

### LET'S LEARN ABOUT PENTECOST

Once Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread are past, we look forward to observing Pentecost. It is also known as Shavuot in the Hebrew. Pentecost is the Greek term. You may also hear Pentecost referred to as Firstfruits, or Feast of Weeks. This is a holy day that always falls on a Sunday. In the New Testament, Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirt. Because it is a holy day, no labor is to be done. And because it is back-to-back with the weekly Sabbath, we must do as much preparation as we can on the previous Friday.

It is a holy convocation, or a "gathering together" as proven by the fact that the disciples were indeed gathered together on Pentecost (see Acts 2:1). Of course, we realize that not everyone will be able to congregate. That's why YAIY will have live online service to serve those who cannot meet with others.



In Greek, Pentecost means "count 50." This is because we count fifty days from when the wave sheaf is brought in. Yahshua became this Old Testament symbol by presenting Himself as the wave sheaf offering in John 20:15-17, thus fulfilling Leviticus 23:11. In the New Testament, those

gathered together on the day of Pentecost were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. That special Pentecost is also known as the birth of the Ekklesia (the called-out ones). Not "church" as some assume.

In Old Testament times, Pentecost was all about harvests; physical crops. There is a much deeper meaner for the future. When Yahshua returns he will harvest "souls." Yahweh's people will be the firstfruits! It is a joyous time for Yahweh's people yet ahead of us. It is also good news for people who are not called now. Firstfruits imply "second fruits." Many people will have their first real opportunity to accept Yahweh. May we all have a blessed Pentecost.

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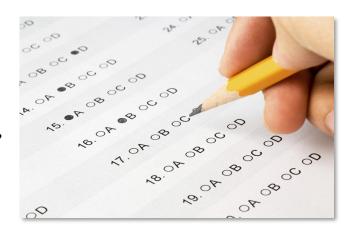
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# Do you remember?

- 1. What is the Greek term for Feast of Weeks?
- A. Pentecost.
- B. Shavuot.
- C. Firstfruits.
- D. Sukkot.
- 2. What is the Hebrew term for Feast of Weeks?
- A. Yom Kippur.
- B. Sukkot.
- C. Shavuot.
- D. Pentecost.



- 3. What does Pentecost commemorate in the New Testament?
- A. Yahweh bringing the Israelites out of Egypt.
- B. Staying in tents for 7 days.
- C. Fasting for 24 hours.
- D. The coming of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. Pentecost is also known as:
- A. Feast of Weeks.
- B. Firstfruits.
- C. Shavuot.
- D. All are correct.
- 5. What does Pentecost mean in Greek?
- A. Count 10.
- B. Count 50.
- C. Count 30.
- D. Count 100.



## TONGUES OF FIRE!

In Acts 2 we read about an exciting event like no other. The early disciples were keeping the day of Pentecost together when the sound of a strong blowing wind filled the house. If that wasn't enough, they then saw what appeared to be tongues of fire that rested on each of them. All of them were filled with Yahweh's Spirit and began speaking in other languages! A crowd outside was bewildered because they heard the disciples speaking in different languages, declaring Yahweh's wonders so that all the people could understand in their own native languages. Some people were mocking, however, and claimed that the disciples had been drinking wine. Peter, however, set them straight! Yahweh had performed a wonderful miracle that was spoken of by the prophet Joel. The Spirit was given to dwell in those who love Yahweh. Try the crossword puzzle below:

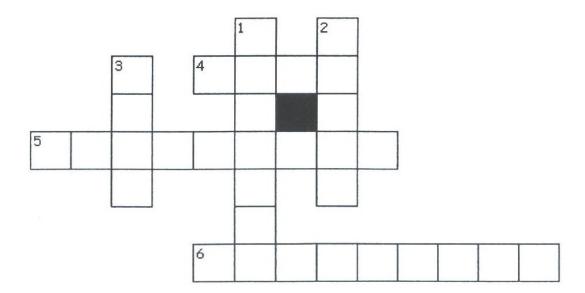
#### Across:

- 4. appeared as tongues of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. different ones were spoken that day.
- 6. special Holy day kept by the early disciples.



#### Down:

- 1. event or occurrence performed by Yahweh that is not ordinary.
- 2. the disciple that set the crowd straight.
- 3. strong blowing sound





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### **Fearful Men!**

In the face of difficulty, people often grow fearful See if you can identify the terrified men in the passages below:

- 1. Who became faint when he was told that his son was still alive in Egypt? Genesis 45:26.
- 2. Who was terrified when he denied that he knew Yahshua? Matthew 26:74.
- 3. Who cried out to Yahweh that it was better to die than see the revival of Nineveh? Jonah 4:3.
- 4. Who said, "Woe is me! Yahweh has added grief to my sorrow." Jeremiah 45:3.
- 5. Who said, "I am undone! I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell among unclean people." Isaiah 6:5.
- 6. Who asked, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!" John 6:68.
- 7. Who was discouraged in life and said, "All is vanity!" Ecclesiastes 1:2-3.
- 8. Who was afraid when he realized he had sinned in betraying innocent blood? Matthew 27:3-4.
- 9. Who were terrified when they said, "We are as small as grasshoppers!" Numbers 13:33.
- 10. Who sat under a tree and said, "Take away my life!" 1 Kings 19:2-4.

