

# “Shavuot, Pentecost Sunday 2020”

## Acts 1:4–5

**4** And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; **5** for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

## Matthew 3:11

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

- Who is the “you” here?
  - Not just the Apostles
  - Not Jesus – He didn’t need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- All those with expectant hearts waiting for the Messiah to appear.

## Acts 1:8

**8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

## Acts 1:12–15

**12** Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey.

**13** And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying:

**14** These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

**15** And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said,

- 120 people gathered in 1 purpose, 1 goal, 1 expectation
  - **“One accord”**
    - **3661. ὁμοθυμαδόν *homothumadón*; adv. from *homóthumos* (n.f.), unanimous, of one mind, which is from *homós* (n.f.), one and the same, and *thumós* (2372), temperament, mind. With one mind, with unanimous consent, in one accord, all together** (Acts 1:14; 2:1,

46; 4:24; 5:12; 7:57; 8:6; 12:20; 15:25; 18:12; 19:29; Rom. 15:6; Sept.: Ex. 19:8; Jer. 26:21). <sup>1</sup>

- 1 temperament
- 1 mind
- Unanimous consent
- All together
- What was it they had all agreed upon?
- What was it that they all, unanimously expected, without exception?

### **Acts 2:1–4**

**1** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place.**

- About 800 square feet room
- Cramped, uncomfortable, stinky, loud with prayer and conversation
  - What if only the men were counted?

**1.14** These all continued

**with one accord in prayer and supplication,**

**with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.**



**2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven,

<sup>1</sup> Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

as of **a rushing mighty wind,**  
and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

**3** Then there appeared to them divided tongues,  
as of fire,  
and one sat **upon each of them.**

**4** And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit**  
and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.  
Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and  
Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son  
of James.

- Expectation of God's Promised Helper/Comforter

**Isaiah 30.18.** So the Lord must wait for you to come to him  
so he can show you his love and compassion.  
For the Lord is a faithful God.  
Blessed are those who wait for his help. <sup>2</sup>

**Hab 2.3.** This vision is for a future time.  
It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled.  
If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently,  
for it will surely take place.  
It will not be delayed. <sup>3</sup>

- **Jewish festivals each prophetically predictive of Christ's ministry.**

**7 Feasts** prescribed in the Torah to observe and remember the Lord's works:

- **First 3 feasts** occur in the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the ceremonial year:
  - **Nisan** (March – April)
  - Clearly prophetic of Jesus 1<sup>st</sup> coming:
    - Passover
    - Unleavened Bread
    - First Fruits
- **Last 3 feasts** occur in the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the ceremonial year:
  - **Tishri** (Sept – Oct.)
  - Clearly prophetic of Jesus 2<sup>nd</sup> coming:
    - Rosh Hashana – New start, blessings
    - Yom Kippur – Atonement
    - Feast of Booths/Dedication

<sup>2</sup> Tyndale House Publishers, *Holy Bible: New Living Translation* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2015), Is 30:18.  
<sup>3</sup> Tyndale House Publishers, *Holy Bible: New Living Translation* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2015), Hab 2:3.

- **Compulsory Feasts** – to make sure the household leaders would remember.
  - Every male over 20 years old must attend
    - **3 of the Festivals**
      - 1 compulsory feast in the first set of three
        - Passover
      - 1 compulsory feast in the last set of three
        - Feast of Tabernacles
- **What is the 7<sup>th</sup> feast, and also the 2<sup>nd</sup> Compulsory feast?**
  - **Pentecost**
    - **Positioned between the feasts declaring Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> coming and His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.**
  - **6<sup>th</sup> of Sivan (about our June)**
    1. Law was given at Sinai
    2. Enoch born
    3. Enoch raptured
    4. David born and died on this day

## **Pentecost only spoken about 2X in the O.T.**

### **The Law:**

#### **Leviticus 23:15-22**

**15** 'And you shall count for yourselves **from the day after the Sabbath**, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: **seven Sabbaths shall be completed.**

**16** 'Count fifty days to **the day after the seventh Sabbath**; (Shavuot – "sevens")

then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord.

**17** 'You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the Lord.

**18** 'And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs of the first year, without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be as a burnt offering to the Lord, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the Lord.

**19** 'Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a peace offering.

**20** 'The priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the Lord, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the Lord for the priest.

21 'And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you.

You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 'When you reap the harvest of your land (summer), you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the Lord your God.' "

## What is Pentecost?

- Practice in modern Judaism for giving thanks for the Torah
- Torah: First 5 books of the Bible
  - "The Law"
    - **613 separate laws given**
      - Many with no application to the Gentile world – never intended to apply.
      - Many laws regarding offering of sacrifices – which Jesus fulfilled.
      - Many laws concerning Kosher diets – never intended for the Gentile observance.
    - **Jewish Synagogues read:**
      - **Exodus 19:1 on this day:**  
**Exodus 19:1** In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.
      - The Book of Ruth
        - Modern Rabbis:
          - Perhaps because it was a harvest time story
          - Ancestry of King David at the end of Ruth
            - Born and died on the Day of Pentecost
        - Orthodox Rabbis:
          - Because Ruth was a Gentile
          - **The day is coming when both Jew and Gentile will worship the Lord together.**

## Looking at Ruth:

**Ruth 2:2** So **Ruth the Moabitess** (formerly a pagan gentile) said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after *him* in whose sight I may find favor."

And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

- Levitical law required every farmer to leave the corners of his fields unharvested for the poor.
  - *But liberty to glean behind the reapers was not a right that could be claimed; it was a privilege granted or refused according to the good will or favor of the owner.* 4

**Ruth 2:3** Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And **she happened** to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

**Spurgeon:** "How blessed would it be, if, in wandering in the field of meditation tonight, our **"hap"** should be to light upon the place where our next Kinsman will reveal himself to us! O Spirit of God, guide us to him. We would sooner glean in his field than bear away the whole harvest from any other. O for the footsteps of his flock, which may conduct us to the green pastures where he dwells! **This is a weary world when Jesus is away**—we could better do without sun and moon than without him—but how divinely fair all things become in the glory of his presence! Our souls know the virtue which dwells in Jesus and can never be content without him. We will wait in prayer tonight in this field we have come to glean, we will wait this night until our "hap" shall be to light on a part of that field belonging to Jesus, wherein He will manifest himself to us." 5

**Billy Graham:** **Man has two great spiritual needs.** One is for forgiveness. God answered it at Calvary. The other is for goodness. God answered it at Pentecost.

Spring has sprung!

Summer has arrived!

**The Great Fall** is coming!

- **Is this what Amos was prophesying about?**

**Amos 8:1-3** Thus the Lord God showed me:

Behold, **a basket of summer fruit.**

**2** And He said, "Amos, what do you see?"

So I said, "**A basket of summer fruit.**"

Then the Lord said to me:

4Jamieson, Robert; Fausset, A.R.; and Brown, David, *Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible*, (Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.) 1998.

5Spurgeon, Charles H., *Morning and Evening*, (Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.) 1995.



**“The end has come upon My people Israel;**

**I will not pass by them anymore.**

3 And the songs of the temple  
Shall be wailing in that day,”  
Says the Lord God—

**“Many dead bodies everywhere,  
They shall be thrown out in silence.”**

- **The day Jesus returns:**

***Zechariah 14:1-4***

1 Behold, **the day of the LORD is coming,**  
And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

**2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem;**

**The city shall be taken,**

**The houses rifled,**

**And the women ravished.**

**Half of the city shall go into captivity,**

**But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.**

3 Then the LORD will go forth  
And fight against those nations,  
As He fights in the day of battle.

**4 And in that day**

**(a 1 day battle that annihilates every nation that comes against Israel!)**

His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives,  
Which faces Jerusalem on the east.

And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,  
From east to west,

Making a very large valley;

Half of the mountain shall move toward the north  
And half of it toward the south.

***Jeremiah 8:20*** “The harvest is past,

**The summer is ended,**

**And we (Israel) are not saved!”**

***Matthew 24:32-35***

**32** “Now learn this parable from the fig tree:

When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves,  
you know that **summer is near.**

**33** “So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!

**34** “Assuredly, I say to you,

**this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.**

**35** “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

## **The FAR majority of the Evangelical Christian community pay no attention to Biblical/Levitical Shavuot.**

- “Stay away from Pentecost and what it means to the church of Jesus Christ.”
- “Stay away from personal Holy Spirit empowerment” –
  - Diminishes church power over individuals
  - Diminishes personal need for the refilling of the Holy Spirit

## **Pentecost – a day to remember ALL that God has provided His church**

- **To wave our joy of His provision before Him**
- **To proclaim our gratitude for our rich Harvest**
- **To see OUR kinsman redeemer calling us into HIS fields – where even our gleaning will overwhelm us!**
- **A day to get re-baptized in the Holy Spirit**
  - **Re-pentent**
  - **Re-conciled**
  - **Re-filled**
  - **Re-freshed**
  - **Re-lived**

### **Matthew 24:42–47**

**42** Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

**43** But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

**44** **Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**

**45** “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household,



to give them food in due season?

**46** Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

**47** Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

### **1 Thess 5.1-6**

**1** But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

**2** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

**3** For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

**4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

**5** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

**6** Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, **but let us watch and be sober.** 6