

WOC INTERNATIONAL

Shavuot 5781 - May 17, 2021

Why are we here today in this place to worship?

1st - We are here out of obedience, as we were instructed to observe this specific Festival

Ex 34:22-23 “Observe the festival of Shavuot 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

2nd - We are here to memorialize the Covenant we have with Him

Acts 2:1 “The festival of Shavuot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place.”

And receive re-empowerment as His covenant child and Yeshua’s covenant bride

Luke 24:48-49 “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

3rd - We are here to express our gratitude to Him for being who He is to us and

For providing us with empowering spiritual truths that propel us towards our destiny

The 4 Significant truths we must address, if we are to have this lifechanging power

1st - Our understanding of _____ must change, as too many believers view it incorrectly

Matt 16:18 “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Problem - Many think the English word for Church means something it actually doesn’t

There was no word in the Greek language to describe a Hebrew Community, so

Translators used the Greek [ekklesia] for “called out assembly” to approximate it

Matt 16:18 “I also tell you this: you are Kefa,” [which means ‘Rock,] “and on this rock I will build my Community, and the gates of Sh’ol will not overcome it.” CJB

Reality - God’s Kingdom Community is comprised of several tribes (i.e. congregations)

As such, no single congregation constitutes or represents, the Community

Fact - The Church was not birthed on Shavuot/Pentecost as many believers think either

Pentecost involved the replacement of a corporate covenant with a _____ one

Jer 31:30-32 “Here, the days are coming,” says Adonai, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra’el and with the house of Y’hudah. 31(32) It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them,” says Adonai. 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

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Note the _____ Yeshua placed on this written covenant and the one teaching it

Matt 5:18-19 “Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud or a stroke will pass from the Torah — not until everything that must happen has happened. 19 So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.” CJB

Note where former Gentiles are located in the Community because of this Covenant

Rom 11:16-18 “Now if the hallah offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole loaf. And if the root is holy, so are the branches. 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you – a wild olive – were grafted in among them and have become equal sharers in the rich root of the olive tree, 18 then don’t boast as if you were better than the branches! However, if you do boast, remember that you are not supporting the root, the root is supporting you.” CJB

Fact - Yahweh gave Moses the blueprints for the tabernacle He wanted Him to build for Him**Which was to be built to specs, because it was a _____ of a heavenly tabernacle**

Heb 8:3 “But what they are serving is only a copy and shadow of the heavenly original; for when Moshe was about to erect the Tent, God warned him, “See to it that you make everything according to the pattern you were shown on the mountain.” CJB

And Yahweh purposefully surrounded this “built to specs” tabernacle by the 12 tribes**Note the tribal locations and building foundation in John’s vision of New Jerusalem**

Rev 21:10-14 “He carried me off in the Spirit to the top of a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city, Yerushalayim, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It had the Sh’khinah of God, so that its brilliance was like that of a priceless jewel, like a crystal-clear diamond. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates; at the gates were twelve angels; and inscribed on the gates were the names of the twelve tribes of Isra’el. 13 There were three gates to the east, three gates to the north, three gates to the south and three gates to the west. 14 The wall of the city was built on twelve foundation-stones, and on these were the twelve names of the twelve emissaries of the Lamb.” CJB

Reality - No “Church” has been given that set up, covenant, blueprints, or commission**2nd - Our ignorance of Shavuot’s role in the _____ of festivals must be addressed****Fact - Shavuot was the only festival with an offering of 2 leavened, salted bread loafs****Whose size & nature were fixed (1/10 of an ephah of the harvest’s finest wheat flour)**

Lev 23:15-17 “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, 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. 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

What do these leavened loaves “of the finest wheat” reveal about God’s people?**Notes**

Fact - The wheat harvest was the smallest of the harvests (fall harvest was the largest)

Yet, wheat was the most valuable commodity of the harvest products

3rd - Our prophetic understanding of the Promised Land and its _____ must be addressed

Fact - The 7 Promised Land fruits and various methods of processing them are significant

As the nature of these fruits & methods of harvesting them are indicators of our service

And revealers of our Father's timeline and how His Spirit sanctifies men

Deut 8:6-8 "So obey the mitzvot of Adonai your God, living as he directs and fearing him. 7 For Adonai your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with streams, springs and water welling up from the depths in valleys and on hillsides. 8 It is a land of wheat and barley, grapevines, fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey;"

Barley is prepared for presentation at Pesach by _____

Throwing into the air, so the wind blows away the chaff & heavier grains fall down

Done to release the inedible chaff from the usable, edible grain

Wheat is prepared for presentation at Shavuot by _____ (aka sifting)

Starting with beating it against a hard surface to separate the grains from the stalk

Then winnowing to separate the rest of the chaff from the wheat

How does the above action prophesy one of Yahweh's Omer testing _____?

Luke 22:31-32 "Shim'on, Shim'on, listen! The Adversary demanded to have you people for himself, to sift you like wheat! 32 But I prayed for you, Shim'on, that your trust might not fail. And you, once you have turned back in repentance, strengthen your brothers!"

Other fruits (e.g. grapes & figs) are _____ by hand or are shaken from the vine

And processed for presentation PRIOR to Sukkot, but presented the day of Sukkot

Note Yahweh shaking men during the Days of Wrath period

Isa 2:17-19 "The pride of man will be bowed down, the arrogance of men will be humiliated, and when that day comes, Adonai alone will be exalted. 18 The idols will be completely abolished. 19 People will enter cracks in the rocks and holes in the ground to escape the terror of Adonai and his glorious majesty, when he sets out to convulse the earth." CJB

4 - Our understanding of being a first fruit offering or _____ servant must change

Fact - Shavuot's wheat harvest was the smallest in quantity, yet it was the most valuable

As its product foretold the people of the 1st Fruit winnowing & threshing process

Who would be ready for the upcoming "shaking" that will occur later in the world

Fact - First fruits are the "best of the best" leavened wheat offerings compared to tithes

Ex 23:19 "You are to bring the best firstfruits of your land into the house of Adonai your God."

Who symbolize the Father's "best" servants: Omer processed, approbated bellwethers

Reality - Those who will be the "best" of the Fall fruit offerings face a different fate

They undergo their processing before Sukkot, but won't be presented until Sukkot

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Conclusion

What is different about this year's Shavuot observance?

It's our second observance of Shavuot in the Birth Pains

For Yahweh's unfaithful servants, it's His time for recalling, removing, and retiring

For His faithful servants, it's His time for separating, sealing, and sending

How does all this apply to what our heavenly Father is doing during this Birth Pains Session?

1st - He's _____ bellwethers away from a Church construct to a Community construct

No single church is THE Body with all the answers; each serves a role in the Community

1 Cor 12:12 "For just as the body is one but has many parts; and all the parts of the body, though many, constitute one body; so it is with the Messiah." CJB

2nd - He's _____ Omer processed bellwethers for the large upcoming Fall harvest

Connecting the dots to their commission, Day of Wrath, 12 apostles, & Millennium

Natural Israel did not fulfill their _____ to be Yahweh's priests to the world

Spiritual Israel's "best of the best" now has this directive and commission

Rev 5:9-10 "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals; because you were slaughtered; at the cost of blood you ransomed for God persons from every tribe, language, people and nation. 10 You made them into a kingdom for God to rule, cohanim to serve him; and they will rule over the earth." CJB

Since spiritual Israel now has this edict, "Who is doing the ruling?"

Who are they ruling? And when will they they ruling over these individuals?

3rd - He's readying Omer processed bellwether for an extension of their _____

To compensate for their working such a huge field (Fall harvest) with so few helpers

1 Cor 3:7-9 "neither the planter nor the waterer is anything, only God who makes things grow – 8 planter and waterer are the same. However, each will be rewarded according to his work. 9 For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building." CJB

Why are there so few laborers prepared to serve during the Fall harvesting?

Too many believers do not believe they need further processing

But they will face the Fall's processing of the "gathered fruits" anyway

How do the 1st Shavuot events following Yeshua's resurrection personally edify my soul?

Wind, fire, & languages of yesteryear remind me of an important covenant _____

Acts 2:2-4 "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. 3 Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. 4 They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak." CJB

While my spirit can only be baptized into the Body of Yeshua once by the Spirit

The Spirit can refill my soul to powerfully live His abundant life continually

Eph 5:18-19 "Don't get drunk with wine, because it makes you lose control. Instead, keep on being filled with the Spirit" CJB

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