



Understanding God's Appointed Times

...a 7-part study...part 7

Shavuot / Pentecost

Oct 20, 2024

Module 5, Room 1



Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Sept 29, 2024 – Festival of Tabernacles (Sukkot)*
 - ✓ *Oct 1, 2024 – Manor Lake – Daniel Ch 1*
- ✓ *Oct 6, 2024 – Passover (Pesach) Part 1*
- ✓ *Oct 13, 2024 – Passover/ Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits - Part 2*
 - ✓ *Oct 15, 2024 – Manor Lake – Daniel Ch 2*
- ✓ *Oct 20, 2024 – Pentecost*
- *Oct 27, 2024 – Purim and Hannukah*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *Sinwar is dead, Hamas is leaderless, Hezbollah is leaderless*
- *Israel trying to negotiate for the release of Hostages...some optimism but no path yet*
- *UAV are getting through defenses, and one hit Netanyahu's home (not there, no injuries)*
 - *We have yet to see what reaction Israel takes*
- *Israel still planning an attack on Iran for the 200 Missile attack earlier. The US wants it "symbolic," but Israel is not telling them what is being planned or when, just promising it will be "lethal, precise, and especially surprising"*
- *So far it has not happened, the escalation of targeting Netanyahu's house will add fuel to the fire in Israel to go big...we'll see as the days pass by what they will do.*
- *Turkey, Syria, Russia, and Iran are threatening Israel*

US/World

- *Turmoil still as cleanup from Hurricanes*
- *Rhetoric and promises on both sides of the election*
- *Early voting started in many states including GA – GA is a record-setting early vote*
- *Results of the US Election can not be overstated. GO VOTE!!*
- ***God is moving. 6500 Ole Miss students pack arena for worship, praise, and baptisms- Oct 10***

Thoughts about our current study...

- *All of these Sacred Assemblies have other verses that further explain the procedures to follow. We will discuss this more when we do each of the Festival discussions, but we will not focus on process but on meaning.*
- *These sacred assemblies were meant to be a “**Divine drama**” or **recreate the past blessings of the Lord to make sure the generations to come knew what the Lord had done for them.** It is no different than the “ordinance” of the Lord’s Supper which is a part of the Passover Feast that Jesus celebrated in the final days of His life before the cross... Also true of Unleavened Bread*
- *These Sacred Assemblies were serious business to the Jews. Some are viewed as “holidays” today, but their purpose and intent **were for solemn reflection and understanding. Today we will finish the study with Shavuot / Pentecost***
- ***Currently, we are in the middle of the Feast of Tabernacles***
- *My prayer is that each of us will see these Jewish Feasts as an opportunity to better understand the deeper meaning and the projected fulfillment, and perhaps be a way to encourage our Jewish friends to come to the Lord while they can.*

God's Appointed Times

So far since we began to study God's Appointed Times, we have talked about

- ✓ ***Rosh HaShana, or Yom Teruah**, which began the 10 days of Awe between the Feast of Trumpets. It is a call to regather back to the Lord*
- ✓ ***Yom Kippur...the Day of Atonement**, which is the Day that Jews make amends, and reparations, plead for forgiveness with repentant hearts, and seek God's blessing for them to stay in the Book of Life for another year.*
- ✓ *We talked about the Celebratory Feast of Rejoicing called **Sukkot** or commonly the **Feast of Tabernacles** or Booths.*
- ✓ *Last week we finished the early Spring Feasts, and today we will finish **Shavuot or Pentecost***

The Feast of Weeks (Shavuot)

¹⁵ “You shall count **seven full weeks** from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering.

¹⁶ You shall count **fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath**. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the Lord.

¹⁷ You shall bring from your dwelling places **two loaves of bread to be waved**, made of two tenths of an ephah. **They shall be of fine flour, and they shall be baked with leaven, as firstfruits to the Lord.**

¹⁸ And you shall present with the bread seven lambs a year old without blemish, and one bull from the herd and two rams. They shall be a burnt offering to the Lord, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the Lord. ¹

⁹ And you shall offer one male goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings.

²⁰ And 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 make a proclamation on the same day. You shall hold a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work. **It is a statute forever in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.**

Overview of the Spring Feasts

| The Promise of Each Season | | |
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| Shabbat | Sabbath | Rest, Remembrance, and Restoration |
| Pesach | Passover | Redemption |
| Chag HaMotzi | Unleavened Bread | Holy Walk with God |
| Reshit Katzir | First Fruits | Resurrection |
| Shavu'ot / Weeks | Pentecost | Revelation, and the Gift of the Torah and the Spirit |

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| Tuesday | Jun 11, 2024 | <u>Shavuot (1st day)</u> |
| Thursday | Jun 13, 2024 | <u>Shavuot</u> |

Shavuot and Pentecost

- *So, this day in Christian circles is called **Pentecost**, and in Hebrew, it is called **Shavuot**. I want to take a few minutes and discuss both... and how they are related and integral to God's plan for His people*
- *Seven full weeks is 49 days. In Hebrew, they are called "**Counting the Omer**". Omer is a measurement of grain, so for 49 days, they would count the number of days since Passover. This is the time it took to get from Egypt to Sinai, and as a remembrance of this time, they count the Omer to build excitement for what came (or would come in the present tense). After they count 49 days or 7 full weeks, the very next day is Shavuot. The next day is 50 days away from Passover and is called **Pentecost in Greek**. **This holiday is called Shavuot (Or Weeks) in Hebrew.***
- *At Mount Sinai, the Jews received the Tablets, and Moses received the Torah to give to the Jews...The Word of God*
- *At Pentecost in Acts Ch 2, the Holy Spirit comes...Ruach HaKodesh*

Meal for Shavuot – Much richer than Passover



The Fullness of the Harvest

- *Two loaves of Challah bread with Leaven/Yeast*
- *Two loaves represent: Tablets, Ruth and Boaz (Gentile and Jew), Word of God, Bread of Life, to the Christian the Spirit, so the two **loaves represent the Word and the Spirit***
- *Dairy, including Cheeses, Cheesecake, milk, fruit. Dairy because all we need as newborns is mother's milk.*
- *Reminds us that all we need as Christians is **WORD and the SPIRIT***
- ***Tablets and Torah came on Shavuot to the Jews, and the Spirit came to those who accepted the Messiah on Pentecost***

Rabbinic understanding of the days

- *The Mindset of the Jewish people was Slavery. Over 400 years in slavery but God needed them to have the Mindset of HIS PEOPLE, with His promises, and His protection*
- *For 50 days they traveled to Sinai where God would give them His Commandments, and the Law. This was the time for them to make the transition from Slave to Free, from slaves to Children of God*
- *It didn't happen, so they wandered for 40 years for a generation to die off and the new generation to grow into it. Manna, cloud by day, pillar or Fire by night, water from rocks*
- *At the Jordan River, Joshua led them over the river, but there was still some who were not sure.*
- *When Jesus was raised to life, he spent 40 days with His disciples, getting them ready for a new mindset. When the Spirit came at Pentecost, they were ready*

One thought for discussion

- For the Jews, Egypt represented Slavery, bondage, and captivity to another.
- When Moses led them out, they had to change their complete way of thinking.
- What is your Egypt? What are we trying to purge from our thoughts?
- What is our Jordan River? Why are we afraid to cross it?
- Are we following the Word and the Spirit?
- Story of Poland and Eastern Europe travel
 - Communism to freedom
 - Government control to freedom to act, travel, earn wealth
- Even in the US, there is a struggle between the Government doing everything for us and us having freedom and responsibility. It is not just an old problem

Redemption and Revelation

- When God redeemed the Jews from Slavery, He gave them a revelation of His will for them in the form of the 10 Commandments and the Torah
- When God redeemed us through Salvation at the Cross, He gave us both the **Word and the Spirit**
- **Redemption/Salvation without Revelation does not work. We need both or we lapse back to where we came from, and we need to accept both.**
- When God opens a door for us, we must shut the door to the past and focus forward on His will for us.
- This is a huge problem in the church today. So many believe they have accepted the salvation, but they have not chosen to follow the revelation. If we do not, we do not change and by the Spirit we are a new creature.

Holy Spirit → *Something New Was Born of God.*

Acts Ch 2:1-4

*2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were **all together in one place.** ² And **suddenly** there came from heaven a sound **like** a mighty rushing **wind**, and **it filled the entire house where they were sitting.***

*³ And **divided tongues as of fire** appeared to them and rested on **each one of them.***

*⁴ And they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to **speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

Many in the crowd were from other lands and spoke other languages. If you read on, the disciples began to speak other languages (that they did not know). Many thought they were drunk. It was a crazy scene, then Peter gets up and speaks

Have you ever wondered about the signs of the HS Coming?

Acts 2:2-3

*.² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound **like a mighty rushing wind**, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And **divided tongues *as of fire* appeared to them and rested on each one of them**.*

We look at these signs with Western 21st Century eyes, not the eyes and mind of a first-century Jewish disciple. Let's look at the characteristics of the Spirit

- Ruach = Wind = Spirit (Hebrew)
- Ruach HaKodesh = Holy Spirit = Holy Wind/ghost
- Ruach Elohim – Spirit of God (Genesis) = Wind of God that covered the face of the water in Genesis at creation.
- Not Wind, but like the wind with sound and movement

But what about the tongues of fire?

Tongues of Fire in Jewish Thought...

The WORD they used

- **Torah** – written by Moses, given on the day of Shavuot...written in Hebrew during the time between the tablets given and before Moses died, never entering the Promised Land.
- **Mishnah** – the earliest written down Oral History of the Jews. This was done about 300 AD to capture the essence of the Jewish teaching so it would not be lost
- **Talmud – or Jerusalem Talmud** (also Babylonian Talmud) is the oral tradition that has been written down by the Rabbi's to give detail to the Torah.
- **Targum** – What we would call the Hebrew Bible, written in Aramaic since that was the language of Jesus' time. This would have been the textbook for learning in the times of the 1st-century Jews and all the terms were understood by them.
- **Septuagint** – the OT scriptures translated into Greek. This is the version quoted most often in the NT

The Revelation God gives

- In the **Targum**, the discussion of the tablets being written by God with Moses describes two torches of fire that “wrote “ on the stone tablets that became the 10 commandments. The idea of something like fire coming as a revelation from God was a common understanding of the Jews. It seems strange to us but not to them.

Like torches of fire, a torch of fire to the right and a torch of fire to the left. It flew and winged swiftly in the air in Heavens and came back...and returning it became engraved on the tablets of the covenant and all Israel beheld it.

This is what the Jews understood about God giving revelation to man

Movie Depiction – Ten Commandments



- The tongues of fire pictured in the Acts 2 account picture the fire writing not on tablets of stone, but on the hearts of men the Words of God.
- On Mount Sinai, God created a new nation, a royal priesthood, with laws and precepts to follow so they would be HIS people, and HE would be their God.

In 1 Peter 2:9-10.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Peter Speaks

Peter the denier of Jesus, the one who did not go to the cross, who did not speak up other than to the disciples now has a new energy... A new power and is a new creature in Christ with the indwelt Holy Spirit

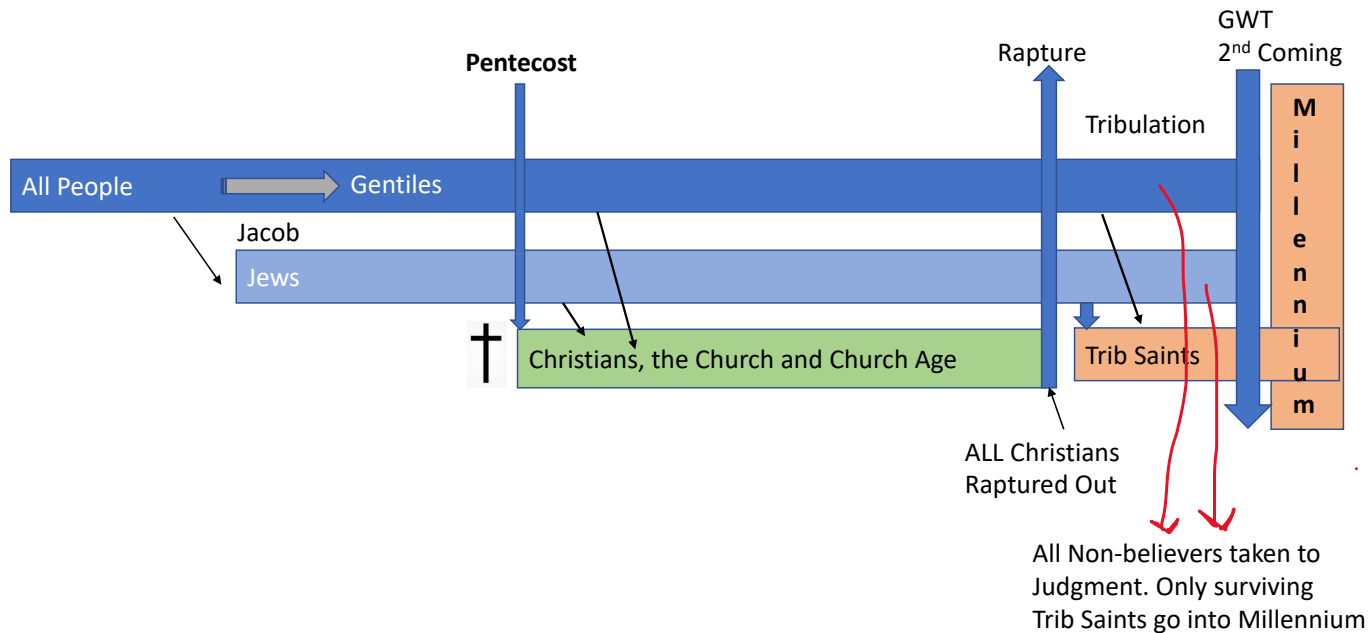
Acts 2: 37-41

*³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “**Brothers, what shall we do?**” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “**Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**” ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “**Save yourselves from this crooked generation.**” ⁴¹ **So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.***

Strands of Humankind

As I mentioned before, God has taken mankind and created from Gentiles a Jewish strand of Humanity, and then from both and created a 3rd strand of Humanity...Christians. We are a New Creation in Christ

- Pentecost is pivotal for that. ***The Word and the Spirit make us New***



Resources to deepen your study

- Book – Aligning with God's Appointed Times – Rabbi Jason Sobel
- Video programs: Sign up (free version) for **TBN+** at <https://www.tbn.org/apps>
- Watch programs on **God's Appointed Times:** <https://www.tbn.org/programs/gods-appointed-times-rabbi-jason-sobel>
- Programs on each of the Feast Days and a few for understanding the tie-in between the Jewish Feasts and the meaning for Christians overall

Next Week, we will study Purim and Hanukkah

- *Pray for God to move in the US, protect Israel, and their leaders*
- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and friends inside and outside the church.*
*Pray for healing for those in grief and recovery, **Be thankful for answered prayer...participate in the 30 days of Prayer***
- *Be thankful that God has placed you **in this day and time** and commit **your** will ...to doing **His** Will.*
- *Praise Him for the blessings He continually bestows on us.*
- *Festival of Booths, Be Thankful and Pray for your forgiveness, the Nation, and our friend's salvation.*
- *Pray for those who don't know the Lord to come to Him*
- *Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fill the land*