

# Counting to Pentecost

Having just finished observing Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we are now looking forward to Pentecost. Perhaps the most familiar incident in Scripture concerning Pentecost is found in Acts 2, in which the Holy Spirit was sent to earth to remain permanently. Prior to that day, the Holy Spirit was only given to certain individuals for a specific purpose. Now any baptized person in Yahshua can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands by the elders in the faith.



In the Old Testament, Pentecost was known as the Feast of Firstfruits. It was counted from the Wave Sheaf offering after the weekly Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. In Greek, Pentecost means, "count 50" and it always falls on the first day of the week (Sunday).

The Pentecost event mentioned in the book of Acts was very significant in many ways. Not only was the Holy Spirit sent to earth, but it appeared as tongues of fire over the heads of those

worshipping. An additional gift was given to those disciples: They were able to speak in other languages!

Also, Pentecost is known as the birth or beginning of the New Testament Assembly. In the Greek, the Assembly is known as *Ekklesia*, which literally means "called out ones." It does not translate as "church" as many people assume.

Of interest, is the fact that the disciples were actually gathered together worshipping on Pentecost. This shows that the Holy days were not done away with like some people believe. The Holy Days are still very important for Yahweh's people even today. May you have a very blessed and meaningful Pentecost.

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## Do You know?

- 1. In Greek, what does Pentecost mean?
- A. Count 10.
- B. Count 20.
- C. Count 100.
- D. Count 50.
- 2. In the Old Testament, Pentecost was known as:
- A. Feast of Fifty Days.
- B. Feast of Summer.
- C. Feast of Firstfruits.
- D. Summer vacation.



- 3. What New Testament event is most notable about Pentecost?
- A. The Holy Spirit was sent to earth.
- B. There was an extra large harvest.
- C. It was summer vacation.
- D. Everyone had to sleep in tents.
- 4. Pentecost always falls on what day of the week.
- A. The first day of the week.
- B. The second day of the week.
- C. Sabbath.
- D. Thursday.



- 5. What other significant event is noted in the New Testament Pentecost?
- A. It was the birth or beginning of the Assembly.
- B. The Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire.
- C. The disciples spoke in other languages.
- D. All of the above.

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## Hands

Write the name of the person who fits the description in these Biblical occurrences about hands.

- 1. What are the names of the two people who held up Moses' hands when they got weary? (Exodus 17:12)
- 2. Who said to Thomas, "Behold My hands." (John 20:27)
- 3. Who saw a hand writing on a wall? (Daniel 5:1,5)
- 4. Who lifted his hands and the red sea parted? (Exodus 14:21)
- 5. Who washed his hands and said, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person"? (Matthew 27:24)
- 6. Who was mistaken for Esau by his blind father because of his hairy hands? Genesis 27:22)
- 7. The hands of what idol were cut off when the Philistines took Yahweh's ark? (1 Samuel 5:1-4)
- 8. Who prayed, "Father into thy hands, I commend My spirit." (Luke 23:46)
- 9. Who asked Yahshua not to wash only his feet, but his hands and body also? (John 13:9)
- 10. Who put his hands upon the hands of Joash and shot an arrow indicating Israel's deliverance from Syria? (2 Kings 13:14-19)
- 11. Who boasted that no one could deliver people out of his hands when they fell down and worshiped his image? (Daniel 3:15)
- 12. Who told Timothy that he gave approval of his ministry by the "putting on of my hands"? (2 Timothy 1:6)

