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For those unfamiliar with the Festivals, why should Christians observe these Festivals?

Festivals are ordained corporate worship assemblies instituted by Yahweh

Ex 34:22-23 "Observe the festival of Shavu'ot with the first-gathered produce of the wheat harvest, and the festival of ingathering at the turn of the year. 23 Three times a year all your men are to appear before the Lord, Adonai, the God of Isra'el." CJB

They are His road map to mankind's redemption & _____ for His Son's Return

Festivals reveal germane details about Yeshua's life/ministry to secure mankind's redemption

1 Peter 1:18-19 "You should be aware that the ransom paid to free you from the worthless way of life which your fathers passed on to you did not consist of anything perishable like silver or gold; 19 on the contrary, it was the costly bloody sacrificial death of the Messiah, as of a lamb without defect or spot." CJB

Festivals reveal details of the Father's Salvation Plan the Spirit is executing at this moment

Luke 24:45-49 "Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh, 46 telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day; 47 and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 Now I am sending forth upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been equipped with power from above." CJB

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What is the symbolic significance of the Festival of Shavu'ot or Pentecost?

It foreshadows actual the _____ of the Covenant between Yahweh and Israel

1st Covenant involved Yahweh writing His Torah on stone tablets on the Mountain

Even though He knew men would need a 2nd covenant to cover their disobedience

Jer 31:32-33 "32(33) "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people." CJB

2nd Covenant involved Him writing His Torah on men's hearts in the Upper Room

Acts 2:1-4 "The festival of Shavu'ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. 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. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak."

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Tongues weren't just a sign, but _____ of the Covenant's ratification

Deut 4:12-14 "Then Adonai spoke to you out of the fire! You heard the sound of words but saw no shape, there was only a voice. 13 He proclaimed his covenant to you, which he ordered you to obey, the Ten Words; and he wrote them on two stone tablets. 14 At that time Adonai ordered me to teach you laws and rulings, so that you would live by them in the land you are entering in order to take possession of it." CJB

How is Shavu'ot substantially different from all other Festivals?

Is the only one not designated with a specific calendar date

Its date is determined instead by counting up 49 days after Hag HaMatzah begins

Deut 16:9-10 "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. 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." CJB

What are First fruits? - _____ of flocks, vegetables & grains gathered at harvest

First fruits or [bikkurim] derives from the same Hebrew root as [bekhor] or "firstborn"

Ex 23:19 "You are to bring the best firstfruits of your land into the house of Adonai your God. "You are not to boil a young animal in its mother's milk." CJB

Note - Understanding first fruits makes you view the Father giving His Son differently

Difference between the first fruits given at Hag HaMatzah (ULB) & those at Shavu'ot was

First fruit offering given at Hag HaMatzah (ULB) - _____ unleavened bread loaf

What does the unleavened bread typify? - Yeshua, as the only sinless human being

2 Cor 5:21 "God made this sinless man be a sin offering on our behalf, so that in union with him we might fully share in God's righteousness." CJB

Whereas that given at Shavu'ot or Pentecost were _____ loaves of leavened bread

What does the leavened bread typify? - Sinful Jew and Gentile human beings

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

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How does our Father respond to the presentation of first fruits?

He receives them as expressions of _____

Prov 3:9 "Honor Adonai with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your income." CJB

A true worshipper views the tithe the same way as a first fruit - It belongs to Yahweh

He receives them as _____ presentations

Lev 23:9-11 "Adonai said to Moshe, 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. 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.'" CJB

What did the preceding foreshadow about Yeshua? - His death & resurrection

1 Cor 15:20 "But the fact is that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died." CJB

He views them as acts of _____

Deut 26:10 "Therefore, as you see, I have now brought the firstfruits of the land which you, Adonai, have given me.' You are then to put the basket down before Adonai your God, prostrate yourself before Adonai your God, 11 and take joy in all the good that Adonai your God has given you, your household, the Levi and the foreigner living with you." CJB

He views them as indicators of _____

Rom 11:16 "Now if the hallah offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole loaf. And if the root is holy, so are the branches." CJB

What made them holy? - The givers initial sacrificial response

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For those familiar with the Festivals

What memorial purpose do first fruit offerings serve for mature Covenant adults?

They remind them Yeshua _____ became our first fruits of the resurrection

1 Cor 15:22-23 "For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: the Messiah is the firstfruits; then those who belong to the Messiah, at the time of his coming;" CJB

And the Father expects them to joyfully become His "first fruits of the Kingdom"

Phil 2:17-18 "17 Indeed, even if my lifeblood is poured out as a drink offering over the sacrifice and service of your faith, I will still be glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise, you too should be glad and rejoice with me." CJB

What role do first fruit offerings serve in Kingdom service? - They motivate nature adults to...

Have the same _____ love for Yeshua that Ruth had for Naomi

Ruth 1:16-17 "But Rut said, "Don't press me to leave you and stop following you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God. 17 Where you die, I will die; and there I will be buried. May Adonai bring terrible curses on me, and worse ones as well, if anything but death separates you and me." CJB

Inspire younger believers to _____ in the indwelling Spirit in them

Rom 8:22-23 "We know that until now, the whole creation has been groaning as with the pains of childbirth; 23 and not only it, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we continue waiting eagerly to be made sons — that is, to have our whole bodies redeemed and set free." CJB

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Keep counting the days until the _____ Supper with Yeshua

Rev 19:7-8 “7 “Let us rejoice and be glad! Let us give him the glory! For the time has come for the wedding of the Lamb, and his Bride has prepared herself – 8 fine linen, bright and clean has been given her to wear.” (“Fine linen” means the righteous deeds of God’s people.) CJB

Notes**Conclusion**

Shavu’ot marked the end of Israel’s counting (sefirah) in the desert and start of a new season

As the Cloud _____ the Israelites before their entrance into the Promised Land

The Spirit is separating believers the same way for the same reasons

He is moving domesticated sheep away from wild sheep so they can better serve

Shavu’ot marked the beginning of Yahweh creating a nation set apart for Himself

Via revelation of Himself & how to live as a _____ community/kingdom of priests

Even though Yahweh once dwelt in a Temple constructed of bricks and mortar

Because of Shavu’ot, He now dwells in vessels of flesh by His Spirit

Even though believers once had to go to Jerusalem to enjoy Yahweh’s presence

Because of Shavu’ot, His presence remains with them wherever they go

Shavu’ot proves ancient harvests were not reaped as we believed - Farmers would wait

Until Yahweh accepted the first fruit offering, then they would reap the rest and eat

There’s no rapture of all in Scripture; a first fruit offering of some, resurrection for rest

Time to return the first fruit offering to its rightful place and be one!

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