

# WOC INTERNATIONAL

## Shavuot 5782 - June 5, 2022

### Why should Christians celebrate all the 7 Festivals, especially this one?

#### 1<sup>st</sup> - Yahweh commanded we observe them as an eternal \_\_\_\_\_ of Yeshua

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

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> - The early disciples observed these same Festivals long after Yeshua’s \_\_\_\_\_

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

### What makes Shavuot or Pentecost different from the other 6 Festivals?

#### Only Shavuot reveals a specific “preparation” requirement to see or hear from God

##### Under the First Covenant, this preparation method was the “Three Days of Separation”

Ex 19:10-11 “so Adonai said to Moshe, “Go to the people; today and tomorrow separate them for me by having them wash their clothing; 11 and prepare for the third day. For on the third day, Adonai will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.” CJB

##### Note Hannah undergoing a similar type of separation before seeing Yeshua as a child

Luke 2:36-37 “There was also a prophet named Hannah Bat-P’nu’el, of the tribe of Asher. She was a very old woman – she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage 37 and had remained a widow ever since; now she was eighty-four. She never left the Temple grounds but worshipped there night and day, fasting and praying” CJB

##### Under the Second Covenant, this preparation method was remaining in Jerusalem 7 days

Acts 1:3-5 “After his death he showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God. 4 At one of these gatherings, he instructed them not to leave Yerushalayim but to “wait for what the Father promised, which you heard about from me. 5 For Yochanan used to immerse people in water; but in a few days, you will be immersed in the Ruach HaKodesh!” CJB

#### Only Shavuot contained a divine implantation to provoke a spiritual transformation

Acts 2:1-4 “The festival of Shavu’ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. 2 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

#### Only Shavuot welded 2 diverse types of believers into Yeshua’s One body

##### 2 Loaves of Shavuot’s wave offering symbolized Yeshua’s Jewish and Gentile believers

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

### Notes 1

## Why does my heavenly Father want me to renew my vows today on Shavuot?

**Shavuot helps me remember my past in a way that \_\_\_\_\_ my future and relationships**

**The disciples obediently went to the upper room with only a "Big Picture" command**

**Which enabled them to patiently wait for a spiritual power unknown at that time**

**And trust Yeshua as their Shepherd and Rock to shield them from the Romans**

**Shavuot helps me meditate on topics that better my relationship with my God**

\_\_\_\_\_ - **A close, familiar, and affectionate or loving personal relationship**

**Shavuot reveals Yahweh's desire for an ever-deepening personal relationship with me**

**That's based on me really knowing and being known by Him**

*Ex 33:15-17 "Moshe replied, "If your presence doesn't go with us, don't make us go on from here. 16 For how else is it to be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, other than by your going with us? That is what distinguishes us, me and your people, from all the other peoples on earth."*

*(iv) 17 Adonai said to Moshe, "I will also do what you have asked me to do, because you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." CJB*

**That's based on me having better knowledge of who He is versus who I think He is**

**Helping me better understand why my responses to Him, are what they are**

\_\_\_\_\_ - **The act or result of apprehending the inner nature of people or things**

**Shavuot reveals Yahweh's desire I be aware of His solutions to my problems**

**That's based on the pursuit of His thoughts & His ways and rejection of my own**

*Isa 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways," says Adonai. 9 "As high as the sky is above the earth are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." CJB*

\_\_\_\_\_ - **Practice of including people you might otherwise exclude or marginalize**

**Shavuot reveals Yahweh's desire I be aware of His ever-expanding scope of mission**

*Isa 42:6 "I, Adonai, called you righteously, I took hold of you by the hand, I shaped you and made you a covenant for the people, to be a light for the Goyim," CJB*

## Conclusion

**What is different about this year's Shavuot observance?**

**It's our third observance of Shavuot in the Birth Pains**

**What is the same about this year's Shavuot observance?**

**I should appreciate the value of having a personal "heart" \_\_\_\_\_ with Yahweh**

*Jer 31:32 "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*

## Notes 2

**And this covenant letting the Spirit securely stamping me as His own, until Redemption  
Stamping was a sign attesting that no one tampered with the sealed merchandise**

*Eph 4:30 "Don't cause grief to God's Ruach HaKodesh, for he has stamped you as his property until the day of final redemption." CJB*

**I should appreciate wheat being smallest of the 3 harvests, but the most \_\_\_\_\_**

**And this covenant enabling me to perform His will as a "new" Shavuot wheat offering**

*Lev 23:15-16 "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."*

**I should appreciate the value of the \_\_\_\_\_ privilege I have because of the covenant**

**As this privilege lets the Spirit continually refill my soul with His abundant life**

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

**I should appreciate the value of Shavuot's true \_\_\_\_\_ in the upper room**

**Not being what went on there, but what occurred on the streets after they came down**

*Acts 2:46-47 "Continuing faithfully and with singleness of purpose to meet in the Temple courts daily, and breaking bread in their several homes, they shared their food in joy and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having the respect of all the people. And day after day the Lord kept adding to them those who were being saved." CJB*

**Time to worship to renew my Shavuot vows and get my spiritual refill – Amen**

### Notes 3