

## Jewish Feasts 2020 - #2 The Feast of Shavuot!

**Text:** Acts 2:1-8,14,41,42 ~ TLB

**Intro:** See Jewish Feasts 2019 - "The Feast of Shavuot!" Not used 2020

✚ Therefore, I would like to speak on:

### "The Feast of Shavuot!"

**Video: Shavuot: The Secret of Inspiration:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJo6NGTpgZk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJo6NGTpgZk)

**Text:** Acts 2:1-8, 14, 41,42 <sup>TLB</sup> <sup>1</sup> Seven weeks had gone by since Jesus' death and resurrection, and the Day of Pentecost had now arrived. As the believers met together that day, <sup>2</sup> suddenly there was a sound like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them and it filled the house where they were meeting. <sup>3</sup> Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on their heads. <sup>4</sup> And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in languages they did not know, for the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. <sup>5</sup> Many godly Jews were in Jerusalem that day for the religious celebrations, having arrived from many nations. <sup>6</sup> And when they heard the roaring in the sky above the house, crowds came running to see what it was all about and were stunned to hear their own languages being spoken by the disciples. <sup>7</sup> "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "For these men are all from Galilee, <sup>8</sup> and yet we hear them speaking all the native languages of the lands where we were born! <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen, all of you, visitors and residents of Jerusalem alike! <sup>41</sup> And those who believed Peter were baptized about three thousand in all! <sup>42</sup> They joined with the other believers in regular attendance at the apostles' teaching sessions and at the Communion services and prayer meetings.

**Note:** At Mt Sinai 3,000 people were killed for the worshipping of a golden calf; however, after the Holy Spirit is poured out on the disciples, Peter stands up and preaches his first Holy Ghost sermon and 3,000 people are saved!

**Point:** In the Old Testament, Pharaoh, who was a type of satan, made the Jews his slaves to do his bidding. However, God sent Moses, who was a type of Christ in the Old Testament, to set the Children of God free from the power of pharaoh and to deliver them out of Egypt. Egypt represents self-desires and sin such as addictions, bondage, or slavery and just about anything else that will hinder you from living for God! The Power of God flowed through Moses crushing the 10 major gods of Egypt and bringing every false demonic god and idol down because those gods had brought the people into bondage, slavery and oppression. The oppression of slavery, the bonds of iniquity, and the chains of bondage were utterly and completely decimated. Remember, God will always use a man or woman to flow and move through!

**Note:** The power of pharaoh and the power of Egypt was utterly overcome and crushed through God's miracle working power through Moses! In like manner the power of the serpent and the power of sin was overcome and crushed at Calvary through God's miracle working power through the shed blood of Jesus. Fifty days after the Children of God crossed the Red Sea, God brought them to Mt. Sinai. It was there He was going to give them something they had never had before and that was the written Word of God. God wrote the 10 commandments in stone and then He wrote them in our hearts through the Holy Spirit!

**Comment:** Mt. Sinai was a great mountain that was set in the wilderness. Now around 2.5 million people have come to the base of the mountain, and God told them that anyone who would touch the mountain would die. Why? because the holiness of God was in that mountain and now the mountain was shaking beneath their feet and the sky is getting blacker and blacker until it becomes as black as ink! Fire is now descending from the top of the mountain and bolts of lightning are streaming across the heavens followed by the loud rumblings of roaring thunder. Then when things couldn't get any worse, they could hear the sound of celestial trumpets being blown louder and louder followed by the voice of the Almighty God, and He says I am the Lord your God that brought you out of the land of Egypt and out of the land of slavery. That was the first time they had heard the voice of God. This was the first feast of Pentecost and was an elaborate rehearsal for the Feast of



Pentecost that was to take place many years later that is recorded in the book of Acts.

**Point:** The first Feast of Shavuot or Pentecost was initiated at Mt. Sinai to install a holy fear of God and to establish a revelation of who God was. In the NT, the Feast of Pentecost was the revelation of who God was to the church. It was proof that Jesus Christ had now sent His Holy Spirit to empower His people to live in obedience to His Word and to establish Heaven on earth!

**Matthew 16:18-19 ~ TLB** <sup>18</sup> You are Peter, a stone; and upon this rock I will build my church; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever doors you lock on earth shall be locked in heaven; and whatever doors you open on earth shall be open in heaven!"

**Point:** When Jesus was on the earth, He was with us, but when the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, He was in Us! That is why we can say, "Greater is He that is within you, than he that is in the world."

**Note:** Moses goes up the mountain and meets with God, and God gives Moses the 10 commandments written on two rock tablets. The two rock tablets represent the Word of God of the Old Testament written by the finger of God on rock, and secondly, they represent the Living Word of God of the New Testament written by the Holy Spirit in our minds and hearts.

**Hebrews 8:10 ~ TLB** "But this is the new agreement I will make with the people of Israel, says the Lord: I will write my laws in their minds so that they will know what I want them to do without my even telling them, and these laws will be in their hearts so that they will want to obey them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people."

**Note:** While Moses is meeting with God, He also gives Israel instructions for the construction and the building of the tabernacle as well as instructions for every item that was going to be used in the tabernacle, instructions for the sacrifices for the forgiveness of sin and instructions for every feast that the Jews were to keep!

**Point:** Everything God does has a Pattern to it! During the Feast of Pentecost, God came with fire to empower His people through the power of the Holy Spirit to be overcomers of sin and to live holy life's even as He is holy!

**1 Peter 1:14-16 ~ New Living Translation** <sup>14</sup> So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. <sup>15</sup> But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. <sup>16</sup> For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

**Quote:** John Hagee once explained why there were 120 in the upper room: He said there were 12 tribes and 10 people from each tribe were required for an official prayer meeting. 10 times 12 equals 120 which meant that this was a national prayer meeting representing Israel, and God poured out His Holy Spirit on everyone who was there!

**Note:** In the book of Exodus 19, it states that Israel camped before the Lord facing the mountain. The Word camped in Hebrew literally means to become one, to be united together or to be in one accord. In our text in the book of Acts, it states that they were all together in one accord, that they had become one and consequently experienced a visitation of God. In other words, until the church becomes one and is in one accord, we're not going to experience a supernatural move of God or accomplish the purposes of God. However, we need to understand that this only something that God can accomplish by His Spirit.

**Psalms 133: 1-3 ~ New Living Translation** <sup>1</sup> How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! <sup>2</sup> For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. <sup>3</sup> Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.

**Note:** Jesus is coming soon and it is time for us to be empowered with the Holy Spirit and to lay everything including all our self-desires on the altar of God or sacrifice and be united together in one accord, then we will see the power of God released and we will see the Lord add souls to His church!

**Point:** The whole mountain in Exodus 19:18 shuddered in huge spasms which represents how when God moves on our behalf bringing us closer to Himself and to one another, our life's can be disheveled and thrown into great change often through adversity, opposition, suffering and pain. When God moves everything changes and sometimes it doesn't feel at all comfortable to us!

**Close:** Every Head Bowed and Every Eye Closed!