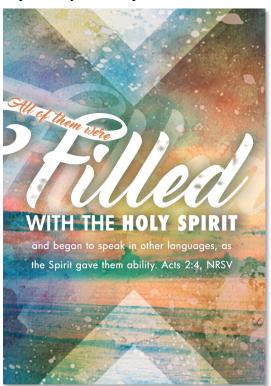


Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit

Yahweh's people have kept and completed Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We are now counting the *omer* toward Pentecost. The first command to keep Pentecost is found in Leviticus 23:15-16. The early disciples in the book of Acts were obediently keeping this special day. In Acts 2, we learn that the Holy Spirit was sent to earth to remain permanently. As you can see, Pentecost was kept in both the Old and New Testament times. Yahweh's people today still keep it.



Prior to Acts 2, the Holy Spirit was only given to certain individuals to perform a specific task, and then was removed. But now the Spirit is given to baptized believers and remains as a comforter to those who obey Yahweh. The Pentecost recorded in Acts was the birth or beginning of the *Ekklesia* (in Greek), which means called-out Ones. Essentially, it was the beginning of the Assembly.

Pentecost is also known as Feast of Firstfruits. It was counted from the Wave Sheaf offering after the weekly Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. In Hebrew, Pentecost is known as *Shavuot*. Yahshua became this Old Testament symbol by presenting Himself as the Wave Sheaf offering. At the resurrection, those who follow Yahshua will be first fruits, raised

to immortality just as Yahshua was.

Another important event happened on that special Pentecost in Acts. The Spirit descended like tongues of fire above the heads of the disciples and they were given the gift of speaking other languages.

Request our free booklet, *Deciphering the Gift of Tongues* for more information. May you have a blessed Pentecost!

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HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND WITH FIRE
LUKE 3:16

Do you remember?

- 1. Circle the correct statement (s):
- A. Pentecost is only kept in the Old Testament.
- B. Pentecost is only kept in the New Testament.
- C. Pentecost is kept weekly.
- D. Pentecost is kept in both the old and new Testaments.
- 2. What does Ekklesia mean?
- A. Church
- B. Called-out Ones
- C. Sanhedrin
- D. Pharisees
- 3. Is Pentecost known by other names?
- A. Sukkot
- B. Feast of Firstfruits
- C. Shavuot
- D. Both B. and C. are correct
- 4. Which is/are true?
- A. The Holy Spirit was only given to select individuals in the Old Testament.
- B. The Holy Spirit is now given to all who are baptized in Yahshua's Name.
- C. The Holy Spirit remains as a Comforter to Yahweh's people.
- D. All are correct.
- 5. What other special event was recorded?
- A. The disciples received the gift of speaking other languages.
- B. They dwelt in tents for seven days.
- C. They spoke only Hebrew.
- D. They spoke only Greek.







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Are you a good helper?

Everyone needs help now and then! Name the person who helped in the following situations:

- 1. Name the person who helped the early assembly by waiting on tables. (Acts 6:1-5)
- 2. Who helped a widow's son? (1 Kings 17:23)
- 3. Name the man who helped an Ethiopian understand the Scriptures. (Acts 8:27-35)
- 4. Who helped David escape from King Saul? (1 Samuel 23:16-17)
- 5. Who helped Barnabas on a missionary journey? (Acts 15:39)
- 6. Who healed the daughter of Jairus? (Luke 8:41, 55)
- 7. Who helped the spies escape? (Joshua 2:1, 15)
- 8. Who helped Moses by speaking for him? (Exodus 7:1-2)
- 9. Who assisted Paul on his journey? (Acts 16:1)
- 10. Who helped Moses by holding up his hands? (Exodus 17:12)
- 11. Who helped Eli in the temple? (1 Samuel 2:11)





