heaven.

3. After Yahushua's sacrifice had been accepted by Yahuwah the Father, could His disciples touch Him? Compare Mat. 28:9 with John 20:20-28. *Yes*

4. What day was it when Mary saw the Messiah in the garden? John 20:11-19. *Sunday morning*

COMMENT: This was the day following the weekly Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread. It was the VERY SAME DAY THAT THE WAVE SHEAF WAS OFFERED! It was on this very day that Yahushua Messiah, the first of the firstfruits of Yahuwah's Spiritual harvest, was accepted as the Wave Sheaf Offering in heaven!

5. After the Messiah was accepted in heaven and returned to earth, what day was it when the disciples were permitted to touch Him? John 20:19. Clearly, the Messiah went to heaven as the FIRST RESURRECTED Son of Yahuwah -- the first harvested product of Yahuwah's Master Plan -- and returned to His disciples ALL IN THE SAME DAY!

## **Pentecost in the New Testament**

Once the Wave Sheaf was offered, the spring harvest began. The spring harvest ended with the annual Sabbath of the Feast of Firstfruits, when all the people gathered to give thanks for the produce Yahuwah had given them. Another name for the Feast of Firstfruits was the Feast of Weeks (Deut. 16:9-12). Among Greek-speaking peoples it was called "Pentecost."

The word "Pentecost" refers specifically to counting the fifty days that elapsed from the day of the Wave-Sheaf Offering, up to and including the Feast of Firstfruits or Weeks. (Lev. 23:15-16.)

1. How long is the Feast of Firstfruits -- Pentecost -- to continue to be KEPT among Yahuwah's people? Lev. 23:14, 21. *Forever*

2. Should Yahuwah's people still be KEEPING PENTECOST TODAY? Same verses. *Yes*

3. Did Yahushua's disciples know they must appear before Yahuwah on the Day of Firstfruits -- Pentecost? *Yes* Acts 2:1-4. Did they think that Yahuwah's ANNUAL HOLY DAYS WERE DONE AWAY BY THE DEATH OF Yahushua Messiah? Same verses. *No*

4. Did the apostles continue to KEEP Pentecost after the crucifixion? Acts 20:16 and I Corinthians 16:8.

COMMENT: The last part of Acts 20:16 can be translated, "...if it were possible for him TO CELEBRATE at Yerushalayim, the Day of Pentecost." Paul, the one sent forth to the Gentiles, was HURRYING to KEEP PENTECOST at Yerushalayim, 25 years after Yahushua's crucifixion and ascension into heaven!

5. By what other name does the Tanach refer to the Feast of Firstfruits (Pentecost)? Deut. 16:9-12. *Feast of Weeks*

6. What do Acts 13:14 and 16:13 tell us? *Gathered on the Sabbath*

COMMENT: In Acts 13:14, the "Sabbath day Paul kept in Antioch of Pisidia should properly be translated, "day of WEEKS" or the "weekly Sabbath"!

In Acts 16:13, the Sabbath meeting held by the river in Macedonia was actually the ANNUAL SABBATH OF PENTECOST! Again, the word, "Sabbath" should be translated "WEEKS" from the Greek word, "sabbaton," which means either "Sabbaths" or "weeks."

Paul KEPT PENTECOST, or the Feast of Weeks, with Gentile believers in Asia Minor and Northern Greece years after Yahuwah sent His Rauwch Ha Kodesh to the New Testament Assembly! Until 300 years after the death of Yahushua Messiah the Day of Pentecost was commonly called the Day of Firstfruits.

## Counting Fifty Days

What day of the week does the Day of Pentecost fall on? Was it on SUNDAY? Let's be sure we understand how Pentecost was to be counted.

1. What day was it that Israel began their early spring harvest? Lev. 23:10-11, 14. *After the wave sheaf offering*

COMMENT: The Wave-Sheaf Offering was to be made by the Levitical Priesthood. Since there is no Levitical Priesthood today (it has been replaced by the Melchisedec Priesthood of Yahushua Messiah -- Hebrews 7:12, 17) this ritual is not continued today.

2. What day of the week was the Wave Sheaf offered? Lev. 23:11.

COMMENT: The day of the Wave-Sheaf Offering -- the day AFTER the weekly Sabbath -- is the day after Saturday - that is Sunday.

The Sabbath mentioned in this verse does not refer to one of the annual Sabbaths of the Days of Unleavened Bread. It refers to the weekly Sabbath that came during the Days of Unleavened Bread. We know this is true because Pentecost must be COUNTED every year. If it were the day after an annual Sabbath on which the Wave Sheaf was offered, the Day of Pentecost would never have to be counted. It would always fall on an exact day of the month. But since Pentecost must be counted, it can fall on different DATES during the month -- but MUST ALWAYS FALL ON THE SAME DAY OF THE WEEK!

3. How many days were the Levites to count? Lev. 23:15-16. *50 - Fifty*

COMMENT: The phrase "seven Sabbaths" does not mean to count seven Saturdays, but "seven weeks," as Hebrew scholars admit. This is the very reason that both Old and New Testaments call Pentecost the Feast or Day of WEEKS! The word "Sabbath" here comes from an original Hebrew word which can mean "weeks" (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance). The Greeks who translated this word into "Pentecost" clearly understood that it MEANT WEEKS, and that they should number, not seven Saturdays, BUT seven weeks and a day -- or FIFTY DAYS!

Now turn to Numbers 28:26. Here you find the expression "after your weeks be out." The Hebrew word here can mean only weeks, not Sabbaths.

4. On what day was the Feast of Pentecost to be kept? See comment.

COMMENT: Yahuwah's Assembly is to count from the day after the Sabbath - that is from Sunday. One day from Sabbath is Sunday. Seven days from that Sunday is the next Sabbath. Numbering forty-nine days FROM Sunday would bring you to another Sabbath. But the Levites were not to stop there. They were to COUNT ONE MORE DAY. A TOTAL OF FIFTY DAYS! They held the Feast of Pentecost on a SUNDAY, a full fifty days FROM the Sunday that the wave-sheaf of barley was offered.

5. Did the disciples of the Messiah understand how to count Pentecost? Acts 2:1. *Yes*

COMMENT: If they did not understand how to count Pentecost, they wouldn't have been able to be "in one accord" and "in one place" on the EXACT DAY of Pentecost, and wouldn't have received the *Rauwch Ha Kodesh* from Yahuwah!

Almighty Yahuwah is NOT THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION! (I Cor. 14:33.) Pentecost ALWAYS FALLS ON A SUNDAY - there is NO OTHER DAY ACCEPTABLE IN YAHUWAH'S SIGHT!

### **Yahuwah Calls the Few Today**

1. When the Eternal brought Israel out of the bondage of Egypt, did He tell them plainly this was not the time for them to be able to understand His Master Plan completely? Deut. 29:2-4. *Yes*

2. Why did Yahuwah blind these people? Romans 11:32.

COMMENT: Ancient Israel isn't lost forever. Their time of understanding and participating in Yahuwah's plan has not yet come. (Rom. 11:26, II Pet. 3:9, 10, and I Tim. 2:3-4.)

3. Were the vast majority in Yahushua's day receptive to the witness He gave them? John 5:18 and 10:31.

COMMENT: The Jews of Yahushua' day tried several times to kill Him for what He was saying. Finally they succeeded in murdering the Savior of mankind.

4. Did Yahushua Messiah disturb the blindness of the Israelites of His time? Mark 4:11-12. Do you catch the SIGNIFICANCE of this verse? *Only his begotten would understand* Why did Yahushua Messiah speak in parables? Was it, as you may have heard, to make His meaning CLEARER? Verse 12. Isn't this merely a fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah? Isa 28:11-13. Did Yahuwah want them to understand with their hearts? Same verse. *Yes*

COMMENT: A man's heart in biblical symbolism is the seat of intellect -- the mind.

5. Is it possible for any person with a carnal, natural mind to fully understand the things of Yahuwah? I Cor. 2:14. *No* How are SPIRITUAL THINGS known and understood? Same verse, see also Rom. 8:7-8, and Eph. 4:18. *Through Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh*

6. Are people in our modern 21<sup>st</sup> century able to understand Yahuwah's plan, or are they, too, blinded to it? *Too blinded* Will it be the great majority, or only the few, who understand Yahuwah's plan today? Mat. 7:13-14. *Only the few*

## A Parable Tells

Today the keys that unlock the secrets of Yahuwah's Plan are available. Because of Yahuwah's mercy you don't have to remain blinded, but now you **TOO CAN UNDERSTAND THE DEEP THINGS OF YAHUWAH**. These are **TRUTHS** that men have wanted to know for thousands of years!

Now understand the most important parable Yahushua ever uttered. It's found in Mat. 13.

1. What happens to the "seed" of Spiritual truth when it falls by the wayside? *Dies off* Mat. 13:3-9, 18-23. Notice especially verses 4 and 19. Did these people ever understand their part in Yahuwah's Master Plan? Verse 19. *No*

COMMENT: These people hear the warning message of Yahuwah, but never comprehend the implications of what they hear. The message of Yahuwah's coming Kingdom and Yahuwah's Master Plan makes no impression on them.

2. What happens to the seed as it falls on stony ground? Verses 5-6 *No root* and 20-21. Did these people originally begin on Yahuwah's plan happily? Verse 20. *Yes* But when the going became difficult, were they able by their own human power to continue? Verses 6 and 21. *No*

COMMENT: These people gratefully receive Yahushua's Passover sacrifice as payment for their past sins. They begin to try to obey Yahuwah -- unleavening their lives -- but they don't seek the help of His powerful **Rauwch Ha Kodesh**. Therefore they have no depth! Soon the Spiritual life -- a germ of strength -- dies. They have failed to **CONTINUE** in the purpose for which they have been born.

3. What of the seed as it falls among the thorns? Verses 7 and 22. *Choked out* Does this group bring forth fruit -- obedience to Yahuwah's commands -- or are they too busy with the selfish cares of this degenerating world? Verse 22. *No -- busy with worldly cares*

4. Who is it then that brings forth Spiritual fruit? Verses 8 and 23. *the good ground* Do these people really understand Yahuwah's Master Plan? Verse 23. *Yes* Have they allowed Yahuwah to work in their lives -- helping them to overcome their human nature? Same verse. *Yes* Do they **BEGIN TO GROW SPIRITUALLY** -- taking in of Yahuwah's own character by **SUBMITTING TO HIS RAUWCH HA KODESH**, and **OBEYING HIS COMMANDMENTS** -- until they become mature, fruit-bearing Believers? Same verse, see also Luke 8:15.

COMMENT: These people become a part of the **HARVEST OF FIRSTFRUITS**. All of the other seed of the parable never **BROUGHT FORTH FRUIT OF OBEDIENCE** in Yahuwah's harvest plan.

5. Is Yahuwah concerned with **HOW MUCH** we do? Verses 8 and 23. *Yes*

COMMENT: Yahuwah knows how much each of us can do in bringing forth good fruit in his Master Plan. By allowing Yahuwah's **Rauwch** to work within us

we will produce thirty, sixty or one hundred fold of good fruit, or WORKS, in our changed lives.

6. Just HOW MUCH does Yahuwah expect us to do? Luke 17:7-10. Did the master of this servant GIVE COMMANDS which were to be obeyed? Verses 7 and 8. *Yes*

7. For merely obeying instructions, doing no more than was REQUIRED of him, did the servant deserve thanks? Verse 9. *Yes* Doesn't Yahushua Messiah say that when we have done only what is required of us in Yahuwah's plan and NO MORE, we are STILL UNPROFITABLE? Verse 10. *Yes* Does He expect us to do MORE than the minimum requirement of the Ten Commandments? *Yes* To go above and beyond the call of our duties? Same verse. *Yes*

### **What It Means to Be the Firstfruits in Yahuwah's Plan!**

Fifty days after Yahushua Messiah's sacrifice was accepted in heaven, the Rauwch Ha Kodesh came according to the promises Yahushua had made (Acts 2:1).

1. What was the special offering made on the Day of Pentecost in the Tanach? Lev. 23:17. *2 wave loaves baked with leavening – 1<sup>st</sup> firstfruits* What does the Bible say these loaves symbolized? Same verse. What are these firstfruits called in New Testament times? James 1:18.

COMMENT: Notice there are TWO loaves, covering the two periods of the Tanach and the New Testament Assembly.

The word "Assembly" has been translated from the Greek word, "ecclesia" which means the "called out ones."

Pentecost or Firstfruits pictures to us the first part of the Spiritual harvest, the calling out of Yahuwah's True Assembly -- a FEW PEOPLE and a SMALL FIRST HARVEST. Yahuwah is not dealing with the vast majority of the world today, but He has made these wonderful truths plain to the few that He is calling.

2. Why do we find leaven put into these loaves of the firstfruit offering? I Cor. 5:7. *Representing sinful people* Since the Bible uses leaven as a type of sin, does this mean that there is still sin in the Assembly? I John 1:8. *Yes* Does this mean that sin SHOULD REMAIN in the New Testament Assembly? I John 1:9. Of course not! Sin is to be put out whenever found. But only Yahushua was without sin.

3. Does the Bible plainly state that converted followers in this age are considered "firstfruits" in Yahuwah's plan? James 1:18. *Yes*

4. Is the term "firstfruits" applied to specific living Believers after the coming of the Rauwch Ha Kodesh? Romans 16:5. *Yes*

COMMENT: After the Messiah was accepted as the Wave Sheaf, the general harvest of firstfruits could begin. Still only a SMALL HARVEST OF PEOPLE DURING THIS AGE IS TO BE REAPED at the second coming of Yahushua!

5. What are those who stand before the Messiah called at His second coming? Rev. 14:1-4 *Firstfruit* How are they described? Same verse *Firstfruit – 144,000 redeemed from the earth* Did they have to come out of the world and separate themselves from the Yahuwah-rejecting majority of mankind? Verse 4 *Yes* What is the outstanding characteristic of those who are called the "firstfruits" of Yahuwah's people? Rev. 14:12. *Patience – Faith and Commandment keeping*

6. Are these "firstfruits" mentioned in the plan of resurrections? I Cor. 15:20-23 and I Thess. 4:13-18. *Yes*

COMMENT: First Yahushua Messiah, the Wave Sheaf, was resurrected, and became the first of the firstfruits of Yahuwah's Master Plan (Col. 1:18). After a period of time symbolized by the fifty-day period ending with Pentecost, those who are Yahushua's and have the Rauwch Ha Kodesh are to be resurrected as the completed first harvest in Yahuwah's plan.

7. Notice what the Messiah wants us to learn about the Spiritual harvests. It is found in Mat. 13:24-30 and 37-43. What happens when the Messiah sows the seed of truth among the people of the earth? Verses 24-25 explained by verses 37-38. *It falls on many ears, but only a few take root. We all learn together good and bad. Yahuwah knows who are his and will separate them at his return.*

8. How did the Messiah know the wheat, the good grain, from the tares, or worthless weeds? Verse 26. *He knows his sheep* Although some people try to hide their wicked works, is the fruit of their disobedience easily recognizable to Yahuwah? Verses 26 and 38. What is the final end of those who do not produce the fruit of Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh in their lives? Verses 30 and 41-42. *Burned up*

9. What happens to those who produce righteousness, obedience and the other fruits of Yahuwah's Rauwch? Verse 30 and 41, 43. *Become part of Yahuwah's Kingdom*

10. When is the harvest? Verses 30 and 39.

COMMENT: The phrase "end of the world" should be translated "END OF THE AGE" indicating the final days of man's rule over the earth and the time of the second coming of Yahushua Messiah. This is the time of the harvest of firstfruits. The fifty-day period between the Wave-Sheaf offering and Pentecost symbolizes what has been going on since Yahushua Messiah sent His Rauwch Ha Kodesh. During this time Yahuwah has been calling out an "elect" or chosen people as "firstfruits" of His Master Plan. These "firstfruits" will be reaped at the

second coming of Yahushua Messiah -- ONLY A VERY FEW SHORT YEARS FROM NOW!

11. Who is it that does the reaping of Yahuwah's firstfruit harvest? Verses 30 and 39. *Messengers* Compare I Thes. 4:16-17 and Mat. 24:31.

COMMENT: When Yahushua Messiah returns to this earth, He will send forth His messengers to gather those who are the elect and chosen -- the good grain -- into His Kingdom.

### **Rauwch Ha Kodesh Prepares Yahuwah's Firstfruits**

Now let's understand why the Rauwch Ha Kodesh came on the day that symbolizes the harvest of firstfruits.

1. Does Yahushua Messiah promise His disciples POWER and supernatural help? Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4. *Yes*

2. With Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh will followers of Yahushua be able to do the same works Yahushua did? John 14:12. *Yes* Will true followers be able to do even greater works than the Messiah did by the POWER of Yahuwah's Rauwch? Same verse. *Yes*

3. Could Yahushua Messiah do anything with just His human power? John 5:20, 30. John 8:28. *No* Where did Yahushua get the power He needed to do the works He did? John 14:10 last part. *Yahuwah* Notice the words, "but the Father THAT DWELLETH IN ME, He doeth the works."

4. Will Yahuwah's Rauwch be the same in true followers as it was in Yahushua Messiah? *Yes* Does it come from the Father? John 14:11, John 14:16. *Yes*

5. Is it necessary to obey Yahuwah to receive the gift of the Rauwch Ha Kodesh? Acts 5:32. *Yes* Did Yahushua also have to OBEY Yahuwah to use Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh? *Yes* Does He expect Believers to OBEY TODAY? John 15:10. *Yes* Isn't the same Rauwch Ha Kodesh Yahushua Messiah had from Yahuwah the Father available to followers today? Is Yahuwah a respecter of persons Rom. 2:11. *No*

6. By the power of Yahuwah's Rauwch was Yahushua Messiah able to overcome? *Yes* John 16:33 and Rev. 3:21. Does the Messiah intend for believers to overcome? Rev. 3:21. *Yes*

7. What will happen when you allow Yahuwah's Rauwch to lead you? John 16:13.

COMMENT: The pronoun "he" sometimes used to refer to Yahuwah's Rauwch in the King James Version should properly be translated "it." The King James translators, blinded by the false doctrines of Babylon, inserted this flagrant error into our Bible. The Rauwch Ha Kodesh is NOT A PART OF A PAGAN

TRINITY! The Rauwch Ha Kodesh is the POWER of Yahuwah. It is the very seed of eternal life which the Father implants in every son of His.

8. To what is the Rauwch Ha Kodesh compared? John 7:37-39. *Living water* Had Yahuwah's Rauwch been available before the Day of Pentecost? Same verses. *Limited Basis* Once believers have received the Rauwch Ha Kodesh, won't it flow out from them just as it did from Yahushua Messiah? Same verses. *Yes*

9. What kind of works will Yahuwah's Rauwch do in the lives of true followers? Rom. 5:5. *Faith* What is the love of Yahuwah? I John 5:3. *Keep the Commandments*

10. What are the other fruits of Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh? Gal. 5:22-23.

11. What is the result of being ruled by human nature man's carnal mind? Gal. 5:16-17 and Rom. 8:7. *Can't live by Yahuwah* Is man's human nature contrary to the ways of Yahuwah's Rauwch? Same verses. *Yes* What is the result of being ruled by your carnal human mind -- of being "set" in the ways of human nature? Rom. 8:6. *Brings Death* But if you allow Yahuwah to guide you through His Rauwch Ha Kodesh, what is the result? Rom. 8:1-4. *Everlasting Life*

12. Did the apostle Paul recognize the battle between Yahuwah's Rauwch and his carnal mind? Rom. 7:23. *Yes* Who would deliver Paul? *Yahuwah* Can we deliver ourselves from the grip of our human nature, or must we rely on supernatural help from Yahushua Messiah -- the HELP OF YAHUWAH'S RAUWCH HA KODESH? Verses 24 and 25. What would Paul do when he was delivered from sin? Would he continue to serve -- obey -- sin? Or would he serve - - obey -- Yahuwah's Torah? Same verses.

COMMENT: The Passover pictures our repentance from sin, and acknowledging that we need Yahushua Messiah's sacrifice to PAY FOR OUR SINS.

Next, you must make up your mind to QUIT SINNING. You show your willingness to obey by being BAPTIZED and beginning to SUBMIT TO YAHUWAH'S PERFECT TORAHS. This step is pictured by the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Thirdly, you must receive SUPERNATURAL HELP from Yahuwah! Yahuwah will give true followers His powerful Rauwch Ha Kodesh to help them OVERCOME. Yahuwah first sent His Rauwch on the Day of Pentecost!

Yahushua Messiah overcame, Paul the apostle overcame, and you can overcome your own selfishness, your carnal human mind, if you yield yourself to Almighty Yahuwah and receive the help of His Rauwch Ha Kodesh. When you do, you will become one of the few TRUE followers, one of the FIRSTFRUITS of Almighty Yahuwah's Master Plan of salvation.

## Who Are the Chosen – the "ELECT"?

1. Can you be "Yahushua's" -- can you belong to Yahushua Messiah -- if you don't have Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh? Rom. 8:9-11. *No*

2. Is everything in creation waiting for the time when the FIRSTFRUITS of Yahuwah's Spiritual harvest will be reaped? Rom. 8:23. Do the firstfruits themselves eagerly yearn for the time when they will be able to complete their part in Yahuwah's plan and become members of Yahuwah's own Family? Same verse. *Yes*

COMMENT: The word "adoption" in the eighth chapter of Romans is a woeful mistranslation! Those who translated the King James version of the Bible couldn't understand that YAHUWAH INTENDS human beings TO BECOME MEMBERS OF YAHUWAH'S OWN FAMILY -- VERY SONS OF YAHUWAH! They mistranslated the Greek word "sonship" as "adoption" BECAUSE THE VITAL TRUTHS YOU ARE NOW LEARNING WERE HIDDEN FROM THEM!

3. What other term does Yahuwah use to refer to the Followers He has chosen to receive the firstfruits of His Rauwch? Rom. 8:33. *Elect* Aren't the elect the same people who are promised brotherhood with Yahushua Messiah, and sonship in Yahuwah's family? Rom. 8:29-30.

4. These ELECT FOLLOWERS, the firstfruits of Yahuwah, are those who have Yahuwah's Rauwch and understand His Master Plan. Can these people be deceived, misled, by Satan and his false ministers any longer? Mat. 24:24. *Once one of the very elect – you cannot be deceived*

5. Because they are the firstfruits of Yahuwah's harvest, will He go to special lengths to see they are spared from the terrible things which will occur just before Yahushua's second coming? Mat. 24:21, 22. *Yes*

COMMENT: The firstfruits in Yahuwah's plan are sealed -- preserved -- by the Rauwch Ha Kodesh (Ephesians 1:13). *Sealed with promise* The Rauwch Ha Kodesh which we receive is called "the earnest of our inheritance" (verse 14). In business terms the "earnest" refers to a VERY SMALL down payment of money that is given to show GOOD FAITH in a business deal. It is the guarantee that the full payment will be made LATER. Yahuwah has given the "earnest" of His Rauwch to those called to be firstfruits. It is Yahuwah's GUARANTEE to Followers they will receive the FULLNESS of His Rauwch, and SONSHIP IN HIS FAMILY WHEN YAHUSHUA MESSIAH RETURNS TO THIS EARTH!

These consecrated people now compose the ONLY TRUE ASSEMBLY OF YAHUWAH!

## **Yahuwah's Torah in Your Heart!**

1. Did Yahushua's death -- the shedding of His blood in our stead -- provide not only remission of sins but also a promise of eternal inheritance to those Yahuwah is calling? Heb. 9:15-17. *Yes*

2. Did Yahushua Messiah -- our Passover sacrifice and High Priest -- become the mediator of a RENEWED COVENANT? Heb. 9:15. *Yes*

COMMENT: The Greek word "diatheke", translated "testament," means covenant or AGREEMENT, as well as a TESTAMENT or a WILL.

3. Is the everlasting NEW COVENANT called "better" than the old? Heb. 8:6. *Yes* Why is it better? Verse 7. *Faultless* Who was at fault in the Old Covenant? *Mankind* Did Yahuwah fail to keep His part of the covenant, or did the people fail to keep their promise to OBEY HIS TORAH? Verse 8. *Yahuwah kept his part and the Torah is/was faultless.*

4. What sort of covenant will Yahuwah make with Followers who are begotten? Heb. 8:10-12. Are those with whom Yahuwah will make His NEW covenant also called "ISRAEL"? Verse 10. *Yes* Is Yahuwah's New Testament Assembly called "Israel"? Compare Gal. 6:16 with Romans 11:17-18.

COMMENT: Yahuwah is yet to make His New Covenant with Israel and Judah. Not carnal Israel and Judah, but a SPIRITUALLY CONVERTED Israel and Judah. Yahuwah is calling people out of this evil world. Whether Gentile or Israelite by birth, they become "the Israel of Yahuwah" -- they are HIS TRUE ASSEMBLY!

5. What are the conditions of the new covenant or agreement Yahuwah will make with all those who become Spiritual Israelites? Heb. 8:10-12. Does Yahuwah agree to forget your past sins and PUT HIS TORAH IN YOUR HEART if you will OBEY Him? Same verses.

6. Does Yahuwah promise to put His TORAH in your MIND? Verse 10. *Yes*

7. How will Yahuwah put His Torah in your mind? Phil. 2:5. Did Yahushua Messiah have Yahuwah's Rauwch in His mind? *Yes* Wasn't He the first ever to have been begotten and actually born of Yahuwah -- the firstfruits of the resurrection? James 1:18 and Col. 1:18. Did Yahushua OBEY COMPLETELY -- even suffering DEATH for us? Phil. 2:8.

COMMENT: Yahuwah expects our COMPLETE OBEDIENCE. To obey Yahuwah completely we need His Rauwch Ha Kodesh in our minds. It will give us the very same MIND Yahushua Messiah had. We will see things from Yahushua's point of view, we will understand and know to obey Yahuwah's Torah. Only Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh can give us the SUPERNATURAL POWER WE NEED TO BEGIN TO KEEP YAHUWAH'S TORAH IN ITS SPIRITUAL INTENT.

8. Without Yahuwah's Rauwch will you be able to really UNDERSTAND Yahuwah's truth? John 16:13. Without Yahuwah's Rauwch in your mind can you worship Yahuwah as you should? John 4:24. *No*

COMMENT: WHY the Rauwch Ha Kodesh? Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh will give you the SUPERNATURAL HELP to live the same life today that Yahushua the Messiah lived as a fleshly human being over 1900 years ago. Today Yahushua Messiah has sent His Rauwch Ha Kodesh to the members of His True Assembly. Through that Rauwch, the Messiah is LIVING IN THE FLESH AND BLOOD members of His Assembly. They are LIVING the very same kind of life Yahushua lived -- a life of OBEDIENCE, OVERCOMING and ENDURING TO THE END OF THIS AGE!

9. Should Followers rejoice knowing that Yahuwah's Rauwch can help them to overcome this evil world as Yahushua Messiah did? I John 4:3 and 4.

### **Yahuwah's Torah Given on Pentecost**

It was on Pentecost that Yahuwah founded the New Testament Assembly. On that Holy Day the Rauwch Ha Kodesh was first made generally available.

But most people have never realized that the Day of Pentecost or Firstfruits also had to do with Yahuwah's Tanach congregation -- the nation Israel. The Jews today have never lost the historical tradition that on this annual Holy Day, Yahuwah Almighty gave them the Torah from Mount Sinai!

Understand why both the Torah of Yahuwah and the Rauwch Ha Kodesh were given on this day.

1. Where does Yahuwah WANT His Torah to be written? Jer. 31:33. *Inward*
2. But where was it ORIGINALLY written? Ex. 31:18. *Tablets of Stone*
3. Are the carnal human hearts of men like the stone on which Yahuwah wrote the Torah at Sinai? II Cor. 3:3. Isn't it Yahuwah's purpose to have the Ten Commandments, originally written in stone, now written in human hearts by His Rauwch Ha Kodesh? Ezek. 36:26-27 and Ezek. 11:19-20.

### **Pentecost at Sinai!**

To Jewish people today, the Feast of Pentecost or Firstfruits always brings to mind Yahuwah's Torah -- the Ten Commandments.

Let's go to the Bible and PROVE -- step by step -- that the ancient Jewish tradition is valid. That on the Day of Pentecost Yahuwah Almighty Himself spoke the Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai.

1. After finally escaping Egypt, by crossing the Red Sea dry shod on the seventh day of Unleavened Bread, how long did Israel travel before the next place of encampment? -- THREE DAYS? Ex. 15:22-23.

COMMENT: Notice Numbers 33:8. In just three days after Israel crossed the Red Sea from Piha-hiroth, they went from ecstasy to bitterness -- the bitter waters of Marah.

Israel arrived at Marah and camped there on the weekly Sabbath following the last Holy Day of Unleavened Bread. Here they made camp and rested while Yahuwah in the Pillar of Cloud stopped.

2. Did Moses preach to the assembly on that day? Ex. 15:26. What was the subject of his sermon -- divine healing? Same verse.

3. Did Israel make their next camp at Elim? Ex. 15:27. And then at a place overlooking the Red Sea? Numbers 33:10.

COMMENT: Each of the campsites indicates the passing of a week of travel, and a Sabbath rest. For two weeks Israel slowly progressed southeastward, roughly paralleling the shore of the Red Sea.

4. On what day did they camp in the wilderness of Sin? Ex. 16:1. *15<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month* Isn't this the next Sabbath rest? Now a full four weeks of the seven weeks had elapsed between the Days of Unleavened Bread and Pentecost, hadn't they? *4 weeks between 1<sup>st</sup> Day and now*

5. Did Moses have a message of obedience to proclaim to Israel on this Sabbath Day? Ex. 16:4, 5. Did that message ONLY announce that Yahuwah would provide them manna to eat? Or was it to set forth the proof that Yahuwah Almighty was the Creator and invisible Ruler and Torahgiver of Israel? Notice verse 6 compared with verses 2-3, 8.

COMMENT: Notice also that it was against Moses and Aaron that Israel murmured when they said, "YE have brought us forth into this wilderness ...." They had not yet understood that Yahuwah Almighty Himself was their Leader -- the One to whom they could look for physical sustenance.

The Sabbath Day is a memorial of creation. It identifies Yahuwah as the One who has created everything. It is also a TEST COMMANDMENT. Yahuwah is here testing Israel to see whether they would obey Him and keep His Torah.

6. Did Moses and Aaron say there would be convincing proof after sundown? Verse 6. Why after sundown? Because that Sabbath ended at sundown.

COMMENT: Moses and Aaron explained how Yahuwah would perform the miracle of the manna in a Sabbath service. When the Sabbath was over Yahuwah brought their words to pass.

7. Did the manna begin the next morning? Verses 8, 13-15. *Yes* And did it continue uninterrupted for six days? Verse 22. *Yes* Then was there another Sabbath? Verse 23. Then the elapsed time as we follow Israel from encampment to

encampment is firmly established, is it not? Both the fourth and fifth Sabbaths after the Days of Unleavened Bread were spent in the Wilderness of Syn.

8. But even after the miracle of the manna did the people perceive that it was really Yahuwah Almighty Himself who led them? Ex. 17:2-4.

COMMENT: Israel didn't "get the point" because they did not have Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh. Things got worse and worse after they left the Wilderness of Sin. This was the most desolate part of the desert. They had to make extra stops during the week for rest and to allow the weaker members of the march to catch up. Therefore Numbers 33:12 and 13 list their short journeys before the next regular Sabbath rest -- the 29th day of the month -- which is mentioned in Exodus 17:1.

9. Did Amalek -- an ancient nation that dwelt in this desert area -- arrive for battle on this SIXTH Sabbath after Israel left Egypt? Ex. 17:8. And did the battle last all the next day, preventing any further movement of the children of Israel? Verses 9-12.

COMMENT: Yahuwah wants us to learn an important lesson from this experience ancient Israel suffered. The attack of Amalek against Israel is typical of the attitude and accusations this world exhibits when it sees that you are beginning to keep Yahuwah's Holy Days -- His Annual Sabbaths.

10. What happened on the next day? Ex. 18:5-8. And the following day after that? Verse 13.

COMMENT: By the time they broke camp again, it was the middle of the week. **BUT THEY DID NOT NOW HAVE FAR TO GO!**

Notice that they were already camped at the foot of Mount Horeb, or Sinai. But they were not yet on the side of the mountain where they were to remain encamped for nearly the next whole year.

11. On what day of the week did they come into the wilderness of Sinai, which stretched away from the other side of the mountain? Ex. 19:1, 2. *3<sup>rd</sup> Month*

COMMENT: The expression "THE SAME DAY" could only mean one of two things. Either this was the "same day" of the month or the "same day" of the week. They had departed from Rameses on the 15th day of the month -- on the fifth day of the week, on a Thursday.

We have seen that Israel was already in the environs of Mount Sinai on the 29th of the second month, so this "same day" could not refer to the fifteenth day of the third month. The words the "same day" refer to the **FIFTH DAY OF THE WEEK -- THE SAME WEEKDAY THEY HAD LEFT EGYPT -- A THURSDAY**. On that Thursday, the 5th day of the third month, they must have moved around the mountain to their new campsite!

Some modern translators who have misunderstood the entire context of Israel's trek through the wilderness, **MISTRANSLATE** the Hebrew expression in

Ex. 19:1, 2 as "the first day of the third month." This is NOT what Yahuwah intended!

Notice the significance of these careful records of Israel's journey.

On the next day, Thursday -- the Fifth day of the week -- Moses went up the mountain (verse 3) and Yahuwah gave him a message to relay to the people. Since the people were not in convocation on Thursday, Moses sent for and gathered the leaders of the people (verse 7).

12. On the Sabbath -- the SEVENTH DAY -- did Yahuwah give another message to Moses to speak to ALL the people? Verse 10.

COMMENT: Notice that this Sabbath was the seventh weekly Sabbath since Israel left Egypt.

13. What was the message Yahuwah revealed to Moses on this seventh Sabbath? Ex. 19:11. Was it not that the people should start making (on Thursday) themselves ready for the coming SUNDAY -- the third day -- when YAHUWAH ALMIGHTY HIMSELF WOULD DO THE PREACHING? Same verse and Ex. 20:1.

COMMENT: This Sunday was PENTECOST -- 1487 B.C.!

The impact on Israel that morning (Ex. 19:18, 19; and 20:18-21) is a type of the impact of the Rauwch Ha Kodesh on the day of Pentecost.

Notice carefully and copy into your notes Hebrews 12:18-21 and meditate over the instruction the apostle Paul has written for our admonition upon whom the ENDS OF THIS AGE HAVE COME!

## **True Assembly Founded on Pentecost**

It is vitally important for you to understand where Yahuwah's TRUE ASSEMBLY IS TODAY!

On the Day of Pentecost, June 17, 31 A.D., Almighty Yahuwah founded the New Testament Assembly. This Assembly is not a stately building composed of wood, stone, and cement. It is an Assembly composed of Yahuwah-called, RAUWCH-BEGOTTEN PEOPLE!

The word "Assembly" originally never referred to the building where Believers gather. It is properly applied to the PEOPLE who gather together, who have been given Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh. The word "Assembly" is a UNI-PLURAL WORD like "family" and "team." There is ONE ASSEMBLY with MANY MEMBERS.

Yahuwah originally established His Assembly in the wilderness when He brought the Israelites out of Egypt. It was called the congregation of Israel (Acts 7:38 and Lev. 8:3). These people were the PHYSICAL TYPE of the Spiritual Assembly Yahuwah later built. Now He is calling people out of SIN. They are

called His "Assembly" because the word "ecclesia" in the Greek which is translated "Assembly" means "called-out ones." (I Cor. 10:32.)

1. Does the true Assembly have a foundation? Eph. 2:18-20. *Yes*

COMMENT: The writings of the apostles and the prophets encompass the whole Bible New and Tanach.

2. What -- Who -- is the CORNERSTONE Yahuwah's true Assembly is built upon? Verse 20. *Yahushua*

3. What is this "Spiritual building" -- the Assembly of Yahuwah -- to grow into? Verse 21. *Holy Temple* What is the purpose for building such a temple? Verse 22. *Growth of the people*

COMMENT: Yahuwah Almighty dwells in His Assembly through His Rauwch Ha Kodesh.

4. Notice the comparison Paul makes to help us understand the difference between the Tanach period and the Assembly of Yahuwah in the New Testament. Heb. 12:18-23. What is the Assembly of the New Testament called? Verse 23.

COMMENT: Those who are called, have their names written in heaven -- those who are being made perfect -- ARE THE FIRSTFRUITS. They are members of THE TRUE ASSEMBLY OF YAHUWAH!

## **Pentecost a Sign**

The Day of Pentecost or Firstfruits is a SIGN. It identifies those who have Yahuwah's Rauwch Ha Kodesh, those who are Yahuwah's elect, those who will be resurrected when Yahushua Messiah returns to this earth!

The Day of Pentecost identifies Yahuwah's ONLY TRUE ASSEMBLY! Only Yahuwah's true followers keep the day of Pentecost at the right time in the right way -- with the understanding of Yahuwah's plan. That is because ONLY YAHUWAH'S Called Out Ones RECEIVED HIS RAUWCH HA KODESH AND WAS FOUNDED BY YAHUSHUA MESSIAH ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST IN 31 A.D.!

Almighty Yahuwah has made this wonderful knowledge available to you. Are YOU going to ACT ON IT?